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James William (Bill) McClure of Puxico, Missouri, the son of the late John James Thomas and Ruby Mae (Barnes) McClure, was born near Mingo, Missouri, on March 16, 1944, and passed from this life peacefully at his home in Puxico on July 27, 2023, at the age of 79.

Bill lived in the Southeast Missouri area the majority of his life. Bill was a proud U.S. Army Veteran, a member of the First Baptist Church of Puxico, held a Bachelor's Degree in education and was a retired school teacher from Poplar Bluff Schools. He was a former member of the School Board and served on the Berry-Glenn Historical Museum board. Bill enjoyed golfing, rabbit hunting, traveling, watching westerns and listening to music. He always enjoyed keeping his yard looking nice. Most important to him was spending time with his family, especially spoiling those grandkids.

Bill married Diane Holloway on August 26, 1972, in Puxico, Missouri.

Bill is survived by his wife (Diane) of the home; one son, Ryan (Mahala) McClure of Scott City, Missouri; two daughters, Amanda (Brandon) McMillan and Jacquelyn (Dustin) Hodges all of Puxico; one brother, Larry McClure (Little John) of Puxico ; one sister, Beverly McClure of Puxico; six grandchildren, Parker Hodges, Grant McMillan, Luke McMillan, Griffin Hodges, Ruby Jean Hodges and Oaklen McClure; as well as a host of family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruby; two brothers, David and Johnny Franklin McClure; one sister, Joyce Coleman.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 31, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel In Puxico, Missouri, with funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2023, with Pastor Marshall Link officiating.

Interment will follow at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri, with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Berry-Glen Historical Museum in honor of Bill McClure.

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