



James Timothy McClure

April 24, 1952 - March 10, 2026

James Timothy McClure, 73, of Watts, Oklahoma, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at his home. He was born April 24, 1952, to Elton and Lorraine McClure on Scott Air Force Base in Shiloh, Illinois. When his father passed while James was young, he immediately stepped up as the caretaker of his mother and siblings, Pegi and Mark. This spirit of taking care of others persisted throughout his life, as he became a beloved educator at Kansas and Leach Elementary Schools where he touched many students' lives and cemented himself as a pillar of the community painting murals, helping with renovations, and always providing comedic relief. James was preceded in death by his father, Elton James McClure; his mother, Lorraine Margaret Sherman McClure; his sister, Peggi McClure.

He is survived by his brother, Mark McClure of Yucaipa, California; his nephew, Aaron Alford of Bozeman, Montana; two nieces, Daniele McClure of Yucaipa, California, and Ariel McClure of Glendale, California.

A private direct burial is scheduled at Kansas Cemetery in Kansas, Oklahoma. A celebration of life is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Kansas Cemetery

Kansas Cemetery
Kansas, OK 74347

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Mac and I used to go see Dr David Jeremiah near San Diego around Christmas time. The decorations and the music were wonderful. One day when we going to our seats, a little girl exclaimed to her mom, Look mommy! There's Jesus and pointed at Mac. I whispered if she only knew... This was the only time I had ever seen him look a little embarrassed
It was so funny
Debbie his cousin

Debbie Stone - March 21 at 01:23 PM

CD

“ Mr. Jim was the absolute best teacher I've ever had we stayed in touch even after school going out to eat at the Harvest house and la hacienda he took me on a trip to Harley Davidson I got to see a bunch of bikes and meet a lot of people he also took me and a few other classmates on a field trip it was a lot of fun I'm gonna miss all the memories we had made together



Chloe Dollarhide - March 21 at 12:33 AM

ST

“ I sure am going to miss you my dear friend.

Stacey - March 20 at 11:23 PM

ST

“ *Stacey lit a candle in memory of James McClure*



Stacey - March 20 at 11:20 PM

JS

“ *jerry cheryl snell lit a candle in memory of James McClure*



jerry cheryl snell - March 20 at 02:01 AM

MF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Marcia L Fitzhorn - March 19 at 06:01 PM

MF

This picture is from 2019 when Mac brought his mother Lorraine to visit her brother Bill in Colorado. Traveling with a 96 year old woman was not easy, but Mac handled it with nonchalance and a lot of grace. It was the last time they saw each other in person but Mac was diligent about staying in touch. He really tried to do what was best for his mother!

I first met Mac when we were 12 years old. Then when I was 19, his beloved Uncle Bill married my mother, so I became a shirttail relative to Mac's family. In later years, when we kept the 2 siblings in touch with each other, we began to talk more. Mac often spoke about his efforts as a teacher to do the best for his students. He was proud when he learned his efforts had a positive outcome on his former students. Mac had a kind heart, loved his trucks, and could talk about obscure facts till the cows came home! I am glad to have known him and sorry for losing him too young.

Marcia L Fitzhorn - March 19 at 06:47 PM

MF

This is Mac when he brought his 96 year old mother, Lorraine, to visit her brother, Bill Shearman. It was the last time they saw each other in person, but Mac thought it was important and he handled their traveling in a truck from California to Colorado with a lot of grace. He made it fun for her and it was a joy to us all.

Marcia Fitzhorn - March 19 at 06:56 PM

DS

“ I remember when I first met u. U came to the house with ur brother mark. I was maybe 15 and u called me rosy. Lol. U will be missed.

Donna (ames) selvidge - March 18 at 08:35 PM

AB

“ Where to start back in elementary school I remember him I wasn't the smartest but he was my teacher most of the time lol I knew him and he loved them Harley Davison's, he thought me how to work and be a good person you will be missed MR.J McClure

Anthony j Blossom - March 17 at 04:38 PM

MI

“ We will surely miss Jim at the town of West Siloam Springs Town Hall. We enjoyed his contribution to the town by sitting on the city board. All us girls in the office will surely miss his weekly visits.

Mindy - March 17 at 02:40 PM

DG

“ We only knew him for 3 years and he was a very nice man and a great neighbor . We will miss our talks and your laugh.



Donald & Belinda Golden - March 17 at 02:24 PM

SM

“ I had the joy of knowing Mac for over 50 years. We shared a brief history. But have always remained friends. I know he's with our lord and Savior. Prayers to his family Susan

Susan Morgan - March 17 at 01:57 PM

CB

“ He was a good teacher, and I enjoyed seeing him and his mom. I will always remember him, n teach ing my son's. N talking to them. N asking bout them. Thank you Mr Jim...now go look for G.

Caroline Blossom - March 17 at 09:56 AM