



## Mr. Willie McClure Sr.

January 17, 1947 - February 12, 2026

MCCLURE, Mr. Willie Sr. - Age 79, passed away Thursday, February 12, 2026, at University of Michigan Medical Center- Ann Arbor. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, February 16, 2026, at Word of Life Christian Church, 460 W. Atherton Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Delrico Loyd, Host Pastor, Dr. Willie L. McClure Jr., Eulogist. Entombment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at church 10:00 AM Monday. Mr. McClure will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM with family present from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM to receive friends.

Mr. Willie Leon McClure, Sr., affectionately known as “Big Willie,” was a devoted father, beloved brother, trusted friend, and a man whose strength, humor, and steady presence left a lasting imprint on everyone who knew him. On Thursday, February 12, 2026, God, in His infinite wisdom, called him from earthly labor to eternal rest.

Born on January 17, 1947, in Curtis, Arkansas, Willie was the son of the late Robert and Clara (Macon) McClure. Raised in a large and loving family of siblings, cousins, and neighbors, Willie’s early life was rooted in discipline, hard work, and faith. At an early age, Willie accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized at Mt. Friendship Baptist Church in Curtis. After relocating to

Flint, he became a member of Heavenly Host Baptist Church. Later, he joined House of Prayer Baptist Church and eventually became a member of Word of Life Christian Church.

In 1964, Willie graduated from then-segregated Peake High School in Arkadelphia, AR, continuing the academic legacy of his older siblings. Recognizing his strong analytical mind and natural aptitude for mathematics and mechanics, he pursued technical training in Brick Masonry at the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal (AM&N) College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He later furthered his education at C.S. Mott Community College and entered the Millwright Skilled Trades program through General Motors Institute (now known as Kettering). In 1979, he earned certification as a Journeyman Millwright at Flint “Chevy in the Hole.” Known for his ability to interpret complex blueprints and diagnose intricate mechanical failures, Willie developed a reputation as someone who could solve problems others could not. After more than twenty years of dedicated service, he retired in 1991.

Yet while his professional accomplishments were significant, Willie’s greatest joy was found in fatherhood and family. Welcoming his youngest son later in life, he embraced that season with patience, wisdom, and intentional presence. He attended every event, volunteered at school functions, and offered steady encouragement throughout each season. The bond they shared grew into one of profound closeness and daily connection. He stood proudly as Best Man at Willie Jr. and Alexis’ wedding, and enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters, Ava Michelle Grace and Averie Leigh. Willie enjoyed life in simple but meaningful ways. He looked forward to his annual wine-making projects, road trips with his brothers back to Arkansas, and gardening. At home, he could rarely resist the opportunity to fix something, whether fully qualified for the repair or not. Armed with determination and confidence, he was often accompanied by his trusted

"apprentice," neighbor, and son, Fonda. They would tackle projects with enthusiasm and tenacity, even if it meant learning as they went. Those moments were less about perfection and more about time spent together.

Known by his sons as "Daddy," he possessed a presence that could fill a room. His humor was sharp, his storytelling effortless, and his laughter contagious. He valued family gatherings, good conversation, and maintaining close ties to those who mattered most. He enjoyed hosting holidays and preparing large spreads featuring recipes passed down from his mother, many of which he later shared with his oldest son, Mark of whom he was exceptionally proud. Though thousands of miles away, Daddy trusted Mark to advocate for and elevate the family.

The bond he shared with his siblings was rooted in lifelong loyalty and unwavering respect. One of the most treasured relationships of his life was with his sister and best friend, Mattie. Their bond was unshakable. They spoke on the phone regularly, sharing updates, laughter, memories, and encouragement. If one knew something, the other soon would.

