Influential Marietta Attorney John Moore

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From left, partners William Johnson, John Moore, Stephen Steele and Robert Ingram stand in front of their Roswell Street law office in this 2016 photo. Their firm, Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele, received a ranking in the 2017 edition of U.S. News — Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms." / Special to the MDJ



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Described by one of his peers as a "real titan in the legal industry," Marietta Attorney John Moore, founder of Marietta-based law firm Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele, died Tuesday morning of cancer, according to his family. He was 73.

Moore founded the local firm, which today stands on Roswell Street, in January 1984 and had practiced law in Cobb County since 1970 after receiving a law degree from Mercer University, according to his biography on the firm's website. His firm today has just under 100 lawyers across five states.

Moore is survived by his wife, Robin Bradley Moore; his three children: John Kevin Moore (Ginny), Traci Moore Shropshire (Chip), and Bradley Allen Moore; his brother, Richard W. Moore (Mitzi); sister, Ceil M. Mattingly; and several grandchildren.

Services for Moore have been scheduled Friday at First United Methodist Church of Marietta, 56 Whitlock Ave., with visitation at noon and a service to follow at 2 p.m. Arrangements are being handled by Mayes Ward Dobbins Funeral Home and Crematory of Marietta.

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A past president of the Cobb County Bar Association, Moore was recognized on the 2017 Best Lawyers in America list in the specialties of Land Use & Zoning Law and Litigation, according to the firm's website.

His death comes just days after that of Harris Hines, who served as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia before stepping down this summer.

"The legal community in Cobb and the state of Georgia lost two legal giants this week — John was a good friend of Justice Harris Hines," said Robert Ingram, one of Moore's longtime law partners. "He was a lot like Harris Hines in that he was one of those lawyers who was just kind to everybody, and everybody liked him, which is unusual for lawyers — most people love their own lawyer but they don't like the other party's lawyer. (But) they both had that ability to walk in a room and smile, tell a story and disarm everybody."