

DAVID M. McCLURE

March 29, 1939 – November 27, 2017 (Age 78)



David M. McClure, 78, a missionary, passed away Monday, November 27, 2017. He suffered a massive stroke on Thanksgiving Day and was flown by helicopter to a Kissimmee, Florida hospital where he passed away three days later.

David was born in Yawkey, West Virginia on March 29, 1939 to the late Alfie M. and Dorothy (Stone) McClure.

His family includes his wife of 58 years, Dorothy L. Midkiff McClure, son Reverend Terrance McClure, daughter Darlene Case, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The viewing and service were held on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the Riverside Baptist Church, 3333 North Riverside Avenue, Indialantic, Florida, followed by Army honors at the church. Bro. David's

son, Terry McClure and grandson, Joshua McClure officiated the service. WBF Mission Director, Bro. Joey Bacon and Dr. Howard Dean also had a part in the service. Interment took place at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

THANKFUL FOR HEAVEN

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On November 23rd, 2017 (Thanksgiving Day), as we gathered with family to give thanks, we received word that Missionary David McClure had suffered a massive stroke. Just a few days later, Monday, November 27th, 2017, Bro. David went home to be with the Lord. The following Thursday, November 30, 2017, family and friends across the globe gave thanks for Bro. David's legacy, and for the hope of heaven where he now resides and rejoices with His Savior Jesus Christ. God gave Bro. David 78 years of life on this earth, and much of that life was spent serving the Lord. He and Dottie had been married just a few weeks short of 58 years. They were approved as WBF missionaries in 1973. Their missionary journey began in Fiji, where they were not allowed to stay for very long. From there, God moved them to Indonesia, where the only vehicle they could afford during their first term was a motorcycle. Bro. David made countless trips on that motorcycle doing God's work, and often Dottie rode side saddle on the back. They later served in Jamaica for years, and then in Saipan, where the work continues today. Bro. David and Dottie were on their way to serve in Palau, but the people in Saipan begged them to stay. The funeral service for Bro. David was held at

Riverside Baptist Church, Indialantic, Florida. The service was streamed live through Facebook, and people from various parts of the world watched in appreciation for Bro. David teaching them, so they could teach others also. It was truly a celebration as the McClure family led us in singing some of Bro. David's favorite hymns. Bro. David's grandson Joshua and wife Amanda McClure sang a song entitled "I'll Stay True" in honor of Bro. David's faithfulness. Bro. David's son Terry McClure brought the message and gave a great tribute to his Dad as he presented the gospel. Bro. David received military honors for his service to our country, and his earthly tabernacle was laid to rest at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, Florida. At the graveside, Pastor Howard Dean reminded the family that we have not "lost" a loved one, but rather have simply "lost contact" with Bro. David. What a joy to know we will see Bro. David again soon and will rejoice as God rewards his faithfulness in reaching souls with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The question is asked in Proverbs 20:6 "Most men will proclaim every man his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" We believe Dottie found a faithful man in David McClure, and so did the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency, along with countless souls across the world impacted through their ministry. Dr. Tommy Raley described David McClure as being "persistent and consistent" Though God has moved the McClures to different fields, they have never skipped a beat. Please be in prayer for the family and especially Mrs. Dottie as she continues serving the Lord. And when we give thanks, may we remember to give thanks for faithful servants whose legacies remain, and for the hope of heaven where we will soon be "caught up together."