While his earthly chapter has closed, his love, strength, and devotion will continue in the lives of those who loved him most. Willie leaves to cherish his memory: his children; Mark W. Jackson of West Memphis, AR; Fonda Ray (Tamika Jackson) McClure of Flint, MI; Willie (Alexis) McClure Jr. of Ann Arbor, MI; and Grasa McClure of Davison, MI. He also embraced Lamont Jackson, Tony Jackson, Christopher Hamilton, and Elizabeth Jackson (deceased) as his own and their children

He leaves his grandchildren: Crystal (Alan Sr.) Shearon; Monique Jackson; Fonda Ray Jackson, Jr.; Ja'Juan Smith; Tyrone Cox, Jr.; Ava McClure; Averie

McClure; Kycair Grandberry; Kymir Grandberry and great-grandchildren: Alexandria Chapman-Isadore; Eldridge Ross; Arianya Ross; Nathan Chapman; Alyssa Chapman Martin; Aubrey Shearon; Alan Shearon Jr.; Kensington Jackson; Declan Jackson; Faith Jackson; and Daylen Wright who all brought immense joy. He is also survived by his beloved sisters, Mattie Bailey of Curtis, AR, and June McClure-Lee of Flint, MI; sisters-in-law, JoAnn McClure of Hot Springs, AR, Mary McClure and Ellie McClure, of Curtis, AR; brother-in-law, Landon Martin, of Flint, MI; mothers of his children, former wife Felicia McClure and Melbra Allen-Jackson; cherished friends Michael Williams, Sam Williams, and Leon Miller; and a host of nieces and nephews too numerous to name but deeply treasured.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Clara McClure; sisters Rosie Norman and Ollie Vera Martin; brothers Joe McClure Sr., James McClure, Robert McClure, Ferman McClure, and Charles McClure; brothers-in-law Paul Bailey, Booker Norman, and Clarence Lee; sister-in-law Ophia McClure; great-grandson Ashton Glover; and dear friends Donald Williams, L.T. Tidwell, and Patricia Moody.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Life Christian Church  
460 W. Atherton Road  
Flint, MI 48507

## Service

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FEB **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Life Christian Church  
460 W. Atherton Road  
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# Tribute Wall

VD

“ *Verdell Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Verdell Duncan** - February 22 at 12:53 AM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Christine Brown** - February 19 at 09:27 AM

CJ

“ *Chris Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Chris Jones** - February 18 at 06:45 PM

LW

“ Sending my deepest condolences and sympathy to the family. God will give you comfort, strength and peace during this time of grief.

*Love and Hugs,  
Lula R. Woodard*



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**Lula Woodard** - February 16 at 11:45 PM

LC

“ Lois Ann Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



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**Lois Ann Cunningham** - February 16 at 05:42 PM

LC

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**Lois Ann Cunningham** - February 16 at 05:41 PM

LC

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**Lois Ann Cunningham** - February 16 at 05:41 PM

MB

“ *Marvin Benton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Marvin Benton** - February 16 at 12:37 PM

DR

“ *So sorry for your loss we were good friends... I'm at a loss for words. I will miss my Friend*

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**Donna Robinson** - February 16 at 11:26 AM

TC

“ *Praying for you and your family Dr. McClure.*

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**Terese Taylor Cole** - February 16 at 11:03 AM

TC

“ *Praying for you and your family Dr. McClure.*

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**Terese Taylor Cole** - February 16 at 10:40 AM

BN

“ *Barbara Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Barbara Nesbitt** - February 15 at 11:24 PM

MF

“ Michigan PCCM Fellows planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie McClure Sr..

Michigan PCCM Fellows - February 15 at 09:15 PM

MF

“ Michigan PCCM Fellows purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Willie McClure Sr..



Michigan PCCM Fellows - February 15 at 09:14 PM

SC

“ Mark and family, I'm very sorry for your lost. Willie always had a bright smile upon his face every time I got the chance to see him. Rest in peace, you will be greatly missed.

You're Friend Shon



Shon Coffee - February 15 at 04:23 PM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



David & Dana Bush - February 15 at 02:15 PM

JK

“ *Condolences & prayers for Dr. McClure & Family.*



**Julie Koger** - February 15 at 02:15 PM

HC

“ *Hazel Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



**Hazel Carter** - February 15 at 02:12 PM

VH

“ *Valerie Humphries lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



**Valerie Humphries** - February 15 at 02:11 PM

MD

“ *Min. Shelton Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



**Min. Shelton Davis** - February 15 at 12:37 PM

MP

“ *My sympathy and condolences to the family.*

Michael Prieur - February 15 at 11:21 AM

AN

“ *Sending Our Condolences To Dr. Willie McClure Jr. & Alexis 🙏🙏 & Family,*



Adrienne Niles - February 15 at 02:23 AM

MF

“ *Moore Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



Moore family - February 14 at 11:35 PM

JF

“ *Janice Womack & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



Janice Womack & Family - February 14 at 07:13 PM

DM

“ *Dennis Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Dennis Martin** - February 14 at 06:08 PM

