



Max Moss

December 1, 1939 - October 22, 2020

Awarding-winning journalist, Max E. Moss Sr., died Thursday, October 22, 2020 at his home in Pleasant View. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Moss lengthy professional career included 16 years at The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle, where he was the newspapers sports and outdoors editor, city editor, executive editor, managing editor; he and the newsroom staffs that he led won numerous accolades.

Mr. Moss was just 17 years old and few months shy of his graduation from high school when the editor of his hometown newspaper, the Palladium-Item in Richmond, Indiana, agreed to a teachers recommendation that a student be introduced to his newsroom on a part-time basis. As Mr. Moss later wrote, that “mesmerizing” experience led to his decision to become a newspaperman.

Following his graduation from Indiana University, where he majored in journalism, and active-duty service as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Mr. Moss worked at the Palladium-Item, the Dayton Daily News in Dayton, Ohio, the Courier-Tribune in Bloomington, Indiana, The Leaf-Chronicle, and the Nashville Banner in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Moss career also included stints as editor of The Lunker Hole magazine, which was distributed nationwide to members of the Bass Casters

Association; editor of the Professional Bass Fisherman, a magazine he designed and published for the Professional Bass Federation (PBF); executive director of the Tennessee Outdoor Writers Association, a statewide organization of professional outdoor communicators; and he was writer-producer of the outdoors module of the popular country.com web site operated by Turner Broadcasting and CBS.

When “mostly retired” as a journalist, and willing to share his personal opinions, Mr. Moss served as a member of Pleasant Views Planning and Zoning Commission for 10 years, including six as its chairman.

Mr. Moss was born in Richmond, Indiana, December 1, 1939, the son of Harry C. and Pauline Bond Moss and brother of Harry C. Moss Jr., who died in 1983. He is survived by Merrily Ann Moss, his wife of 59 years; one son, Max E.(Terri) Moss Jr. of Stigler, Oklahoma; one daughter, Karen Sue (Mike) McIntyre, of Nashville; grandchildren, Dalton (Summer) Farrar, Kennan (Marcus) Buckner, Evan Moss, Levi Moss; and 5 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be conducted at 3 oclock pm, Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View, Tn. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1PM until the hour of service at 3:00PM. His remains will be cremated and the burial of his ashes will be at a later date in Earlham Cemetery in Richmond, Indiana.

In lieu of other remembrances, Mr. Moss family suggests that donations might be made to Pleasant View United Methodist Church, where he was an active member for many years. The mailing address is: 2621 Church St., Pleasant View, Tn 37146.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615)

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Visitation

Sunday, October 25, 2020

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Tribute Wall

GU

“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Max Moss Sr..*

Guest - November 04, 2020 at 01:14 PM

KM

“ *Emily, he thought the world of you guys!*

Karen McIntyre - October 26, 2020 at 10:10 PM

RH

“ *Very sad to hear of Max's passing. I have been a member of TOWA and SEOPA since the early 70's. I shared many fun times with him at outdoor writer events and will be ever grateful for all he has done for the organizations. I too started as a Newspaper Photographer in the 1950's and have a graduate degree in Joutrnalism Max was the real deal, not enough like him these days. God rest and care for him. R. J. Hayes*

R. J. Hayes - October 26, 2020 at 05:09 PM

NC

“ *Best friends forever! Just viewed the photos, and couldn't help noticing how many had fish and the lake in them. I know he and my Bill are in heaven sharing fishing stories right now! We all had many great times together, and I treasure the memories. Nita*

Nita Covington - October 25, 2020 at 03:51 PM

AH

“ *85 files added to the album Life Tributes*

Austin & Bell Funeral Home - October 24, 2020 at 02:59 PM

ME

“ ToMax & Karen, our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. May your memories help comfort your family. Jay & Mitzi(Kennedy) Emerson.

mitzi emerson - October 24, 2020 at 01:58 PM

SN

“ I have known Merrily & Max since the early 70's. He was so low key & stable. He never got flustered but was always firm in his thoughts & actions. I will miss just knowing he is there with Merrily, the love of his life.

schirey nelson - October 24, 2020 at 01:12 PM

GU

“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Max Moss Sr..

Guest - October 24, 2020 at 09:59 AM

ES

“ Emily Wallace Schaper, daughter of Mary Moss Wallace. Max was my second cousin. Enjoyed visiting at their home in Tennessee and our conversations on he phone. We will miss at the Richmond reunions. Heaven has gained a gentle patient soul. Till we meet again. Our love to Merrily and the family. Ken and Emily J. Schaper

EMILY SCHAPER - October 24, 2020 at 09:45 AM

GU

“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Max Moss Sr..

Guest - October 24, 2020 at 08:53 AM

LW

“ Max and I grew up in Richmond Indiana he was my mother Mary Moss Wallace's cousin, my second cousin. He always had great stories about fishing in the local rivers and streams. Then write about it in the Dayton Daily News. He will be missed at the Moss Family Reunions in Richmond.

Larry Wallace - October 23, 2020 at 08:50 PM

VL

“ Vicky Walter Lidala, granddaughter of Louise Moss Hathaway I always loved that he came to the Moss reunion with a gigantic cooler filled with soft drinks. Thank you Uncle Max.

Vicky Lidala - October 23, 2020 at 06:50 PM

RS

“ Max welcomed me into TOWA when I joined in 1991 and he served from then on as a trusted resource and a living link to the generations of outdoor writers who set TOWA and SEOPA in motion. He was as humble and giving a person as I know and the fact that he became a dear friend only sweetened the deal. Debby and I will miss him. We treasured every visit with Max and Merrily and wish peace and comfort to Merrily. TOWA and the world of outdoor writing have lost so much.

Rob Simbeck - October 23, 2020 at 05:46 PM

JC

“ *Max was the essence of all which is good and gracious in the world of outdoor communication and communicators. He was an individual everyone in the business admired, and along with being a committed professional he was just a salt of the earth guy. His service to the Tennessee Outdoor Writers Association was stellar. I feel privileged to have known him as a fellow writer and to have called him friend. Jim Casada*

Jim Casada - October 23, 2020 at 04:53 PM

LS

“ *On behalf of the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association (SEOPA), which Max joined in 1979, I send our heartfelt condolences to Merrily and Max's family and friends. Max was a real and talented newspaperman and as nice a person who ever lived.*

Lisa Snuggs - October 23, 2020 at 04:27 PM

GU

“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Max Moss Sr..*

Guest - October 23, 2020 at 03:41 PM

KB

“ *Kent & Andrea Beaty purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Max Moss Sr..*

Kent & Andrea Beaty - October 23, 2020 at 03:35 PM

AH

“ *Max Moss*

Austin and Bell Funeral Home - August 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM