



## Darrel "Buck" McClure

January 5, 1946 - May 15, 2017

Darrel "Buck" McClure, age 71, of Bourbonnais, passed away Monday, May 15, 2017 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Darrel was born January 5, 1946 in Kankakee, the son of Leslie & Doris Morrison McClure.

He married Diane Lambert on December 11, 1965 in Murphy, NC.

He had owned & operated The Grease Spot Corporation. He enjoyed golfing and had a big heart. He was quietly generous with many in the area. Buck was an animal lover and active in promoting animal rescue. He was a big supporter of the River Valley Animal Rescue. He was a former member of the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority. He was a volunteer pilot for several Angel Flights. Buck enjoyed meeting his friends for coffee.

He was a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are his wife, Diane McClure of Bourbonnais; one daughter Michele McClure & Anthony Boudreau of Bourbonnais; two sisters, Karen McClure & Tom Ulickey of Elmhurst and Marla & Rick Coy of Bradley; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Dale & Carol McClure of Bradley and Linda McClure of Westchester; two grandchildren, Ryan Sebastiani and Jace Boudreau; several nieces and nephews; and his special rescue dogs, Buster and Char.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his son, Bucky McClure; and one brother, Gary McClure.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral

Home in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the River Valley Animal Rescue.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 20. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Mary Lou Pallissard lit a candle in memory of Darrel "Buck" McClure*



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**Mary Lou Pallissard** - May 23, 2017 at 08:00 PM

TP

“ *So sorry to hear of Buck's passing. He was always such a great guy. We will sure miss him.*

*Condolences to the family,*

*Dawn West and Marita Wiltfang*

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**Tina Pourroy** - May 23, 2017 at 12:15 PM

JD

“ *Can still remember those 60's and the good times there on the old "square" and Buck's shop in the alley. Recall one night working late in the night Buck gas welding up a set of heddors on my car...using a coat hanger as a rod. I still have that Chevy engine, but heddors went with the car. Lots of fun in those days....sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Joe Davis** - May 22, 2017 at 02:37 PM

RC

*I'm sure I knew him. His name is very familiar to me. Condoleces to his family, I'll be sure to remember him in my prayers.  
Reverend Robert Conn, ULC*

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**ROBERT CONN** - June 29, 2017 at 03:00 PM

FM

“ Sympathies to the McClure family ! I knew Buck for many years and he was always a true gentleman ! We all lost a great guy !!  
*Fred Mancuso (Belson Steel Center)*

fred mancusp - May 21, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ You'll forever be in our hearts. Prayers to the family. ❤️  
Love,  
*Bill Bisailon and Mary*



Mary Meents - May 20, 2017 at 03:38 PM

DR

“ Buck was our neighbor at Almar Parkway. Then when he left the building my husband and I bought his condo. He was always there for us girls at Agente Staffing. He gave us great advice and strength when we needed it most. Buck was a great mentor. Thank you for being a part of my life. Always remembered.

Diane Richardson - May 20, 2017 at 03:03 PM

KR

“ My thoughts & prayers to the family. Heaven has truly gained yet another angel...



Kelly Rantz - May 20, 2017 at 02:57 PM

BW

“ So sorry to hear about Buck. We have many memories together since we knew each other since we were 17. The memories will last forever. RIP MY FRIEND. Benny and Patsy Williams

Benny Williams - May 20, 2017 at 02:06 PM

SG

"Buck took me to our 8th grade prom, the next contact was when BBCHS was having our 63 reunion. I am sorry I didn't go! but he was on FB and we talked occasionally. God Bless his wife and family! I know he missed Bucky so much, now they are together! RIP Buck I will never forget you, your family is in my prayers. Till we meet again, my friend!"

Susie (Roberts) Glen - May 22, 2017 at 06:26 PM

JF

“ To all the McClure Family our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
My sisters and I all grew up on your block and we knew the whole family and were treated like we were family.

While as a kid because of age differences I didn't know Buck that well but did get to know him in adulthood. Although I only got to see him on a few occasions I came to know that He was genuinely a wonderful person and he remembered the family and asked about them.

