



## **Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.**

December 26, 1928 - January 14, 2017

James 'Pat' McClelland, Jr, M.D., died on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at the age of 88. Dr. McClelland was born in Marshall, Texas, but was a resident of Rusk County, Texas for most of his life.

Dr. McClelland is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carol Lynn Wheatley McClelland. Also surviving are daughter, Susan McClelland, and husband, Dale Miller, of Mansfield, Texas; and son, John Michael McClelland and wife, Sarah, of Albany, Texas. Dr. McClelland's grandchildren are Margaret Crosby and husband, Colby, of Fort Worth, Texas; Jennifer Beaman of Fort Worth, Texas; Edwin R. Jensen II and wife, Katie, of Granbury, Texas; and James Peder Jensen and wife, Lauren, of Texarkana, Texas. Great-grandchildren are Bryson Beaman and John R. Jensen II.

Other survivors are his brothers, George D. McClelland, and wife, Sara, of Henderson; and Robert (Bob) McClelland, and wife, Shirley, of Conroe, Texas; eight nieces; and two nephews.

Dr. McClelland was preceded in death by his father and mother, James Pat McClelland, Sr., and Marie Gehbauer McClelland, of Henderson.

Dr. McClelland was a graduate of Henderson High School (1947), of Baylor University (1951), and of Baylor Medical School (1955). He completed his

medical internship and residency in radiology in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He continued his military and medical career at Brooke Army Medical Hospital at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and at Martin Army Hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia. By 1961, Dr. McClelland had become Chief of Radiology at Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C. and had achieved the rank of major. Rather than accept a promotion to colonel, Dr. McClelland returned to his hometown of Henderson not only to serve as the first radiologist in Henderson, but also as the first specialist in any medical field. He organized and operated the radiology department at Henderson Memorial Hospital from 1963 through 1986 and conducted case study sessions for the professional enhancement of Henderson Memorial staff physicians and medical personnel. He also provided radiology services to Newburn Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville in the 1970's.

Dr. McClelland spearheaded physician recruitment and hospital expansion fundraising programs that significantly improved the quality of medical care and hospitalization in Henderson. He was also the primary force behind the end of the segregation of hospitalized patients based on race.

He was an avid student of history and great literature, enjoyed numerous hobbies and sports, and was a talented musician with command of many instruments, including the bagpipes.

He was a life-long member of First Baptist Church in Henderson, served on the board of multiple organizations and institutions in and around Henderson, volunteered wherever needed. He was recognized as Henderson High School's Outstanding Ex-Student for 1971.

Funeral services for Dr. McClelland will be held at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home at 1414 S. Main St. in Henderson, at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2017. A private burial will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers are the Henderson High School Class of 1947.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in honor of Dr. McClelland to the Henderson I.S.D. Education Foundation, P.O. Box 728, Henderson, TX 75653.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Joy Forth sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.



Joy Forth - January 19, 2017 at 04:04 PM

VJ

“ Volmer & Vonda Jensen lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.



Volmer & Vonda Jensen - January 18, 2017 at 09:05 PM

Susan McClelland

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan McClelland - January 18, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan McClelland - January 18, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan McClelland - January 18, 2017 at 03:19 PM



“ Jennifer Morris Hale lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.



Jennifer Morris Hale - January 18, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ Jamie Skelton lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.



Jamie Skelton - January 18, 2017 at 09:30 AM

JA

“ John Averyt lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.



John Averyt - January 18, 2017 at 07:15 AM

CA

“ Claire Wheatley Averyt lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.



claire wheatley Averyt - January 18, 2017 at 01:46 AM

 John Averyt

“ I have many fond memories of fishing and hanging out with Uncle Pat!



John Averyt - January 17, 2017 at 09:11 PM

CW

“ Cyndi Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.



Cyndi Walker - January 17, 2017 at 09:01 PM

JG

“ *Julie Gosh lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**julie gosh** - January 17, 2017 at 08:47 PM

RM

“ *Rebecca (Becky) McMurray lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Rebecca (Becky) McMurray** - January 17, 2017 at 08:04 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**pud patterson** - January 17, 2017 at 07:09 PM

DM

“ *Donna Smith McNevin lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Donna Smith McNevin** - January 17, 2017 at 06:19 PM

ST

“ *Sherie Tillison lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Sherie Tillison** - January 17, 2017 at 02:40 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - January 17, 2017 at 10:51 AM

LC

“ *Linda And David Craig lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Linda and David Craig** - January 17, 2017 at 09:11 AM

LC

*In 1977, when we were recruited to move from Canada to Henderson, as an ophthalmologist to serve the citizens of Henderson and Rusk County, and to support Henderson Memorial Hospital, Pat spearheaded the recruitment process. When Linda and I visited Henderson Pat chauffeured us around, and made us feel very welcome. Some of the doctors were not entirely supportive of an ophthalmologist, as the last one was an EENT doctor, who did both eyes and ear, nose and throat, quite a few years ago. So Pat's support helped us to decide to make the move, in 1978. We have always been grateful to him and to Ervin Daugherty, for making me proud to have been of service, and proud to be an American.*

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**Linda and David Craig** - January 17, 2017 at 09:18 AM

MS

“ *Melissa Shirley lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Melissa Shirley** - January 17, 2017 at 08:25 AM

JM

“ *John T Melvin MD lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**John T Melvin MD** - January 17, 2017 at 06:14 AM

DK

“ *David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**David and Peggy Keeling** - January 16, 2017 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ *Susie Cowan lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Susie Cowan** - January 16, 2017 at 05:23 PM

MM

“ *Melissa Morton lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Melissa Morton** - January 16, 2017 at 03:58 PM

JL

“ *Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Pat McClelland Jr.*



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**Judy Lewis** - January 16, 2017 at 03:28 PM

SH

“ *My mentor, director, but more importantly a friend. Such a true gentleman. He loved his family and enjoyed telling stories about his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was so proud of all of them. When I was still working, he would come to the hospital for coffee and always had a new story to tell. His face would light up as he told the latest mile stone that one of them had done. Remembering all of you in the days and weeks to come.*

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**Sherry Harris** - January 16, 2017 at 07:33 AM