

## *A T R I B U T E*

Mrs. John Hardin Moore was born Birdie Vandigriff on February 22, 1880 in Locust Grove, Georgia. She died October 21, 1969.

After graduating from the State Teachers' College in Athens, she taught in the Lithonia Public School. She was married in 1902, but was tragically widowed in 1916.

Mrs. Moore was one of the thirty-nine charter members of Atlanta's Haygood Memorial Methodist Church, organized in 1926. She became the first president of the Missionary Society. Also, she was appointed Chairman of the Commission on Missions, which position she held for the remaining years of her life. She sponsored many successful drives for missionary funds, and led Haygood Church to a position of leadership in the mission work of the North Georgia Conference. Mrs. Moore was deeply interested in the education of Indian children in Bolivia, and for several years she sponsored a fund for this purpose as a Mission Special over and above Haygood's missionary budget.

Since the early days of the church, she had been an outstanding member of the Board of Stewards. Largely, it was due to her enthusiasm and leadership that the "Builder's Club" of Haygood Church became one of the largest in the North Georgia Conference.

"Miss Birdie", as she was affectionately known by her many friends, was devoted to her church; and in return, she was sincerely loved and appreciated.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but her Christian strength and influence will live on.

Mrs. Moore is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Claude T. (Helen) Grizzard, Jr., five grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and a sister, Miss Gussie Vandigriff. Her son was the late Alvin Moore.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Reverend James M. Moore, Jr., with interment in Atlanta's Westview Cemetery.

"Green be the turf above thee,  
Friend of my better days!  
None knew thee but to love thee,  
Nor named thee but to praise."

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