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CHARLIE MAE MOORE Longtime Alaska resident Charlie Mae Moore , 67, died July 15, 1996, at Providence Alaska Medical Center, with her family at her bedside.

Two memorial services are scheduled. The first will be at 2:30 p.m. today at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Anchorage. The second service will be in Juneau at 5 p.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Church.

Ms. Moore was born Nov. 7, 1928, in Jacksonville, Fla.

She attended Spelman College in Atlanta and graduating with an education degree from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. As a young, black woman, Ms. Moore found limited opportunities in the South. She moved to Alaska in 1955 as a teacher for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Chevak.

She went on to become one of the leading educators in Alaska.

The early years of teaching in the Bush left a major mark on Ms. Moore's life, she told the Juneau Empire in 1991.

Ms. Moore taught at Unalakleet until 1965, when she moved to Bethel to take another teaching job. Two years later, she accepted a job with the Juneau School District as a special education teacher. Ms. Moore went on to earn her master's degree in counseling in 1974 from the University of Alaska Juneau, now UA Southeast.

In 1979, she went to work for the Alaska Department of Education as head of statewide counseling programs, preschools, university training programs and private, religious and home schools. She became director of teacher certification in 1982 and also coordinated accreditation for university teacher training programs in the state. During her time with the education department, she developed the state's first handbook of guidance and counseling.

Ms. Moore also was a guest teacher at Sheldon Jackson College, Alaska Pacific University and the University of Alaska.

From 1993-95, she worked as a counselor in Native Student Services for University of Alaska Anchorage. She worked as the Muldoon Elementary home school coordinator in 1996 for the Anchorage School District.

Ms. Moore received numerous honors and awards during her career, including citations from the Alaska Legislature and from the University of Alaska Anchorage for her contributions to promoting quality education in Alaska.

Her family said: "Her sense of humor, and her generosity will be deeply missed. She had an uncanny ability to win people over with her warm personality and sense of humor. She was genuinely interested in students and people and had a special rapport with Alaska Native students. She had a passion for humanity. Those who came in contact with her knew her generosity and sincere compassion; she always went out of her way to help someone in need. She was devoted to her children and grandchildren."

Ms. Moore is survived by her three daughters, Kim and Johnetta of Seattle, and Kadell of Anchorage; son, Jamal of Anchorage; son and daughter-in-law, Kelvin and Kathryn of Anchorage; grandchildren, Alisha and Rhiana Willis, and Keili and Kelvin Jr., all of Anchorage; and Jennifer and Stephen of Oregon City, Ore.; and a cousin, Ruby Talmadge of Anchorage. She was preceded in death by her oldest son, James, in 1992.