



Jewel Kenneth "Kenny" McClure

November 14, 1944 - February 17, 2025

Mr. Jewel Kenneth "Kenny" McClure, 80, of Rusk, Texas, passed away February 17, 2025 surrounded by his four children.

Kenny was born in Jacksonville, Texas on November 14, 1944 to Jewel Marsh and Dorothy Black McClure.

Kenny was the son of a preacher and a teacher. He moved frequently in his childhood making friends wherever he went. He was known for his friendly nature. From the time he was a child he had a horse, this love of horses continued for his entire life. He gentle trained horses and shared his love of horses with his family and anyone he met.

He was married to the love of his life Barbara, and together raised a beautiful family. Kenny was a devoted husband, and spent every waking moment with Barbara. The legacy of love he leaves behind will be felt by his children and their children and their children's children. One example of this love, Kenny would leave poems on the dining room table for his wife Barbara. The poems always started with "roses are red, violets are blue". The casket spray reflects the poems with the use of roses and violets. As a father, Kenny spent countless hours coaching, playing, coloring and spending time outdoors with his children. Kenny and Barbara loved taking the grandchildren to festivals, markets, parades, and other events.

When speaking of Kenny, people often say that he changed their life. He was a peacemaker, an encourager, and a devout Christian man.

Kenny is preceded by his wife of 47 years Barbara and his parents.

He is survived by son Kenneth Almond "Ken" McClure and wife Billie Jo McClure, daughter Tania "Millie" McClure, daughter Angela "Angie" Berry and husband Stephen, daughter Tamara "Tammy" Greene and husband Chad. Grandchildren Elizabeth "Libby" Berry and husband Lucas, Jack Berry, Kelsey MaQuar and husband Braydon, Colton Greene and wife Sarah, and Caden Greene.

Granddaddy's Great-Grandchildren: Harrison and Francis Greene, Josette and Beaux Jewel-Michael MaQuar. Bonus great-grandkids Ty, Karlie, Masyn, Straton, Kyleigh, Harlee and Easton.

Siblings Dwain McClure, Dottie Norton, and Johnny McClure.

A time of visitation will be held Thursday, the 20th, 10 AM at First Baptist Church Rusk, Texas. Funeral Services will follow at First Baptist at 11 AM, Bro. Brian Givens officiating. Interment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Chad Greene, Stephen Berry, Colton Greene, Jack Berry, Braydon MaQuar and Lucas Osborne.

Honorary pallbearers are Jerry Mayes, David Grogan, Philip Powers, Ronnie Travis, Harold Shephard, Dwain McClure, Johnny McClure, Andrew Sunday School Class, and the Rusk High School 1963 football team.

The family would like to thank his special caregivers Diana Magers, Mollie Dafft and the entire staff of Compassionate Care, Kara Northern and the staff of Kindful Health Hospice. Services are under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery
Rusk, TX 75785

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Rusk
372 E 4th St
Rusk, TX 75785
(903) 683-5494

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 27 files added to the tribute wall



Ken McClure - February 20, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ 63 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home - February 19, 2025 at 08:47 PM

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“ My mom and I have discussed many times over the years about how precious of a man Mr. Kenny was. He was just the kindest, most gentle soul. I will never forget how kind he was to me as a young girl who loved horses. He let me breed my mare to one of his beautiful studs...for free of course. I remember walking into his stalls and it was magical to me at that age. His horses seemed like they were 20 hands tall and a mile wide. I can picture it vividly still today and that was probably 35 years ago. Memories like that and men like Mr. Kenny are hard to come by. He will be missed dearly. Love - Holly Holcomb Lovell

Holly Lovell - February 19, 2025 at 04:24 PM

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“ Cody and Alex Conner/Jim and Karen Perry purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Jewel Kenneth "Kenny" McClure.



Cody and Alex Conner/Jim and Karen Perry - February 19, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ 126 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home - February 19, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White was purchased for the family of Jewel Kenneth "Kenny" McClure.



February 19, 2025 at 10:10 AM

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“ Kenny was a very special person. I had the pleasure of helping care for him while he was at The Arbors. My life is better for knowing him!

Sandie Thomason - February 18, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ So many memories of Kenny and Barbara. I know they are delighted to be reunited. My thoughts with all of you.

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