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Jack McClure, 82, was a long-time volunteer from Anderson

ANDERSON TWP. - He was known for his piano-playing skills, as well as his kindness.

John Albert "Jack" McClure, 82, of Anderson Township, who offered up songs at Mercy Hospital Anderson, Mt. Washington Care Center and at Anderson Park District programs for years, died July 13.

Jack and his wife, Natalie, were honored for their life-long dedication to volunteerism earlier this year at the Governor's Mansion in Columbus.

Family friend Mary Jean Magness of Mount Washington describes Jack as "very gentle and kind; very giving. He had quite an effervescent personality."

He volunteered his musical skills at Mt. Washington Care Center for at least 15 years, said Ann Brose, director of activities.

"(Residents) couldn't wait until he would come to play. He had his own groupies," she said. "We really miss him."

"He was warm and outgoing, friendly, very, very giving of himself," Brose said.

Magness became friends with the McClures when they all raised children going through Guardian Angels School together, she said.

"What's really significant about him is he had really strong family values," daughter Molly McClure said.

"He thought giving back to the community was important," said Molly, executive director of the Anderson Park District. "He really believed very strongly in that."

So strongly, that memorials will go to the park district.

Besides his skill as a pianist, Jack worked as a dancer with Walt Disney on stage productions and continued dancing on stage throughout his early life.

Graduating with a degree in business from Xavier University, Jack served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

When he returned, he and Natalie married. Jack and his parents Johanna H. and John E. McClure established McClure Builders.

Later, Jack earned a teaching degree from Xavier and taught at McNicholas High School. He then earned a master's degree in psychology from Xavier and worked as a school psychologist for the Brown County Board of Education until his retirement.

Jack is survived by wife, Natalie; sons, Dr. Mark McClure of Silver Springs, Md.; James McClure and his wife, Teresa, of Ft. Collins, Colo.; daughters, Carol Lamy and her husband, Patrick; Molly McClure and her husband, Andy Worth; Jeannie Rasfeld and her husband, Skip; Katie McClure and her husband, Chris Poliak; Elizabeth "Biz" McClure and her husband, Jim Yersky; and Margaret McClure and her husband Mark Vogler, all of Anderson Township.

He is survived by grandchildren Ryan and Kailee McClure, Martine and Eric Lamy, Josh McClure, Drew and Matt Worth, Katie and Dan Rasfeld, Zak and Brittney Poliak, Alex and Carlie Yersky, and Morgan and Jillian Vogler.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday, July 26, at T.P. White and Sons Funeral Home, 2050 Beechmont Ave.

A mass of Christian burial and a celebration of his life will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Guardian Angels Church. Burial will follow at Guardian Angels Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in his honor to the Anderson Park District, Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation - Beech Acres Playground Fund, 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45244.

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