Obituary of Charles E. McClure, Sr.

Mr. Charles Edward McClure, Sr., 80, of Athens, TN, departed this life Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

He was the loving husband of Mrs. Zelma Beatrice Nash McClure. He was born February 6, 1930 to Andrew and Addie Lee McClure, and was raised in Athens, TN. Charles graduated from J.L. Cook High School and later attended McMinn Vocational Technology School and Cleveland State Community College.

Charles rendered his services to the U.S. Armed Forces in San Francisco, CA. After leaving the Air Force, Charles and Zelma relocated to Newark, NJ for several years before returning to Athens, TN to raise a family of 6 children.

Enjoying many hobbies, Charles started CB radio club and brought together several families to enjoy communications and conventions. He was a member of the Athens radio club and OMNI Amateur Radio Association. He was an Elder at the First United Presbyterian Church, USA and treasurer for special reconstruction of the dome and steeple of the church.

Preceded by his brother Ralph (Billie) T. McClure and one son Charles E. McClure, Jr. to glory, Charles Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Zelma McClure of 58 years; five children, Mildred (& Oscar) Hughes of Houston, TX, James McClure (& Lisa King) of Athens, TN, Allen McClure of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Juanita (& Ron) Lewis of Charlotte, NC, and George McClure of Jonesville, VA; ten grandchildren – Nikki, Cassie, Corey, Ethan, Brett, Brian, Brianna, Jordan, Eyndia, and Diamond, two great grandchildren – Destiny and Kirra; four cousins Kenneth Buchanan, Letha Roberts, Bettye Porter, and Billie Armstrong of Athens, TN; brother-in-laws Walter Nash of Sweetwater, TN and Clayborn Nash of California; sister-in-laws Diane Crew and Elizabeth Batts of Arizona, and Veronica Nash of Florida; and compassionate and dear friend of the family James Matlock. The entire community of family and friends will cherish the fond memories of this strong and quiet man of God.
Words of Comfort

When I come to the end of my journey
And travel my last weary mile
Just forget if can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, before the close of day.
Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay.
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the West,
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

— Love Charles —

Honorary Pall Bearers:

Kenneth Buchanan
Ronnie Collier
Randall Johnson
Fred Jordan
Robert Miller
Max Ross
Billy Simpson
Glen Witt

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of

M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home
502 N. Congress Parkway
Athens, Tennessee 37303
(423) 745-1473

Family Statement

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to
the First United Presbyterian Church, USA
P.O. Box 1231
Athens, Tennessee 37303
Attention: Dome and Steeple Fund

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Charles E.
McClure, Sr.

Sunrise – February 6, 1930
Sunset – May 18, 2010