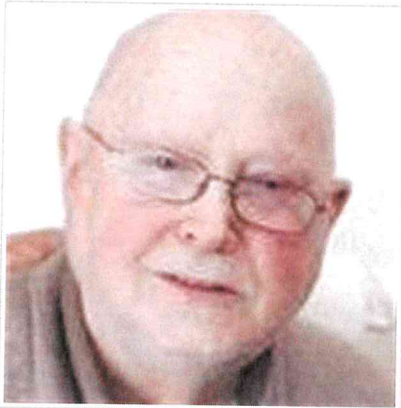


## David lee McClure

*December 6, 1937 ~ December 27, 2015 (age 78)*

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David Lee McClure, 78, of Parsippany, New Jersey, formerly of Hoopeston, passed away at 3:05 p.m. Sunday, December 27, 2015 at the Care One at Morris Senior Care Community in Parsippany, New Jersey. David was born on December 6, 1937 in Danville, the son of Hubert ("Red") Clifton and Lennie ("Skeet") Lorraine (Allison) McClure. He is also survived by one sister- Kathi Gordon of Connecticut and neice- Tiffany Steeves of Colorado; his special cousins- Jim (Joy) Beebe of Danville and Teresa (Wayne) (Beebe) Stevenson of Oxford, IN. David is also survived by cousins Sandy (Earl) Thompson and Randy Garner of Hoopeston and dear friends David and Heidi Monroe, Charles Lark and his home companions JD and Miss Kitty. He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts, uncles and several cousins. David graduated from Gettysburg College with Bachelor of Science and later obtained his Master's Degree from Hill University, he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He also has a Doctor of Philosophy from Hill University, graduating Summa Cum Laude. David was a Junior High English teacher at West Essex. He is a past President of the New Jersey Education Association. He also was the head negotiator for his teachers union. After retirement he was a College Professor at Union County College. Mac was a train enthusiast and enjoyed roller skating and reading Science Fiction and loved the theatre. He was passionate about theatre restoration and was a member of the League Of Historical American Theatres. He served on the Board of the Vermilion Heritage Foundation - Fischer Theatre, where he produced 3 fund-raising theatrical productions. He enjoyed "coming home" in the summers and helping with Sunshine Productions at the Beef House in Covington. David supported the restoration of Hoopeston's Lorraine Theatre where he worked as a projectionist before moving with his family to New York. David was a member of Danville Elks Lodge 332, the Union Model Train club and the GAAMC Readers club. A Celebration of David Lee McClure's Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 9, 2016, at the Blurton Funeral Home, 309 East Washington Street, Hoopeston, with Pastor Travis Anderson officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston. Memorials may be made to the Hoopeston Public Library, "Save the Lorraine Theater," Elks Children's Care Corporation or to the donor's choice. The family has entrusted the Blurton Funeral Home to assist them in honoring David's life. Memories or photos may be shared with the family on his memorial page at: [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).