



## Dennis C. McClure

September 22, 1948 - September 28, 2021

Dennis Clark McClure, 73, passed away September 28, 2021.

A native of Battle Creek, Michigan, son of Jean Williams McClure of Mesick, Michigan, and the late Glenn McClure, he was a U.S. Army Veteran, a retired employee of Johnson Controls and attended Woodruff Road Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

Surviving are his wife, Christine Marie Timberlake McClure of the home; three sons, Mike McClure (Michelle) of Richmond, Virginia, Ben Schmidt of Belmont, North Carolina, and Matt McClure (Carmen) of Earth Haven, North Carolina; two daughters, Karen Ponder (Clay) of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Kirsten Snow (Mark) of Brazil, Indiana; three brothers, Buster McClure, Pat McClure, and Mike McClure; four sisters, Shirley Myers (Don), Mandy Gibson, Kathy Weber (Andy), and GiGi McClure; and nine grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held 2:00pm Monday, October 11, 2021 at Woodruff Road Christian Church, 20 Bell Road, Greenville, SC 29607 conducted by Chris Wise with webcasting available at <https://youtu.be/RWz1WE7JJtE>.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodruff Road Christian Church  
20 Bell Road  
Greenville, SC 29607

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I just found the notice on the website of Dennis's passing. I did so enjoy our interactions regarding Alaska, and WWII research. You both did such a fantastic amount of research that will educate future generations.

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I am sending comforting thoughts and prayers for your peace as you mourn his loss. Our paths only crossed for a brief moment. I'm so grateful that they did.*

*Love to you and your family.*

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**Daphne Hayes** - April 13, 2022 at 02:17 AM

JH

“ I just heard about Dennis's passing and am shocked and saddened. I so enjoyed working on his manuscript about the Alaska Highway and hope that you'll be able to continue to get it published. Although I only knew him through email, he seemed like a truly exceptional man.

*Jill R. Hughes  
the editor's mark*

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**Jill Hughes** - December 05, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis C. McClure.



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October 08, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis C. McClure.*



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October 07, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis C. McClure.*



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October 07, 2021 at 09:48 AM

SP

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Dennis’s passing. Our paths crossed in life as I was searching the web for information about my father, Samuel Hargroves, and his WWII military unit, the 93rd Engineers. Following that post, Dennis and I connected by email, phone, and later via a visit to my parents home in Richmond, VA. We met Chris, and Dennis & my father spoke at length about his experiences in WWII.



Dennis paid also tribute to my father on his 100th birthday in a special post, and also captured his story on the website created by he and Chris to honor WWII soldiers.

Dennis was always friendly and always considerate of others’ feelings about how he portrayed their love one’s historical experience.

He entered my parents’ home with a smile on his face, and you could detect his warmth for humanity in his heart.

He will be missed.

Shirl H. Leverett, Ph.D

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Shirl H. Leverett, Ph.D. - October 07, 2021 at 08:23 AM

SM

Dennis was fascinated with your father. I'm glad their life's paths crossed.

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Shirley myers - October 07, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis C. McClure.*



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October 06, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis C. McClure.*



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October 05, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Deepest condolences from your YMCA family. Dennis was just in class on Tuesday-- living out a normal day-- so we are very shocked. I loved the fact that you always came to classes together as a couple and encouraged each other during classes. Our group mourns with you. You guys were peanut butter and jelly--just shouldn't have to be separated. Chris--we are here when you need us. We love you and will miss your sweet man very much. It's been an honor to cross his path.*  
*Stephanie Barry*

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**Stephanie Barry** - October 03, 2021 at 02:35 PM

KD

“ *My wife Marilyn has here fully expressed our deep admiration of Denny as father.*

*Let me add something that perhaps seems odd:*

*Judge a man by the compliment that really truly means something to him, that makes him beam:*

*Denny had long nagged me to read John Steinbeck's magnificent novel, Cannery Row. Eventually I did, and I promptly called him to tell him that "Doc" reminded me of my good friend, Denny.*

*Denny was stunned, and deeply pleased.*

*If you never have, do read this novel, and enjoy classic Denny in Steinbeck's "Doc."*

