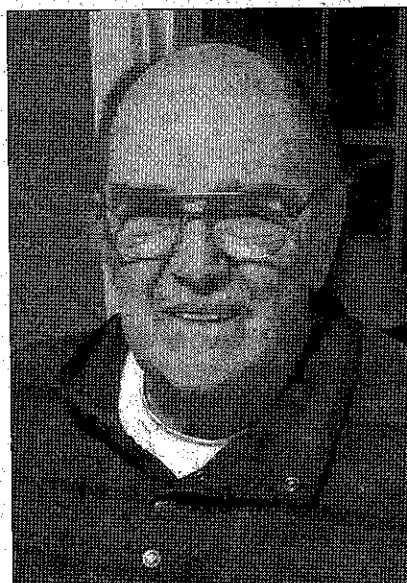


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Harold 'Max' McClure



Harold "Max" McClure, 83, of Grinnell and formerly of Tama, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at his home.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 9, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Tama with Father Dennis Conway presiding. Interment with military honors followed at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Tama.

Memorials may be designated to the Grinnell Police Department and Grinnell Fire Department, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Max's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Harold Max McClure was born April 19, 1936, in Belmond, Iowa, to Roy Manford McClure and Eva Theil McClure. He was raised on the family farm east of Belmond and was educated at country schools near his home and Belmond public schools.

Max honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. On May 4, 1957, he was united in marriage with Helen Marie McNulty in Belmond. The couple moved to California shortly after the birth of their son, Marc, and Max was employed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA). They moved back to Tama, Iowa, in the early 1970s and together owned and operated McClure Agri-Systems. He also drove for Alan Ritchey hauling mail, where he received the safety award for 12 consecutive years and over a million miles of accident-free driving. Max and Helen were longtime members of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Tama. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, where he was a past president, treasurer and trustee. He will be remembered as a hard worker, outdoorsman, and family man.

Survivors include his two children, Marc McClure of Osage, Iowa, and Eva M. Schroeder of Portland, Ore.; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and two sisters, Joyce Markham of Belmond and Mary Ellen Ersland of Menominee, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen McClure on Oct. 11, 2016; and brothers, Donovan and Robert McClure.