AS

“ *Rest in Paradise*



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**Alesia Summers-Peaks** - February 14 at 03:11 PM

TM

“ *The children of Theo and Mattie McClure. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie McClure Sr..*

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**The children of Theo and Mattie McClure.** - February 14 at 02:45 PM

TM

“ *The children of Theo and Mattie McClure. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie McClure Sr..*



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**The children of Theo and Mattie McClure.** - February 14 at 02:45 PM

DJ

“ You will truly be missed



Dorothy & Brandon Jones - February 14 at 02:35 PM

MW

“ Keeping the McClure family uplifted in prayer.  
The Rett-Wheeler Family



Melva Wheeler - February 14 at 01:53 PM

LT

“ Linda Townsend-Booth lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



Linda Townsend-Booth - February 14 at 01:43 PM



“ Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



Sheila Johnson-Toins - February 14 at 12:26 PM

MR

“ *MARLITA Ann Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**MARLITA Ann Rhodes** - February 14 at 11:41 AM

CS

“ *CCMU nursing staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Willie McClure Sr..*



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**CCMU nursing staff** - February 14 at 10:41 AM

LB

“ *To our family, Mark, Fonda, Will Jr., Mattie, we are so sorry about Willie. He was a good man! I will never forget that smile, larger than life. May the Lord cover you in His good grace and give you strength. May He wrap you in His loving arms, wipe your tears and comfort you. May the many precious memories of Willie give you peace. May he rest in the bosom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



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**Linda and Richard Black** - February 14 at 09:34 AM

GR

“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. It was lovely to see how well-loved he was and is.*

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**Gretchen Ramey** - February 14 at 08:19 AM

DS

“ Mark, Fonda, and Will you all have my condolences. Your dad was an awesome man and I am so grateful to have known him. He was a life saver in our time of need and my family is praying for you all.

Darrel & Lesa Simpson - February 14 at 03:55 AM

EJ

“ My friend My cousin!! I of the best men I ever met. Classmate , always remember my friend rip! 🙏🙏

Eddie Pennington jr - February 14 at 12:32 AM

VW

“ Sending prayers and love to the McClure Family. We are here for you.



Velma Williams - February 13 at 09:26 PM

JK

“ Condolences and prayers 🙏 for the McClure family.

Julie Koger - February 13 at 07:59 PM

SL

“ Sam And Lisa Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



Sam and Lisa Lee - February 13 at 07:42 PM

MC

“ *Condolences to the McClure Family.  
Kenneth & Phyllis McClure*



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**McClure** - February 13 at 07:33 PM

FT

“ *Fonda & Tamika lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Fonda & Tamika** - February 13 at 04:23 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Barbara Lakes** - February 13 at 04:05 PM

NJ

“ *Nancine Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Nancine Jackson** - February 13 at 01:12 PM

DH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Dr. Willie and family in the loss of your beloved one.*



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**Deborah Harris** - February 13 at 11:46 AM

CC

“ *My condolences to Dr. Willie McClure, Jr. and family for the passing of your father.*



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**Clarence Campbell** - February 12 at 11:58 PM

VH

“ *Valerie Humphries lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Valerie Humphries** - February 12 at 11:58 PM

CG

“ *Sending sincere heartfelt condolences love, hugs, and prayers to Dr. Willie and the entire family.*



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**Carol Gardner** - February 12 at 05:31 PM

JT

“ Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - February 12 at 04:27 PM

VW

“ Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



Velma Williams - February 12 at 02:41 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



Yvonne Tidwell - February 12 at 02:09 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer J.Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.



Jennifer J.Johnson - February 12 at 01:59 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Sandy Neal** - February 12 at 01:15 PM

RC

“ *Rahsheem Covington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie McClure Sr.*



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**Rahsheem Covington** - February 12 at 01:01 PM