



Bill C. McClure

February 5, 1935 - August 25, 2017

A Celebration of Life for Bill C. McClure, 82, of Flint, Texas will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler, with Brother Wes Bynum officiating. Visitation will immediately follow the Celebration of Life.

Mr. McClure will be buried at Union Hill Cemetery in Sugarcreek, Ohio at a later date.

Bill was a self-employed contractor/builder for most of his life which included building many churches, apartments and homes throughout Texas and Ohio. Later in life, he enjoyed cabinet making and detailed bird feeders/houses. He frequently stated, "I enjoy building bird houses because the birds never complain."

Mr. McClure peacefully entered Heaven's gates Friday, August 25, 2017 surrounded by his family. He was born February 5, 1935 in Weinert, Texas to Fred and Lela McClure.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Gary Don McClure and by his brother, Donny Eugene McClure."

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 62 years, Sonja Becker

McClure; daughters, Pam Langston of Tyler, Texas, Connie Dudas (Rex) of Orrville, Ohio, and Pattie Johnson (Rayford) of Flint, Texas; son, Chad McClure (Olya) of Bullard, Texas; sisters, Wanda Chumley of Whitehouse, Texas and Ann Visser (Ron) of Edmond, Oklahoma. Bill is also survived by ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation at 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 or the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc. at 912 Killian Hill Road, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bill C. McClure



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 02, 2017 at 01:53 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill C. McClure



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 30, 2017 at 06:10 PM

PH

*Wonderful video! I loved it! He was such a good looking man, my mom would say "because he is a McClure"! Millie often said he's the best looking man I ever saw!
He was so kind & good & loved his family. I loved him & I will see him one day!*

Peggy Pickering Hall - August 31, 2017 at 12:12 AM

NW

“ *May God bless you and your family with peace and comfort during this time. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Nancy Williams

Nancy Williams - September 01, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill C. McClure.*



September 01, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bill C. McClure.*



September 01, 2017 at 10:29 AM

MS

“ *Our deepest sympathies during your time of loss. Please know that we are here for you.*

Paul and Margit Schmitt

margit schmitt - August 30, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 30, 2017 at 11:20 AM

BL

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.*

Becky Laubscher - August 29, 2017 at 08:22 PM


Michelle
Regula

“ A great man Bill was. So blessed to have met him and & Sonja McClure close to 30 years ago as their newspaper girl. All the memories I have of being at their house during the time they lived in Sugarcreek. Memories I will never forget and would give anything to sit in their kitchen one more time having a cup of hot chocolate on a snowy day or ice water on a hot summer day. They always made sure I was taken care of when out delivering the papers. And if I was home late from my paper route, my parents always knew where I would be. My heart breaks for the entire McClure family, but I know Bill is in heaven with no more pain. Until we meet again. Wish I could be there with you guys this weekend.



*Michelle Huprich Regula
Sugarcreek, Ohio*

Michelle Regula - August 29, 2017 at 07:51 PM

PF

“ Pastor Tom, Jen and the Connection Church Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bill C. McClure.



Pastor Tom, Jen and the Connection Church Family - August 29, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *Enjoyed the conversations we had with Mr. Bill. Always had some good stories. Still have all the Gaither trio albums he bartered off to me for a cast iron bank. Not sure who got the best deal but we were both happy with what we got. Rest in Peace my friend and may God bless your eternal rest and also blessings to your beautiful family.*

TomandCharlene Gross - August 29, 2017 at 07:34 PM

MR

“ *My memories of Bill McClure are from when he and his family lived in Wadsworth, Ohio, and were members of the Church of God Prophecy in Medina. I had just recently moved out on my own and he and Sonja took me under their wings as family. I have fond memories of spending holidays with them and sitting at their table for lots of meals.*

Bill's contributions to the local church included restoring the church building the congregation bought, building a new pulpit custom fit for the Pastor, and building a life-size cross for the Easter play.

Bill was a mentor to many young men in the congregation and set the example of what a Christian man, husband and father should be.

*"Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away."*

Fly away Bro. Bill - see you over there.

Mary Ann Wohlschlager Ramey

Mary Ann Ramey - August 29, 2017 at 06:43 PM

LW

My memories of Bro. Bill McClure run deep into my life. I met Bill in the mid 70s in Medina Ohio. I was just a young Christian. I expressed to the local church that God had called me into the ministry. I had a good job at General Motors. I knew one day soon I would have to leave the security of our local church. I had no training in any field of labor to supplement my income. Bill offered me a job telling me he would train me to be a carpenter. He was very patient and gentle with me. He paid me more than I was worth. His patience paid off. Finally I learned to be a carpenter. The ministry has been my life's vocation. I can't tell you how many churches I have built and how many I have remodeled. What he taught me greatly helped my family and my ministry. I will forever be grateful to this man and his kind acts to my family. He has gone on to his eternal reward. I will miss him. I can tell you though he is dead he will always live through me. Every time I drive a nail or saw a piece of wood I will remember him. God bless you Sonja and family. Stay faithful to God you will see him again.

LWCarter - August 29, 2017 at 07:28 PM

MM

“ As a young married couple, we moved to East Texas. God, in his grace and mercy, placed us next door to Bill and Sonja McClure. We were able to observe a godly family up-close. What a gift! When we learned that we were expecting twins, they celebrated with us. When our girls grew old enough to be outside more, Bill insisted on covering our patio to give them (and us) a place of protection from the hot East Texas sun. He wouldn't let us pay him, as was his "way". Chad spent quite a bit of time at our home, and Pattie became our daughters' caregiver when we were both working.

This man and his family made a lasting impression on us. We are now grandparents ourselves and can only pray that we have been the aroma of Christ that the McClure family has been to us.

One thing is certain: Heaven is celebrating the homecoming of Bill McClure!

*Matt and Kathy Massingale
Franklin, TN*

Matt and Kathy Massingale - August 29, 2017 at 05:49 PM

PH

“ To the McClure family. I am so sorry for your loss. Patsy Helms.

patsy helms - August 28, 2017 at 09:06 PM