



## David E. McClure

December 20, 1937 - March 28, 2014

David Ernest McClure, a resident of Okmulgee, passed away Friday morning, March 28, 2014 at 76 years of age. David was born December 20, 1937 in Bristol, Colorado to the late Harold and Ethel Faye (Palmer) McClure. He graduated from high school in Moline, Kansas and attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. David married Claire Campbell in December of 1958. He retired from the United States Navy in 1975 as a Master Chief Boilerman. He was part of the Cuba Expeditionary and served on the USS Enterprise for 13 years. He worked with nuclear energy while in the Navy and received the Good Conduct Award. David later worked for and retired from Ingersoll Rand and Liberty Glass Company. While living in Pennsylvania, David was a Volunteer Firefighter for many years. He loved woodworking, especially making furniture and toys. He also enjoyed leather working. David was a member of Camper's on a Mission and Disaster Relief Missionary Groups and the First Baptist Church of Okmulgee. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

David is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Claire McClure, a son, Tim McClure and wife Beth of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Gail Merriken and husband Randy of Charleston, West Virginia and grandchildren, Tiffany Schirtzinger and husband Chris, Jeremy Merriken and wife Ana, A.J. McClure and Niki McClure.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Dennis Taylor officiating. A Committal Service will be held 1:00 P.M. Tuesday at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Military Funeral Honors provided by the U.S. Navy. The family will receive friends on Monday evening from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. The Family requests memorial contributions be made in David's name to the First Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK

## Funeral Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee  
311 W. 5th Street  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *David E. McClure*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Nancy Mount lit a candle in memory of David E. McClure*



**Nancy Mount** - March 30, 2014 at 04:06 PM



“ *So proud to have been a part of this gentle giants life, to witness his unwavering faith, love for his family and of God. The hole in our hearts is filled with precious memories.*  
*Judy Sutton*

**Judy Sutton** - March 30, 2014 at 09:06 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the McClure family at this time. We had the privilege of sharing mothers who were sisters....a wonderful legacy lives on through memory.*

**Donna Atkinson Smith** - March 29, 2014 at 01:29 PM



“ *Dave was a wonderful customer to our barber shop for many years. He was truly a pleasure to work on and a real gentleman.*

**Roger Kovarik** - March 29, 2014 at 09:20 AM

SB

“ As a sick 15 year old boarding school kid, I'll never forget the image of this handsome Naval officer walking into my hospital room, announcing that he's my cousin, and asking if I needed anything. In that moment, he represented all the safety that comes with having "family." I'm grateful he was part of mine. Sending love and condolences. *Soozi Palmer Bolte*

**Soozi Bolte** - March 29, 2014 at 09:14 AM


ZC

“ *Dave you fought a good fight, you've finished the course, you kept the faith and today you are enjoying the reward. We remember you fondly! Dr. Larry and Zandra Christy*

**Zandra Christy** - March 29, 2014 at 08:37 AM

JM

“ *I'll sure miss Dave's waves from the stop sign on Hickory St. to us, your neighbors here on Ohio. He was a wonderful man of God who gave of his time and talents by showing Christ's love. Claire, you've been a wonderful example of love as you've cared for Dave and helped him through his walk home. Our family sends our deepest sympathies to yours in this difficult time. God Bless You.*



*Jesse & Alecia Mitchell and Family*

**Jesse Mitchell** - March 28, 2014 at 01:58 PM

DM

*David I have many fond memories of you. I remember your beautiful eyes. Claire I wish we had kept closer in touch over the years. My heart goes out to you and your family. May god Hold and keep you . Love Doris*

**Doris McClure** - March 29, 2014 at 06:39 PM