



## Bubba Dave McClelland

April 29, 1960 - February 23, 2025

David "Bubba Dave" McClelland, 64, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family, Sunday, February 23rd, 2025.

In his 39 years in EMS, Bubba served 3 districts throughout Southern Illinois. During that time he delivered 3 children, saved countless lives, mentored many young medics and offered comfort to all of the families he encountered. Bubba was a force of nature to be reckoned with. He knew no stranger and lent a helping hand wherever he could. Coined Mr. Fix it by his children, as there was never a problem he couldn't solve. His skills did not stop with EMS. David began his life career in the oil fields, transitioning into semi truck driving, teaching EMS classes, craftsmanship, and of course, turning wrenches on every vehicle known to man. He knew of no obstacles, only new skills to be learned. Bubba enjoyed shooting guns, riding motorcycles and giving grief to those he loved. Most of all, he favored his time spent with his children whether it be at a racetrack or watching YouTube at his desk. We will cherish every "I'll call you right back, " and of course, "hope in one hand and in the other... and tell me which one fills up first."

David is survived by his beloved partner in life: Lisa Hocking of Kell; siblings Kari Ward of Florida, Allison Davidson of Junction City and Danny McClelland of Washington; his devoted children: Brandon McClelland and wife Ambour McClelland of Junction City, Samantha (McClelland) Tate and husband Jason Tate of Junction City, Shafer McClelland of Central City, and daughter Ellie

McClelland of Centralia. His ornery grandchildren: Colton Jones, Meagan, Braeden, Taylor, Bradley, and Blake McClelland, Cadenze Johnson and partner Derik Terrell, Zander Tate and Sibella Tate. Great grandchildren Asher Terrell and Baby B. Also surviving David are his precious girls Lizzy and Lulu, and Mike The (Traitor) Cat.

David was greeted into eternal life by his son: David Bradley Jr, parents: Bonnie and David Sr., step father: Randy Loyd, sister: Wendy and husband Eugene Cochran, nephew: Nathan Ward, brother in law: Rodger "Rubber Lips" Davidson, lifelong mentor: Daddy Bill and wife Phyllis Harrell and many other family and friends.

Friends and family are invited to join in celebrating David's life on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Philip Girardin officiating. A Private Burial will be held at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia, where he will be laid next to his son. A Visitation will be held on Monday from 12:00 PM until the time of service at the Funeral Home. David will receive his Last Ride following the service. In memory of David, memorial donations can be made to M.E.P.A. (Metro East Paramedic Association), ensuring his legacy of kindness endures. They will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore St. in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the McClelland Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and on the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bubba Dave McClelland*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - March 03, 2025 at 11:04 AM

BP

“ *Bandys pharmacy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bubba Dave McClelland.*



Bandys pharmacy - March 02, 2025 at 09:48 PM

BP

“ *Bandys pharmacy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bubba Dave McClelland.*

Bandys pharmacy - March 02, 2025 at 09:48 PM

JF

“ John And Lisa Pelczynski and Family purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Bubba Dave McClelland.*



---

**John And Lisa Pelczynski and Family** - March 02, 2025 at 07:14 PM

JF

“ John And Lisa Pelczynski and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bubba Dave McClelland.

---

**John And Lisa Pelczynski and Family** - March 02, 2025 at 07:14 PM

FE

“ Fayette County Hospital E.R. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bubba Dave McClelland.



---

**Fayette County Hospital E.R.** - March 01, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bubba Dave McClelland.



---

February 28, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bubba Dave McClelland.*



February 28, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bubba Dave McClelland.

February 28, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ ARCH Air Medical purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bubba Dave McClelland.



ARCH Air Medical - February 27, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ ARCH Air Medical planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bubba Dave McClelland.

ARCH Air Medical - February 27, 2025 at 01:33 PM

LB

“ My deepest sympathy to the McClelland family.. I remember Dave from the early days when he lived in Junction City. I still do. I remember either last summer or summer before I was cutting grass he stopped to say "HI". He always was a friendly guy. REST IN PEACE DAVE. from Linda Bierman

Linda A Bierman - February 27, 2025 at 11:58 AM

SH

“ Sherry Hodge lit a candle in memory of Bubba Dave McClelland



Sherry Hodge - February 25, 2025 at 06:41 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Dad named him Hymie many, many years ago from oil field days. He's still Hymie to our family, would laugh each time we seen him & called him that. What a kind, loving soul. Our condolences to the family. Mo Berrys family

Sherry Hodge - February 25, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Bubba Dave McClelland.



February 25, 2025 at 05:02 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Korzenewski Poschen lit a candle in memory of Bubba Dave McClelland*



---

**Brenda Korzenewski Poschen** - February 25, 2025 at 01:44 PM



“ *Susan Kleinedler lit a candle in memory of Bubba Dave McClelland*



---

**Susan Kleinedler** - February 25, 2025 at 01:15 PM

SK

“ *Thank you Dave for all the CPR classes, the laughs and the stories. You shall be missed.*

---

**Susan Salisbury Kleinedler** - February 25, 2025 at 01:15 PM