

Elmer 'Shorty' McClure

Elmer "Shorty" McClure, 93, of Bethel Church Road, Franklin, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at his residence.

He was a native of Clay County and the son of the late Alfred and Emma Nelson McClure. He was preceded in death by his wives, Willie Sue Davenport McClure, Elsie Cabe Ledford McClure and Reba Slagle Miller McClure; a son, Harold Monroe McClure; three brothers and one sister.

He was a farmer and of the Baptist faith. In earlier years, he worked on construction of the Fontana Dam and worked in the Dravo Shipyard in Dover, Del., and Newport News, Va. He was employed by the N.C. Department of Transportation bridge crew and his first project was the Nickajack Bridge, which now spans the Little Tennessee River on the Greenway. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, the family said.

He is survived by a daughter, Jo Ann McClure Franklin and husband Phillip of Mt. Holly; a son, David Allen McClure and wife Janice of Franklin; a daughter-in-law, Joan McClure of Cumming, Ga.; two sisters, Elive Mull and Eulene Grant, both of Hayesville; two brothers, Walter McClure of Seneca, S.C., and L.D. McClure of Westminster, S.C.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 a.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home. Rev. John Rogers officiated.

Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery in Hayesville. Grandsons, great-grandsons and grandsons-in-law served as pallbearers.

The family received friends Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Angel Home Health and Hospice, c/o Angel Medical Center, 170 Church St., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

An online memorial video is available by visiting www.MeM.com. Online sympathy messages may be sent by visiting www.bryantfuneralhomes.com.

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