



# **Darrell Lee Moore (Lebanon)**

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**D**arrell Lee Moore, son of Thurman and Ann Moore, was born May 22, 1953, in Mountain Grove, Missouri. He departed this life Saturday, March 26, 2011, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of fifty-seven.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Janice, of the home; two sons, Rich Williams and his wife Beth of Strafford, Doug Williams and his wife, Chrystal of Willard; two daughters, Brenda Parks and her husband Rich of Salem, and Amanda Rhodes and her husband Brian of Cape Girardeau; his grandchildren, Tanner, Richard, Katrina, Noah, Natasia, Ryan, Viktorya, Matthew, and Whitney; his parents, Thurman and Ann Moore of Lebanon; two sisters, Nancy Sawvell and her husband Lee of Phillipsburg, and Carol Benson and her husband Gary of Lebanon; along with a multitude of aunts, uncles, and cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Darrell was born in Mountain Grove, Missouri, while Thurman was in Korea. Father and son met for the first time in September the following year, when Darrell was 16 months old. The family bought a farm near Hartville, Missouri, in 1954, where Darrell was raised along with his sisters and cousins.

Darrell was always a big help on the farm, from helping with the dairy to bringing in the cattle with his pony, Minnie. He loved to work and raised his own cattle to help out with his school expenses. Darrell began his education in 1959 in Hartville, where he graduated in 1971. Education was always important to Darrell, and he excelled at school, both in academics and in music. Darrell attended one year of college at School of the Ozarks before returning to the family farm to take over the milking. In the early 80's, Darrell went to work at a veterinary office in Hartville. He always loved working with the animals, from cows to kittens! He could be strong enough to deal with a bull calf, and gentle enough to take care of premature puppies.

Darrell was artistic - drawing, carving, painting - on canvas or tiny pictures on fingernails. He was musical, an avid reader, and a creative writer. Darrell was very



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special to those around him. He always cared for those who were suffering in any way, and provided good advice for anyone seeking it. He didn't let the trials of life keep him down; he always kept moving forward.

Darrell and Janice married in the fall of 1985. With this, Darrell was given an instant family of two sons and a daughter. All of a sudden, ALL of the lights in the house were on! Darrell was very involved in the lives of all four children, the fourth being Amanda, who was born in October 1986. Unlike most people, who start with bottles and burp rags and later teach their children sports and games, Darrell went from playing basketball with the older children to taking turns changing diapers and convincing the baby to FINALLY go to sleep. He painted nails, went fishing, braided hair, rocked out to Rock 'n Roll (or Rock-a-bye, Baby), and wrangled calves. Janice and the kids were always the center of Darrell's life.

Darrell left the veterinary office to go into the remodeling business with Janice, and eventually went to work for the State of Missouri full-time. When Darrell became the County Manager for the Family Support Division in 2001 he, along with Janice and Amanda, moved to Lebanon, Missouri.

Darrell and Janice enjoyed spending time together. They took walks, went on drives in their truck (and later, rides on their motorcycle!), hunted for morel mushrooms, raised calves, remodeled houses, and exercised together. Any time they could spend together, no matter what they were doing, was treasured. Darrell and Janice were a great creative team. Darrell would write; Janice would edit. Janice would envision designs for remodeling a room; Darrell would make her ideas a reality. Darrell was diligent, a hard worker, and a good provider.

He always knew how to treat people, regardless of how they might treat others. Darrell had a great sense of humor and liked having fun – like the time he had a birthday party for Janice and everyone wore one of his ball caps as a party hat, or the time he painted his face green and dressed up as a Romulan for Halloween.

Darrell and Janice celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in October 2010, at a surprise party given by their four children. Darrell and Janice were spouses, partners, and friends.

Some of us knew him as a family member, as a coworker, as a friend, or as a



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colleague. But no matter HOW we knew him, Darrell will be remembered by EVERYONE.



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**Bethany Planz** posted:

I miss my uncle Darrell so much it breaks my heart seeing my Nana aka your sister and nanny and grandpa grandpa deal with this,. I just wish you didn't die, I wish you were here so I can talk to you when I need you there is so much stuff I need to say but your not here and it is hard. I love you and miss you.. You were the best thing that has ever came to us. But still wish you were here.

