



## Richard McClure

August 3, 1945 - January 11, 2018

Richard Murl McClure, 72, a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and brother, of Charlotte, died Thursday, January 11, 2018. He was born August 3, 1945 in Jackson to Lester and Mary (Coats) McClure. Richard was a Charlotte High School graduate in 1964. Following graduation; he went to work for Oldsmobile for 30 years, retiring in 1994. On October 15, 1966 Richard married his best friend Suzy Priesman and together they spent 51 years devoted to one another. He was a crop and cattle farmer on the family's 40 acres and custom combined throughout Eaton County. Richard loved flying and also riding his Harley. Something that he was extremely proud of was earning his pilot's license. Some of his most favorite days were spent in the air towing gliders aloft in Marshall and Ionia. Other hobbies that Richard loved were fishing, hunting, playing guitar, scuba diving, and constructing wood and metal into art pieces. Richard was strong in his faith, and a devoted Christian. He will be remembered by many for being a gifted conversationalist and a jack of all trades who could fix anything. Above all Richard was most proud of his family and his family roots.

He is survived by wife, Suzy; daughters, Charissa (Jim) LeClear, and Desiree (Rick) Peña; grandchildren, Cody (Shannon) Peña, Caleb Peña, Amber (Mikey Tokar) LeClear, Christian Peña, Hunter LeClear and Kiara Peña. and great-grandchildren, Wynter Peña, Eva Tokar and Ravyn Peña; sisters, Bonnie (Leroy) Sedore, Carole Francisotty, Stephanie (Dennis) Baker, Diane

(Tim) Maynard, and Tyfanie Garity. Richard is predeceased by his parents, Lester and Wanda McClure, and Mary Hawkins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Deanne Moore officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The National Autism Association. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Richard on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com) . The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813



DS

*A beautiful tribute to my dear cousin, Dick McClure.*

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**Dennis Squires** - January 27, 2018 at 03:19 PM

SA

“*Dear Suzy and girls what a beautiful service and I wish I was there to hug you all. I have been praying and will continue to lift you all up in prayer and know if there is anything I can do please let me know. Suzy, Dick was one of the best examples of a husband and a father could be. What a legacy he has left behind and He was there for me when I needed him and now I know he is in heaven praying and cheering us on to fight the good fight. I have the best brother-in law ever. I miss you Dicky Bird*

*Love you*  
*Sandra*

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**sandra** - January 19, 2018 at 03:48 PM

CW

“*I enjoyed every chance i got to spend with Uncle Dick. Whether we were out in the boat fishing or at their house just chatting there was never a dull moment with him. I loved it every time he took me fishing it was always a blast! I learned alot from my Uncle Dick and I will hold my time I was able to spend with him very dearly. I love and miss you Uncle Dick!!!*

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**Cole-James Wells** - January 19, 2018 at 02:57 PM

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“ 2 of my fondest memories of Uncle Dick revolve around truck driving. He took me to work with him one day when I was like 8 or 9. I remember staying the night at his house and I was so excited to go with him I could hardly sleep. We got up when it was still dark, and ran auto parts back and forth between Lansing and Flint. He was over there in his nice air ride seat, and I was in the passenger seat going up and down old bumpy I-69 all day. All I wanted to do all day was be able to blow the air horn. When we got back to the yard at the end of the day he let me come over to the driver's side and blow the horn. Oh what a happy kid I was that day.

The other memory was in 2007 I think, I was driving truck for Swift, Cassie was with me on the road, we were driving east bound on I-80 thru Iowa. A car passed me and got about 4 car lengths in front of me then started backing off, I thought "what is this car doing?" The car got right beside me and I looked down and there was Uncle Dick sitting in the passenger seat just waving up a storm at me with a big ol'smile on his face. He called me a few minutes later to tell me he was on his way back from delivering a fire truck out west some where. He had passed me and told the guy he was riding with that he thought they had just passed his nephew and asked him to back off so he could see if it was me.

I'll miss you Uncle Dick and I'll see you again one day.

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Dustin - January 18, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 18, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ Aunt Bea and family purchased the *Serene Retre* at for the family of *Richard McClure*.



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**Aunt Bea and family** - January 17, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richard McClure*.



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January 17, 2018 at 08:01 AM

SA

“ Love the times he took my son Cole-James fishing and creating memories for him that he will never forget. You were a great uncle to him and a special brother-in law to me Dicky Bird. Will see you in Heaven. I love you Sandra.

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**sandra** - January 16, 2018 at 12:40 PM

AC

“ Dick was in the class ahead of me, but I remember him well because he was a childhood friend of my brothers, Jim and Pat Slaughter. He was at our house often with their other neighborhood buddy, Butch (Butchie) Saunders. In our elementary school and junior high days we called him Dickie McClure. Suzy, I am so sorry for your loss.

*Ann Slaughter Catchick  
CHS Class of 1965*

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**Ann Slaughter Catchick** - January 15, 2018 at 07:04 AM

BO

*I am so sorry for your loss Suzy. It does not seem possible that Dick could be gone so soon. The big smile and being a joker, will always remind me of him. He certainly did a lot in his life and I am sure it will be difficult on the whole family.*

*My prayers and best wishes are with you and your family.*

*Beth Ronning OReilly*

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**Beth Ronning OReilly** - January 15, 2018 at 04:15 PM

PS

“ One of the kindest people i have ever met

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**Pegi miller sanchez** - January 15, 2018 at 05:23 AM