



Harold F. McClure

December 28, 1925 - July 12, 2014

Harold F. "Mac" McClure, 88, of Kearney died Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Good Samaritan Society – St. Luke's in Kearney.

Memorial Services will be Monday, July 21, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney. Father Jerry Ness will officiate and inurnment of ashes will be in the Church columbarium. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Public Schools Foundation or St. Luke's Episcopal Church memorial fund. Visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

He was born December 28, 1925 in Kearney to Fred and Agnes (Wortman) McClure. He graduated from Riverdale High School in 1943. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the United States Army Air Force from 1943-1945. After he returned from the service he attended Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney where he received a degree in biology and social sciences in 1949. He later obtained his Masters Degree from Kearney State College in 1959

On December 26, 1949 he married Margaret Johnson in Kearney.

He taught school in Wilcox from 1949-1951 serving as principal, coach and

teacher of English, history and biology. He quit teach for a couple of years and was a traveling tire and car battery salesman.

He got back into teaching and was a Physical Education instructor then Guidance Councilor at Kearney Junior High School until becoming Principal from 1964-1968. He then served as Principal at Kearney High School from 1968 until retiring in 1987.

He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, member and past president of the Kearney Education Association, member of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and served on the Central Community College Board of Governors, the Nebraska Community College Association Board and the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications commission. He also was a member of Kearney Elks Lodge #984 and was a past recipient of the Hub Freedom Award in 1995, was inducted into the Kearney High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and a former board member of the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation.

Surviving relatives include his daughter, Jane McClure of Kearney and son, Patrick McClure of Seattle, WA.

He is preceded in death by his wife in 2010 and 1 sister, Betty McClure.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold F. McClure*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *My condolences to Pat on the passing of his father. Mac was an example to me of grace and compassion in a tough job during tough times. We were a very unruly lot. His leadership and example still inspire me. Best wishes, Bruce*

Bruce Whitacre - July 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mac's impact on his family, friends, colleagues, former staffs and students will be his legacy for many years. I was fortunate to have him as my administrator, mentor, and friend. Like the others, I am richer for having known him.*

Connie Francis - July 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. McClure helped start me down the right path to becoming a successful business man, father, and grandfather. The world has lost a Great man.*

Gary Nelson - July 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. McClure was a very good friend. There is no doubt in my mind that he always had the best interest of Kearney students at heart. He and Margaret were very close family friends. We will miss you!*

Ann Richardson Stewart - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Generations of Kearney's children were blessed to have Mac's guidance and support, me certainly among them. I will also never forget how kind he was to my dad as Dad's health began to fail. He will be dearly remembered and greatly missed.

Kathryn Bjorklun Inman - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I will never forget "Big Mac" as I am sure all of the students that came under his counsel will remember him, he left a very positive impression on this former student. To Pat and Jane, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our family's prayers.

Tom Swanson - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. McClure passing. God's Blessings to the family now and always.

Kay McCarty Renshaw - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I had great respect for Mr. McClure. He helped me a lot in both junior and senior high. I was very lucky to have a great principal and a good role model. He was one of the reasons that I became a teacher.

My prayers and sympathy to your entire family.

Jacquelyn Samway - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Kearney just lost one of the great ones. Mac was a great friend and neighbor to the Elliott family for many years.

Bob Elliott - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Many memories of "Mac" both as my principal and mom's friend. He will be missed. God Bless the family at this time.*

Rev. Tom Webb - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the family. I was a student in 1968 when Mr. McClure was principal. I thought he was "the best." I am so sad to say good-bye. Dorothy (Ostendorf) Synovec.*

Dorothy (Ostendorf) Synovec. - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *An effective leader and very kind man. My condolences to you for your loss.*

Scott E. Freese - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Mac was the best school administrator I knew. It was a real privilege to have worked with him at Kearney High for fifteen years. A true bonus was the numerous occasions when we played golf together. Mac was excellent to work for, fun to golf with and a great friend. He is missed.*

George Hoagstrom - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I am going to miss talking to him at garrett's about his appliances. he was a good man, but he scared the heck out of me in high school!*

Bill Mitchell - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to Mr. McClure's family. He made a significant difference.*

Jerry Cummings - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *I had the honor of knowing Mr. McClure when he served on the Central Community College Board of Governors. I always admired his professionalism. He was always teaching, even when you didn't know it. I am glad he is with Margaret now. Thoughts and prayers !*

Sandy - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Our sincere condolences to Mac's family. We both have many great memories of spending time with the McClure family as well as being students at KJHS and KHS while he was principal. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. John and Sue*

John and Sue Divan - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. McClure's passing. I always enjoyed hearing him talk at Kearney Senior High. He was a great principal, and I know he will be missed by so many people who knew and loved him!*

Kathryn (Hiner) Woodard - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM