

WILLIAM L. MOORE:
A TRIBUTE TO A HUMANITARIAN

WILLIAM L. MOORE WAS A MAN OF ACTION. THIS BINGHAMTON NATIVE FACED MANY CHALLENGES WHILE HELPING TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS. AFTER HE SERVED OUR COUNTRY HONORABLY AS A U.S. MARINE AND GRADUATED FROM HARPUR COLLEGE (SUNY), HE STRUGGLED WITH SEVERE DEPRESSION. AS A RESULT, MR. MOORE LED A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES AND REMOVE THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. HIS DEDICATION TO HELPING OTHERS RESULTED IN THE BOOK "THE MIND IN CHAINS" AND HIS COMPASSION LED TO THE CREATION OF A MAGAZINE CALLED "SEARCH" WHICH IS AN ACRONYM FOR SERVICE, EDUCATION, ACTION, RESPONSIBILITY, CHARACTER AND HEALTH. MR. MOORE EXPRESSED A GENUINE CONCERN FOR HUMANITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND EARNED A REPUTATION THROUGHOUT BINGHAMTON FOR HIS ONE-PERSON PROTESTS. HE LEFT HIS POSITION AT THE BINGHAMTON POST OFFICE TO TAKE A LONG-TERM ASSIGNMENT IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND WHERE HE COULD HAVE GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROTESTS AGAINST INEQUALITY. IN 1963, HE BEGAN A ONE-PERSON CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. HIS PEACEFUL PROTEST ENDED WHEN HE WAS MURDERED ON APRIL 23, 1963 IN ALABAMA. MR. MOORE'S NOBLE, HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS ARE COMMEMORATED ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

WALK ON, BILL MOORE. WALK ON...