



Steve McClane

March 17, 1941 - October 12, 2021

Steve McClane, age 80, of New Market, TN, passed away Tuesday, October 12, 2021. As a member of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church in New Market, Steve served as church treasurer, adult Sunday school teacher, and in various other church positions.

He received a B.S. from Carson-Newman College, followed by a M.S. from the University of Tennessee, then further post-graduate work at East Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee in science education. He made presentations at the State Science Teachers Association and at the National Science Teacher Association, showing how teachers could use “hands on” experiments to teach science.

He taught algebra, geometry, and biology at Washburn High School in Grainger County and Maury High School in Jefferson County for 10 years. Steve then served as principal at New Market Elementary for 5 years; Joppa Elementary for 8 years; Rush Strong Elementary for 12 years; and as the Superintendent of Jefferson County schools for 4 years.

While continuing to teach school, Steve and his brother, Darrell, started a dairy and milked cows for 5 years. After raising hogs and farming tobacco for 30 years, he started a beef herd that will continue on. While with the U.S. Forest service, he fought forest fires all over Oregon and worked on a lookout tower, perched 40 feet high in a small cabin. He also performed timber surveys on 4 national forests in Oregon and Washington State. He would leave out on Monday mornings; hike into the backcountry and camp out; then

hike back out on Fridays to be picked up. This allowed him to see some beautiful country and a lot of wildlife. He also worked for the TN Wildlife Resource Agency, as a boating safety officer on Douglas and Cherokee lakes. He will always be remembered for his love of farming and the outdoors. He also loved to travel. Steve and Carolyn made many trips out west, while on vacations and hunting trips. Their longest trip was going to Fairbanks, Alaska. They spent over 2 months traveling up the 1500-mile gravel road thru Canada, camping along the way. They traveled several other times across Canada and visited every state but Hawaii. The hunting trips included harvesting whitetail deer, mule deer, antelope, elk and bear. While traveling, they also loved to stop at flea markets and antique stores. Everyday was an adventure!

Steve loved to take his grandkids for rides on the tractor, fishing, or teaching them to help on the farm. He was extremely proud of his 3 children and their education; Stephanie, a Doctor of Pharmacy; Michelle, a Medical Laboratory Technologist (Microbiology); and Jared, a Process (Mechanical) Engineer. He would always say "God had greatly blessed him with his wife, family, farm and jobs."

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Carolyn Malone McClane; parents, James and Bonnie Jean McClane; and sister-in-law, Becky Horner McClane.

He is survived by his children, Stephanie (Keith) Standifur of New Market, Michelle Woods of Johnson City, and Jared McClane of Knoxville; Brothers, Mike (Carolyn) McClane, Darrell McClane, Pat (Connie) McClane; grandchildren, Addison, Reagan, Haley, Ryan, Samuel, Jonah, Caroline, Joshua; brother-in-law, Bill (Sharron) Loy; nieces and nephews, Matt and Amanda McClane, Dylan, and Aaron Loy, all of New Market.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cedar Grove United Methodist Church.

Graveside service 2:30 pm Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Jefferson Memorial Garden with Rev. John Slater officiating. Arrangements by Fielden Funeral

Home in New Market.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens

812 E. Broadway Blvd
Jefferson City, TN 37760

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ Mike & Carolyn,
I was very sorry to get the news that Steve had passed away. My condolences to you and your family. I know he will be sadly missed by all.
Wishing you the fondest of memories.
Gary Slaton

Gary Slaton - October 25, 2021 at 07:14 PM

DM

“ Im so very sorry for his family's loss myself I will miss him terribly I've learned more about the bible from him than anyone! He was a wonderful man and admired greatly by my family. I will miss him greatly as you will I'm sure. He was always ready for anything so I hope he and Carolyn live and love the eternal promise. God Bless
Debbie and Patrick Moore

Debbie moore - October 23, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JD

“ I always be grateful to Mr. McClane who gave me my first job and a chance as a brand new rookie elementary teacher at Rush Strong School back in 1993.
Grateful
Jimmy Dodson

Jimmy Dodson - October 23, 2021 at 07:54 AM

JS

“ I first met Mr. Steve McClane as my advanced math teacher my junior year at Maury High School. What an amazing math mind he had! I so enjoyed our year for so much more than math lessons, however. Our class had only four students—three were seniors and I was a junior. Our class was during the lunch hour, which gave us time to visit and share. I liked to take dessert for us. Steve McClane was witty, a nature lover, a farmer, a young man in love with his dear Carolyn. He was so loved by his students in all math classes, but it was for the care and fun he gave to all. Later, Steve McClane would serve as Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools and be my boss as a Maury Middle School 8th grade English teacher. He was an outstanding leader providing a strong academic program for all students. He was always fair and straightforward in dealing with employees and the community. I thoroughly enjoyed those years with him. I moved to JCHS in fall 1986, where I would teach with his beautiful Carolyn and have his daughters in class. Steve’s obituary catalogs a life of a good man. God blessed our lives with this fine, good man who touched so many lives and who honored God with always teaching by his earthly time to appreciate everything God made. The beauty of nature, the care for all humans and animals, the life of service and love for God, family, and community define Steve McClane. What a blessing he is! What a legacy! What a true example . He has surely been told, “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into your eternal home.” My prayers to his dear family and all who mourn his passing.

janie slaton - October 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM

DW

“ I served as Steve’s assistant while he was Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, having begun my assignment on his first day in office. Not only was he one of the brightest administrators for whom I worked, he was also one of the most honorable. He always treated me with respect, and we maintained a friendship for the rest of his life. He gave a number of years of service to the children of Grainger and Jefferson Counties. His most important contribution was his always loyalty to his family. Even though I didn’t see Steve often, I’ll miss our communication by our phone calls. My best wishes to his family’s future.