Such a sad loss for your family especially so close behind the loss of Gary .

We send our love.

Johnny and Jeannie Holt, Ruth Henson and Kay White



Johnny Holt (Henson Family) - May 20, 2017 at 11:13 AM

RD

“ *Your laughs and smiles will be greatly missed. May we find comfort in the memories*

Richard and Jeanie Darr - May 20, 2017 at 07:59 AM

Sheryl  
Roesemei

“ *Words can not express the memories you have left, your strength and love remains with us. Our prayers for comfort for the family .*



Sheryl Roesemeier - May 20, 2017 at 07:57 AM

RA

“ *Rest in peace my good friend and pilot buddy. You lived life to the fullest.  
All good memories. Randy Acker.*

Randy Acker - May 20, 2017 at 07:03 AM

KD

“ *Karen Denoyer lit a candle in memory of  
Darrel "Buck" McClure*



Karen Denoyer - May 19, 2017 at 09:30 PM

KE

“ I cannot not imagine a world with you not in it Uncle Buck. I will miss your smile and most of all how you are always there when people need you. Thank you so much for being with us when our dad was sick. We will be there for Aunt Dee and Shel and her family and I know you and Bucky and Grandpa and Grandma will be watching over all of us down here. Until we meet again 💕

Kelly McClure Edwards - May 19, 2017 at 08:22 PM

AM

“ Deepest sympathy Michelle



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DE

“ It's hard to know just what to say at this sad time because your loss is so great your love one was a blessing to you and so many others he will be missed in so many ways but even though no words can truly comfort you perhaps They can in some small way express the depth of care and concern that's felt for all of you now 🙏



Denise - May 19, 2017 at 03:32 PM

TP

“ There is nothing I can say except that Pat and I were truly blessed knowing Buck. From business to friendship you always knew where you stood. His love for his family was part of almost every conversation. His thoughts of Bucky and the loss left in his heart made him reach out to others in need. I am honored to have had my life's plan include such a wonderful man. Thank you Buck for reaching out when I lost my Mitch. You will be missed by many.. my hope is your with Bucky and you are able to tell my Mitch his mom misses and loves him so..Prayers and love for Diane and Michele and all of those who will miss you. Until we meet again, RIP my friend..RIP

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**Traci Power** - May 19, 2017 at 10:44 AM

KH

“ Diane and Michelle, I am so sorry for your loss. Buck was like a second father to me growing up. He was the reason I built my hot rod and never gave him the credit he deserved. Even though we have been separated by life, I still love you both. Know that father and son are now reunited and building one bad ass hot rod.

*Kevin Henderson*

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**Kevin Henderson** - May 18, 2017 at 10:01 PM



“ Buck : We only had one day to meet you on the golf course with your dear friend David Pinski. You were one of the most genuine, personable, and friendly people I have met in my life. It was as if you have known me & Zippy for 40 years. Sticking it to us, giving us grief, and helping us with our horrible golf skills. You will missed by everyone you came into contact with. Thank-You for telling me to stand still when trying T off. Family : words can not express our losses. Remember, Reminisce, and as Buck said stay out of the Rough .

Your friends Kelly & Zippy

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**Firm Talk** - May 18, 2017 at 07:37 PM

MG

“ I am so grateful to Buck for all of the messages he sent to me after my Daddy was killed in a 4 wheeler accident. For months he sent words of comfort and compassion to me. I could tell from his posts that he was the same kind of man that I had lost. Kind, strong and uplifting. Any time we lose men like this it is a tragedy that rocks the entire family. My prayers for strength and comfort to Michele and her mom her boys and Anthony. We love you.