*What a good man we have lost!*

*Ken Dahl*

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**Ken Dahl** - October 02, 2021 at 07:23 PM

MD

“ I first met Dennis – or Denny, as we called him - 51 years ago, when we were new grad students at Cornell University. Although about the same age, Denny was already a grown-up, married with children, while I was still very much a student finding her way on her own for the first time. In that first-year class of Government grad students Denny, Ken (to whom I've now been married for 48 years) and I were drawn together, perhaps because we all came from families of very modest means, where we were the first in the family to go to college, much less grad school. I admired many things about Denny at Cornell, but most of all how he showed us what it was to be a good father to Kirsty and Karen. When we later had our children, Sam and Joel, born about the same time as Denny's sons Mike and Matt, we often used to say that, if anything happened to us, we'd want Denny to raise our young sons. After we all left Cornell, we went in very different directions and saw each other very infrequently. But we stayed in regular contact. For very different reasons, none of us got our Ph.D.'s from Cornell, but in Denny's case, he actually finished his doctoral dissertation, but decided in a grand gesture not to bother submitting it and getting the degree. He'd found himself and his place in the world in western North Carolina, and an academic Ph.D. just didn't fit in to that life. I so admired that about Denny! I am also very glad that Denny and Chris came to visit us a few years ago after I retired and we moved to Down East Maine, and that we got to see each other face-to-face again. And I was thrilled with the success of the new chapter they started in their lives, writing about the long-forgotten role of black soldiers in building the Alaskan highway. Learning of Denny's sudden passing was a real shock, but I hope it is some consolation to Chris and the rest of the family that so loved him that he was living his life to the fullest right to the very end.

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Marilyn Dahl - October 02, 2021 at 08:54 AM

AN

“ Dearest Chris,  
Deepest and heartfelt condolences from our family. We love your and Dennis' enthusiasm and devotion to the LORD! Praise God for his rich and full life.  
Sincerely,  
Andrea Hargette

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**Andrea** - October 01, 2021 at 03:34 PM

FB

“ Dear Chris.,  
Wow! Words cannot express the shock and hurt that we are experiencing from the loss of a dear and devoted friend. Yes, he was truly our dear and devoted friend. One to whom we will always hold near and dear to our heart.

*Personally, I felt comfortable being around him as a dear and close friend. I loved his upbeat attitude on life. I will miss my dear friend and soul brother. I can never thank him again for his tireless and unceasing efforts in presenting to the world the contribution my father and the African American soldier played in the building of the Alaskan Highway.*

*Thank you my friend ! Thank you.*

*Fred and Bonnie Bryson*

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**Fred Bryson** - October 01, 2021 at 01:58 PM

DA

“ My dear friend Chris, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet husband. My prayers are for all the great memories to come flooding back to you and all the family. I would love to see you. May God bless.

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**Donna Ammons** - October 01, 2021 at 07:28 AM

NA

“ My condolences to the McClure family on the passing of Dennis. It was his humorous ad that brought this blog to my attention and had me sign up. The last 2 years have been very informative with many happy, and some sad, stories. Thank you for this opportunity to enjoy the history that is this part of this land.

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**Nigel Atkinson** - September 30, 2021 at 10:07 PM

GR

“ Please accept my condolences. I lived in both The Yukon and Alaska for 40 years, and Dennis' postings always made me feel at home somehow. I both learned a lot from him and also rekindled many memories of my time up North. I will miss his work.  
Gerry Romanczak

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**gerry romanczak** - September 30, 2021 at 04:11 PM

MM

“ My name is Marlene Magill, from Acton, Ontario, Canada. I have looked forward to Dennis blog on Stories from Canada and Alaska for a long time. His stories have always been very interesting. I shall miss them. Thank you Dennis

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**Marlene Magill** - September 30, 2021 at 02:06 PM

JF

“ Sincere condolences. Dennis's Alaska Highway stories were a breath of fresh air to this 17-year resident of Alaska. God bless and comfort the family.

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**Jim Feeney** - September 30, 2021 at 01:59 PM