February 19 at 10:10 PM



**Marley Galler** posted:

My Uncle Darrel was the best uncle that I had ever had and it is sad to hear that he has passed and he passed away when I was 9 years old too.

October 4 at 8:40 AM



**Bethany Galler** posted:

I love my uncle much, :( I love you uncle darrell rest in peace

February 21 at 8:16 AM



**Kylea Dugger** posted:

uncle darell i miss you. if you was here today you would be ashamed of the way your family has been acting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! love you wish u was here tostraighten them out

October 5 at 5:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Darrell years ago as a child. Our parents were friends and neighbors. Years later I met Darrell up with Darrell again when I began my career with Social Services. Darrell was a kind caring individual that God placed in the right position to help many. He will be missed. Prayers being said for all his family.##imported-begin##Beth Richardson Sartor##imported-end##

April 20 at 5:17 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

The world has lost a wonderful humanitarian.##imported-begin##Linda Ballard-Coleman##imported-end##

April 11 at 2:12 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darrell was great to work with and had a wonderful sense of humour. It was a privilege to know him and work with him. Please know your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kay Dennis##imported-end##

April 3 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darrell and I were caseworkers in Wright county he was a good friend and will be missed. His family is in my thoughts and prayers.Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Hoton##imported-end##

April 3 at 5:37 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry of hear of Darrell's passing. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. Sending my thoughts, prayers and comfort to all of you in this time of sorrow.Fondly,Hilary Huffman Sommer##imported-begin##Hilary Huffman Sommer##imported-end##

April 2 at 12:18 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ann, Thurman, Carol, Darrell & Nancy you were my second family while growing up in Missouri.I send you my love, heart felt sympathy and my prayers to help keep you strong now that Darrell is no longer with you.I love you all.##imported-begin##Roxanne Benson Legacy##imported-end##

March 31 at 3:59 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Darrell was one of a kind that cannot be replaced. I never think of hartville School without including thoughts of Darrell. My life has been blessed by knowing him.##imported-begin##Linda Skinner Fraker##imported-end##

March 31 at 3:56 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Darrell, we all miss you so much already. You were an awesome uncle even if you picked on me a lot! :) I don't believe in goodbyes, so I'll see you soon, okay? We love you!##imported-begin##Savannah and Kaileb##imported-end##

March 30 at 5:58 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Janice and family: Our thoughts and especially our prayers are with you all. I can't imagine the loss that you are feeling but can love, care and pray for you all. May god provide true peace to your hearts.##imported-begin##Keith Byrd##imported-end##

March 30 at 8:52 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darrell was truly a great man, and I'm glad to have known him. Even though I can't be there in person, I am with you all in spirit. Love and hugs to all.##imported-begin##Danielle Schlosser##imported-end##

March 30 at 7:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Darrell in Ava.g##imported-begin##DEBRA HOGUE##imported-end##

March 30 at 4:26 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Darrell's family in their time of sorrow for his loss here on Earth. He has now found his resting place with God and Jesus and will undoubtedly be a lighted star in Heaven as he has gained his Heavenly Wings.##imported-begin##Sheri Rader##imported-end##

March 30 at 3:21 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I love you and miss you brother. Don't be stealing the toilet paper in Heaven, okay?##imported-begin##Nancy##imported-end##

March 29 at 10:50 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We love all you guys and we will be praying and thinking of y'all in the days to come.##imported-begin##Richard & Brenda Queen##imported-end##

March 29 at 8:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

MY THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES ARE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE..DARRELL WAS SPECIAL!! I WORKED WITH HIM AT WRIGHT COUNTY DFS AND ALWAYS CONSIDERED HIM A WONDERFUL CO-WORKER AND A GOOD FRIEND!! I LOVED HIS "DRY" SENSE OF HUMOR & COMMON SENSE. I SAW WHAT HE WAS MADE OF WHEN AMANDA WAS BORN & JANICE HAD HEALTH ISSUES..MY HIGH OPINION OF DARRELL NEVER CHANGED. MY LOVE & PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##BRENDA STIGALL MORGAN##imported-end##

March 29 at 5:10 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will miss my Uncle Darrell. I love you, you will always be in my heart. I'm sad but I know you will continue to watch over me.##imported-begin##Kylea Dugger##imported-end##

March 29 at 4:25 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Janice and family, I am sorry for your loss. I worked with Darrell in Camdenton and he was one of the best. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathy Osborn##imported-end##

March 29 at 2:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts go out to the family. I will miss Darrell wandering the halls in the Camden office and stopping to sing me a song to make my face turn red. Darrell you will be missed!##imported-begin##Julie Moulder##imported-end##

March 29 at 2:37 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rest in pease uncle darell I love you. I miss you##imported-begin##brittney dugger##imported-end##

March 29 at 1:58 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at the time of your loss.We send our sympathy at this time of losing such a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Tom & Helen Sanders##imported-end##

March 29 at 1:32 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

card8|fh##imported-begin####imported-end##

March 29 at 1:08 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

card4|fh##imported-begin####imported-end##

March 29 at 12:54 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Thurman, Ann, and family, My deepest sympathies in the death of Darrell. He was always such a friendly guy in school and at church.##imported-begin##SHEILA (WYNN) DIVINE##imported-end##

March 29 at 11:25 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so saddened by the passing of Darrell. We are praying for God's peace for his family. Remember God promises that we will be present with the Lord when we are absent from the body...Darrell is in heaven waiting to greet us. May God's love sustain you and give you strength to get through the days ahead. Our Love and prayers. Cynthia & Fred##imported-begin##Cynthia & Fred Bradley##imported-end##

March 29 at 11:13 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darrell was a wonderful supervisor. It was a privilege to know him and work with him. Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Charlotte Swofford##imported-end##

March 29 at 10:17 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

It was a shock to hear about the loss of Darrell. I had the privilege of working in the same office as he, for 3 and a half years. Darrell was always kind hearted. He was always able to make me laugh. I remember that he would be at the office in a suit but wearing big floppy dog slippers. My heartfelt condolences and prayers are extended to the family. Darrell will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Shelly Derheim##imported-end##

March 29 at 7:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I worked the last 6 years with Darrell in the Lebanon office of FSD. I will always remember his kindness to all, and the apple syrup he and Janice shared with office personnel December, 2009. Loving thoughts and prayers, I send to you in your time of mourning.##imported-begin##James Scott##imported-end##

March 29 at 6:20 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

God is good...He will sustain you.God is faithful....He will not forsake you.God is LovingHe will comfort you.Roy LessinFor I an the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you."Isaiah 41:13Jeff and Sarah##imported-begin##Jeff and Sarah Hemphill##imported-end##

March 29 at 5:52 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Darrell for many years, and I don't know that I ever met a finer person. He was so caring, compassionate and giving individual. Darrell was a born leader and will be greatly missed. I for one, am extremely sorry and grieved by this premature loss of a great person and friend.##imported-begin##Wilma Oursbourn##imported-end##

March 29 at 5:39 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. He was a light Lebanon will miss for many, many years. My prayers will be with you, his family. God bless you all.Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Dorsey##imported-end##

March 29 at 4:57 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I've been thinking about a picture I have of me holding baby Darrell (my cousin) in my lap when I was 6 or 7 years old. As we grew up, he just was always there. He was great support when I lost my parents. He was such a kind, gentle person, and had a wonderful sense of humor. We will all miss him so much.##imported-begin##Velvet##imported-end##

March 28 at 7:44 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

When Darrell was our IM Supervisor in Douglas Co, he and Janice hosted a cook-out for IM Staff and spouses. We had a wonderful evening of food, games, and getting to know each other a little better. One of the highlights of the evening was shooting a potato gun Darrell had made. Many of us had never shot a potato gun before. We shared many laughs, with wonderful food and fellowship. I will always remember Darrell and Janice's wonderful family, beautiful home, and the great fellowship. He will certainly be missed by all who were privileged to know him and his beautiful family.##imported-begin##Charlotte Swofford##imported-end##

March 28 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darrell was a good friend and classmate. We always had fun when Darrell was around.##imported-begin##Diane Hogan Epperly##imported-end##

March 28 at 5:38 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darrell was my great friend from high school and beyond. He went with me to Buffalo, NY to be my best man at my wedding. Be strong and thank God that he shared a great man with us in Darrell.##imported-begin##John & Arlene Dixon##imported-end##