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**Mackie Godwin** - May 18, 2017 at 06:27 PM

JS

“ On vacation and the girls at work notified me. So very sorry. All of us at Animal Wellness Center will miss him. The rainbow bridge is suddenly busy, happy place. Joey Schmelzer

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**Joey Schmelzer** - May 18, 2017 at 11:39 AM

PB

“ we are so sorry to hear this Buck was a very very like able person I first met Buck when I worked for Max at his Napa auto parts store and talk with him from time to time when we ran into him ,, are condolences to his wife and family , Phil and Cathy Boehm

phil & cathy boehm - May 18, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ I did not know this beautiful man only through my sister.. what she's shared so far I wish I could have known him.. Rest in peace Buck.. my sympathy to the family of this kind gentleman. Lori Meents

Lori Meents - May 18, 2017 at 10:31 AM



SW

“ Stephanie Wenzelman lit a candle in memory of Darrel "Buck" McClure

Stephanie Wenzelman - May 18, 2017 at 09:35 AM



MR

“ Buck was not only my cousin but my first 'best friend'. We walked together to the little store to buy candy with our pennies. We played in the mud to see what we looked like as black children. Later Buck stepped up to get rid of an annoying drunk at the Top Hat. Thanks for the memories Buck. Prayer for Diane, Michele, and family.

Marilyn Rice - May 18, 2017 at 07:38 AM

KR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a very generous and kind man who helped me out when I needed it most. I will never forget his smiling face at the football field. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

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**Kim Richey** - May 18, 2017 at 07:33 AM

LR

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of such a wonderful man. I remember talking to him at several animal adoption events and he was the nicest person. My thoughts and prayers go out to Michelle, Ryan, Mrs. McClure, and family.

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**Laura Spohrer Roney** - May 17, 2017 at 10:15 PM



“ Mary Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Darrel "Buck" McClure



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**Mary Calhoun** - May 17, 2017 at 09:07 PM

LN

“ Dear Diane and Michelle - my heart is full of emotion upon learning of the death of Buck. I feel truly blessed to have known him. Being so far away, I was able to keep in touch on Facebook. And his posts always made me smile. The posts I loved the most were the ones about the two of you. He loved you so. I know that he is with Bucky now and I know that they are going to be with you. Those two together - they will carry you when you feel lost. They will always make sure you feel their love, of that I have no doubt. Nothing I can say will ease your pain, but I hope knowing that I am thinking of you and praying for you and Michele's boys will bring some comfort. Buck was truly one of the best. I will miss him so. All my love and prayers are with you now.



To Buck - I am grateful that you were in my life. So grateful. I love you always, and I will miss you. Fly high with Bucky. I'm so glad you're reunited. Check in on me every now and then. You were both the best! ❤️❤️❤️

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Lisa Hickey Nazarovich - May 17, 2017 at 07:28 PM

DH

“ Like all, it was a real shock to hear of the passing of such a great human being. I have known Buck since the early 60's. Hanging out at the parking lot on the square , going to the drag races at Oswego drag strip etc.Although I move to Florida in 1975 and lost contact with Buck, I found him on facebook and we would chat on many different things and renew our long time friendship. This past January Buck was in town and my wife and I met up with Buck after 40 years, and had a great time. A few months later he was in town and I had lunch with him. About two weeks ago he was back in town and we went to a car show together. I am so lucky to have had such a great person as Buck to call a friend. Words can't not express my deep sorrow over our lost. My prayers are with Dee,Michele and the rest of his family. Farewell my friend, till we meet again. R.I.P.

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**Don Hilgert** - May 17, 2017 at 05:23 PM

AH

“ Thank you Buck for being who you were. Although I was never privileged to meet you in person, you left quite an impression on my heart as being a man of great integrity and giving. You always gave from your heart to everyone and we are all forever grateful and blessed for knowing you!



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**angie hasemeyer** - May 17, 2017 at 01:43 PM

KK

“ Buck, Judy just called me and wondered why we hadn't made it to the Ulrey house in Englewood, FL today to add those outlets you wanted. I told her I was going to email you because we were behind schedule and I wanted to make the appointment another day. Then she told me you had left us. The last thing you said to me was how sad you were that we never had our chat as planned. I am sad too. I met you on Valentine's Day of this year when I emailed you from the office and you called me that day. We learned a lot about each other in such a short time. I wish you love and peace because I know that is what you were longing for. I will always remember you Buck McClure, love Kathy

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**Kathleen Kallas** - May 17, 2017 at 01:41 PM

GK

You were always so kind and so generous to our grandparents raising grandchildren group. Thank you for caring. We are all so sad and we will miss you.