Sincerely,
Dan Wilder

Dan Wilder - October 21, 2021 at 04:35 PM

CG

“ Steve was a man of integrity and wisdom. A true professional in every aspect. A great boss and friend. Carolyn and Doug Greenlee

Carolyn and Doug Greenlee - October 17, 2021 at 08:56 PM

CY

“ An outstanding person, principal and friend.

Carolyn Yates - October 17, 2021 at 08:10 PM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful man. He sure will be missed. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time.



Lori Henderson - October 17, 2021 at 12:52 PM

RW

“ Robin Williams purchased the *My Soul Lives On Blanket* for the family of Steve McClane.



Robin Williams - October 17, 2021 at 12:47 PM

BA

“ We are sending our sympathies to all the family now and in the days ahead.

Butch & Coneen Ailey - October 17, 2021 at 03:48 AM

DJ

“ Steve was one of the greatest mentors of my life. I had the pleasure of working for Mr. McClane during my tenure at Rush Strong. He encouraged me as a young teacher and also as an aspiring administrator. He was an incredibly organized, capable administrator and understood the difficulties of teaching. I was always amazed at his calmness in any situation and his gift of finding a bright side to any issue. He also encouraged me to doctoral work and took the time to meet with me weekly to discuss my graduate studies. Steve will be missed by everyone who knew him. What an incredible educator and man. I will be praying for his family at this difficult time.

Dr. Andy Graham

Dr. Andy Graham, Jr. - October 16, 2021 at 06:01 PM

DH

“ *Mr. McClane was my principal at Rush Strong and I worked on his farm with him as a teenager. He was a fine man. He worked me hard but I appreciate the time I was around him.*

Dusty Haynes - October 16, 2021 at 05:47 PM

SG

“ *Sheila Guinn lit a candle in memory of Steve McClane*



sheila guinn - October 16, 2021 at 11:56 AM

SM

“ *So sorry to hear the passing of Steve my Aunt and Uncle is Wilma and Roland Whitaker there land joined with Steve they thought the world of him. They would like to send the family thoughts and prayers.*



Wilma & Roland Whitaker

Sylvia McLain - October 16, 2021 at 09:10 AM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Steve was a wonderful person. I enjoyed getting to know him the first year I taught school at Maury High School. You are iny thoughts and prayers.*

Janice Brown - October 16, 2021 at 07:32 AM

SH

“ Beautiful tribute! Beautiful person. Beautiful life. My deepest condolences to the whole family.
Stacy Hall

Stacy Hall - October 15, 2021 at 10:42 PM

KD

“ Michelle, Stephanie and Jared,
We are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. We are sending our deepest condolences to you all. We pray that The Lord will give you comfort and peace during this difficult time and that the beautiful love and adventures that your parents shared will be with you all into the future to remind you of the amazing lives they lead.

Kim and Joe Dills - October 15, 2021 at 09:07 PM

BG

“ Beverly Gaylor lit a candle in memory of Steve McClane



Beverly Gaylor - October 15, 2021 at 08:56 PM

BS

“ So sorry to learn of Mr McClain's passing. He was a very supportive and caring principal. I appreciate having been able to teach at Joppa Elementary School while he was principal there. Barbara Smith



Barbara Smith - October 15, 2021 at 08:49 PM

BS

“ *Many thoughts and prayers go up for the family*

Benjamin Schlechter - October 15, 2021 at 08:41 PM

JR

“ *Steve was a great principal. He was kind to all the children and teachers. I enjoyed working with him.*



Judy Raper - October 15, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JM

“ *Jamie,brandi,jacklyn Murphy lit a candle in memory of Steve McClane*



jamie,brandi,jacklyn murphy - October 15, 2021 at 11:49 AM

JA

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss Carolyn. I understand the pain and loss you are feeling. I will be thinking about you and praying for you and your family. Hugs and love to you.*

Jan - October 15, 2021 at 09:16 AM

DH

Carolyn died years ago.

Dusty Haynes - October 16, 2021 at 05:48 PM

RG

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers for the entire family. This family is one of a kind. Seems like I cannot think back to when they weren't a part of our lives. Thank God for memories.....Cherish them*

Rebecca Guinn - October 15, 2021 at 08:12 AM

TB

“ *Tony Berry lit a candle in memory of Steve McClane*



Tony Berry - October 15, 2021 at 07:56 AM

PK

“ *Sorry to learn of Steve's unanticipated passing. He was a friend and good educator. Have known him since college days when we were both Forestry students at CNC. We traveled west one summer, he worked in Oregon and I in Washington state. Little did we know then we'd end up as educators in in Jefferson County. Interestingly, I taught with his mother, Bonnie, at Rush Strong and worked with his brother Mike as an administrator at Jeff Middle, co worker with Carolyn at JCHS and likewise with Steve in his various roles over the years. Great folks all and will miss Steve's homespun humor and love of the natural world. Wil be remembering the family, Steve's children and grandkids as they make peace with his passing. Phil Kindred*

Phil Kindred - October 15, 2021 at 07:50 AM

JH

“ Steve was a great boss. But more than that he was a good person. I feel lucky to have worked for and with him. We need more people like Steve in education. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

JoAnne Hodgson - October 14, 2021 at 08:22 PM

WS

“ I love Steve he was a great friend and great principal at rush Strong schooler will be miss you and your family in my prayers

wendi stiner - October 14, 2021 at 08:13 PM

CC

“ Steve was an outstanding man and one of my favorite principals. More than that, he was also a cherished friend. I always sought his sound advice. He will surely be missed. I am so saddened to learn of his passing.

Connie Campbell - October 14, 2021 at 07:58 PM