



Rev. Karl Eldridge McClure

December 20, 1930 - March 25, 2017

Karl E. McClure

Beloved husband, father, Granddad, Dad-dad and brother, died of complications from brain cancer on March 25, 2017 at the age of 86. Born on December 20, 1930, Karl was the fourth of five sons of Morris B. and Lucia Smith McClure. Karl retired from the South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1993, having served several congregations as well as serving as chaplain at Methodist Hospital's Southeast Health Center in Indianapolis from 1972 through 1988. He was the Director of Fletcher Place Community Center 1988 - 1992. Karl sought justice, had a heart for the poor and was inclusive, having merged an all-white and an all-black church in Princeton, Indiana in 1970.

Karl was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Bruce and Alden, sisters-in-law Pat and Dotty, and daughter-in-law Carolyn. He is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Bonnie, children Karl McClure, Jr. and wife Vicki of Bloomfield, Indiana; Kirk McClure of Mesa, Arizona; Heather McClure Brown and husband Glenn of Knoxville, Tennessee; and Jennifer Moberly and husband Walter of Durham, England; grandchildren Sarah McClure, Shannon Schaffer, John-Paul Moberly and Rachel Moberly; brothers Paul McClure and wife Dotti, and Edwin McClure and wife Ann; and brother-in-law Keith Smith and wife Annette.

Karl had a beautiful tenor voice and enjoyed singing with the choir at Grace United Methodist Church. His favorite pastime was walking in a wooded area,

especially on the Franklin Greenways Trail.

A celebration of Karl's life will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at Wright Memorial Chapel, Franklin United Methodist Community, 1070 W. Jefferson, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wright Memorial Chapel of the Franklin United Methodist Community
1070 W. Jefferson Street
Franklin, IN

Tribute Wall

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“ *It was a joy to know Karl & Bonnie when I pastored the Whiteland Church. He certainly left a great legacy here in Indiana, & I'm grateful for the blessings they always brought me!*
Pastor Mike Seaney

Michael Seaney - March 28, 2017 at 08:35 AM