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**Glendal Kilbride** - May 17, 2017 at 08:13 PM

BR

“ My heart just breaks for Diane, Michele and the family....There will never be another Buck...He was apart of so many people's lives...when he saw you he ALWAYS smiled and gave you a hug...whenever he saw me at breakfast he would stop at the table...say "Hey...it's great to see you"...and then when I'd go pay for my breakfast they would tell me it had already been taken care of...He would leave before I could ever say Thank You...He will be missed so much!!! 😞😞

*Becky (Love) Runner*

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**Becky Runner** - May 17, 2017 at 01:34 PM

TJ

“ *The Tennison Family - Eric, Randee, Charli & John purchased the Cheryl's Classic Bakery Tower for the family of Darrel "Buck" McClure.*



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**The Tennison Family - Eric, Randee, Charli & John** - May 17, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ *Vicki Redmond lit a candle in memory of Darrel "Buck" McClure*



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**Vicki Redmond** - May 17, 2017 at 12:21 PM



*Our Sympathy goes out to Family and Friends Buck was the Best Sometimes I'D be sitting on my front porch he'd stop by for a chat and cigar He will be greatly missed by all Vicki and Bob Redmond*

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**Vicki Redmond** - May 17, 2017 at 12:31 PM

BN

“ *Marla,*

*Denise and I were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of your brother. You, Rick and the rest of your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Buddy & Denise Nichols*

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**Buddy Nichols** - May 17, 2017 at 12:04 PM



CG

*So sorry to hear of this. He was a Great person. He will be greatly loss. Prayers for the Family.*

**Cynthia Neff Guingrich** - May 17, 2017 at 01:19 PM

JP

*“BUCK YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED BY JIM AND I. SUCH A GREAT MAN AND A GREAT PERSON TO SO MANY PEOPLE. YOU WILL BE SADLY MISSED BUT WE KNOW YOU ARE WITH BUCKY!!! LEGACIES LIVE ON. RIP*

**JIM AND VICKI PATTERSON** - May 17, 2017 at 11:25 AM

MT

*“Prayers are with you in this sad loss to your family and the community. Buck will be remembered for his kindness and quite generosity. May God bring you peace and comfort.*

*Mary and John Thomson*

**Mary Thomson** - May 17, 2017 at 11:18 AM



*“So sorry for your loss..*

**Terri Boudreau** - May 17, 2017 at 11:13 AM



JL

“ Diane,Michelle and family,may you console and support each other in this very tragic time.Buck and I had quite a few visits in the last couple of years and I will remember those good moments as you also have many memories to save.My sincere condolences for your loss.Joe Lanoue

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**joe lanoue** - May 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM

CE

“ To Buck's family, I am so sorry for this great loss. Please go on as he would want you to. Let him continue to live thru your words and actions. I met Buck 2 years ago as our new landlord (Triad Financial Services) but in that short time he became a friend, one that cared about people, we should all take a minute to reflect on the way he treated people and take a page out of his book and do the same. I was truly blessed to cross his path in this life-thank you for all that you did for us at Triad and See you on the other side.....You will be missed. Cindy Eckhardt

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**cindy eckhardt** - May 17, 2017 at 10:43 AM

EC

“ You were truly one of a kind Buck. Michelle and I will miss you dearly.

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**Eric and Michelle Cyr** - May 17, 2017 at 10:19 AM

BR

“ RIP my Friend!! God gained a beautiful person!!

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**Bryan & Amy Roberts** - May 17, 2017 at 10:01 AM

JG

“ To all of Buck's loved ones, He was larger than life itself. There really are no words. Please accept my deepest condolences and prayers for healing as you have to go on without him. Much love, Jill Gershon

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**jill gershon** - May 17, 2017 at 10:01 AM

DD

“ We will really miss you my friend. You were a great guy. R.I.P.

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**Damon Denoyer** - May 17, 2017 at 09:29 AM