



Gerald "Jerry" R. McClure

July 30, 1935 - April 28, 2020

Gerald "Jerry" McClure, 84, of Paxton passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. He was born on July 30, 1935 in Bloomington, the son of Robert John and Minnie Marie (Riecks) McClure. Jerry married Charlotte Sawyer on May 12, 1961 in Urbana. She preceded him in death on October 15, 2011.

Jerry was a Driver for K&R Delivery for over 30 years. He was proud to be raised on a farm in the Colfax Anchor area and loved animals and working outside. Jerry played softball for many years and enjoyed reading, Old Westerns, John Wayne movies, and was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Fighting Illini and Chicago Bears. Most of all, Jerry was a proud father and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Paxton and the Loda Sportsmans Club.

Jerry was a Veteran of the United States Army and served in the 101st US Airborne.

He is survived by three sons Matthew McClure of Saybrook, Mitchell (Elizabeth) McClure of Ohio and Gerald "Tyger" McClure of Paxton; two daughters Leanna McClure (Mark Martin) of Paxton and Carissa McClure

(Steve Johnson) of Rockford; eleven grandchildren including Erik Bloomquist (Jennifer Plager), Kayla McClure, Devin McClure (Taylor Butterworth), Teague Dickey (Tierra Tendall), Brenna (Julio) Barradas, Alec McClure (Nova Temple), Connor (Elisabeth) McClure, Mackenzie (Kyle) Smalley, Evan (Bethany) McClure and Tatiyana McClure-Martin; step-granddaughter, Ashlee Martin; eight great-grandchildren; and his faithful Labrador, Trooper.

Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Norma Lee McClure and two grandchildren Kyra McClure and Elissa Rose McClure.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date. Burial will follow at Glen Cemetery in Paxton. Memorials may be made to Ford County Homeless Pets or the Champaign County Humane Society.

If you would like to express your condolences by mail, please send to:

McClure Family
c/o Cox-Knapp Funeral Home
142 W. Patton St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Cemetery Details

Glen Cemetery

602 E. Summer St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Tribute Wall

NG

“ *Tyger & Family: I am so saddened to hear of the loss of your father. He will be solely missed by the Paxton community. Please know my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*God Bless,
Nancy Beckstrand-Gillis*

Nancy Gillis - May 12, 2020 at 01:00 PM

SP

“ *Our sympathies on your loss. We have a lot of fond memories from our association with your family over the years. Steve and Brenda Pacey*

steve pacey - May 01, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" R. McClure.*



April 30, 2020 at 09:39 PM

DH

“ *We are so sorry about Jerry. He was a kind, friendly neighbor and we all enjoyed visiting with him out in our yards or when we would see him around town. Our visits always ended with lots of laughter. We are thinking of you, Leanna, your family and all your brothers and Carissa and their families.*

Mary Lou, Dale, and Debbie Houston

Deb Houston - April 30, 2020 at 02:42 PM

CC

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Charlie Climer

charles Climer - April 30, 2020 at 12:35 PM

AH

“ Jerry delivered supplies to my work place at the U of I for years. He was a wonderful man, always smiling, always kind. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Alfreda Hopper - April 30, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ We are so sad to hear of Jerry's passing. He always had a hilarious story and a twinkle in his eye. He was so kind to us and our family and we will miss his laugh and his generous spirit. We're disappointed we cannot be with you to celebrate Jerry's life, especially since you were all present and supportive when we lost Joe. Our thoughts are with you.

The Deweys: Matt, Desiree, Granger, and Hollis

Desirée Dewey - April 29, 2020 at 05:13 PM

MN

“ The Rob Nimon Family wishes to extend their condolences to the entire family at the loss of Jerry. We are truly sorry for your loss. We know that he will be missed.

Mary Nimon - April 29, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JM

“ Janet Miles purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gerald "Jerry" R. McClure.



Janet Miles - April 29, 2020 at 02:06 PM

JA

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your dad and grandfather. I have some great memories of him as a child growing up and as an adult later in life, I always enjoyed visiting with him when I seen him around town. He was such a kind man! Prayers for comfort and peace in the coming days for your family.
Always, Jennifer (Ecker) Anderson

Jennifer Anderson - April 28, 2020 at 09:01 PM

RR

We got to know Mac years ago when he and Tim were softball team mates. A nicer guy I've never known! Always a quick smile or a joke, always a laugh! I know you have wonderful memories to carry you through this difficult time. Please know you are in our thoughts.
Tim and Robin Reinhart

Robin Reinhart - April 30, 2020 at 05:23 PM