March 28 at 4:55 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Janice and family; I too worked with Darrell for a few years at the local office in Lebanon. He knew how to have fun, and how to approach very serious situations. I admired his calm manner, care and concern for others and ability to diffuse a situation. He was greatly admired and will be fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Jana L. Payne##imported-end##

March 28 at 3:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with this family...##imported-begin##Erica Johnson##imported-end##

March 28 at 2:59 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Sindy Armstrong##imported-end##

March 28 at 2:29 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Well my uncle was one of a kind! He always was the one to make you laugh but yet he haad a serious side to him too. My uncle has helped me through some tough moments in life, and I know he will still help me through. My uncle always told me " it will be ok, lifes to short to worry over it, it will be ok"... I love you and miss you, I will not say good bye because you are still with me in my heart! " I Will See You Again"..##imported-begin##Amylea Carter##imported-end##

March 28 at 2:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS##imported-begin##DEAN & CATHY FELIN##imported-end##

March 28 at 2:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Janice & family,I'm so sorry for your loss. Darrel was a good man & we enjoyed the short time we were able to spend with the two of you.May the God of all comfort hug you tight.Love you all,Bernnice##imported-begin##Bernnice Sampley##imported-end##

March 28 at 1:24 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

so sorry for your loss. he was one of the kindest men i have ever known##imported-begin##Ron Leonard##imported-end##

March 28 at 12:03 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your loss. He was a great person.##imported-begin##Crystal Deckard##imported-end##

March 28 at 11:24 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God's comfort be yours.##imported-begin##Earl and Betty Ellison##imported-end##

March 28 at 11:04 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so very sorry. I will miss him greatly. I am pleased that we were able to know each other and share some time together. May God grant you peace in this time of great sorrow...##imported-begin##Jim Powell##imported-end##

March 28 at 10:14 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Pat & Karen Calton, Helen Watson##imported-end##

March 28 at 9:13 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry to learn of Darrell's passing. I worked with him when he was in Douglas County and thought he was a good man. May God Bless the family.##imported-begin##Eva Stillings##imported-end##

March 28 at 9:00 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Janice my thoughts are prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Kenneth Byrd##imported-end##

March 28 at 8:29 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My heart breaks for our family. I have all of you in my thoughts and prayers and want you to know how much I Love each and everyone of you. Janice Elsten and Family###imported-begin##Janice Elsten###imported-end##

March 28 at 7:47 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My families thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these difficult days. God Bless you all, Lane Lakey and Family.###imported-begin##Lane E Lakey###imported-end##

March 28 at 6:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was honored to work with Darrell at Wright Co Family Services. I will never forget my mother came in dressed up on Halloween and chased Darrell around the office. He was such a sport!###imported-begin##Glenda Moore###imported-end##

March 28 at 6:27 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will all miss this wonderful and caring man. I served on the Board of Directors of COPE for quite a few years and worked and talked with him on many subjects. He cared so much about those suffering. The whole Lebanon community will miss him and so will I. I will also miss waving to him as he zipped by on his motorcycle.###imported-begin##Patti Wilhite###imported-end##

March 28 at 5:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your loss. May God give you the peace you need to get through this..###imported-begin##Bill & Beverly Wynn###imported-end##

March 27 at 7:33 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Darrell was the best brother anyone could have asked for. I thank God I have wonderful memories to hold on to. I miss you big brother.##imported-begin##Carol##imported-end##

March 27 at 4:53 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I work with Darrell at the Laclede county FSD office. I always enjoyed our conversations and loved to hear about his grandchildren. I also enjoyed looking at his doodlings. He is quite the artist. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Ursula Hanner##imported-end##

March 27 at 4:52 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Darrell. I worked with him at Wright County Family Services for many years. I am praying for your family.##imported-begin##Annette Bruffett##imported-end##

March 27 at 2:03 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathies to Darrell's family. Darrell was one of my high school friends. He was truly one of the good guys.##imported-begin##Elaine Steidley##imported-end##

March 27 at 1:44 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Darrell will be missed. Debbie, Chuck, and Louis##imported-begin##Debbie Gill##imported-end##

March 27 at 12:42 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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