



Arthur Paul McClellan, Sr.

December 22, 1931 - May 20, 2021

Monticello – Arthur “Paul” McClellan, Sr, 89, passed peacefully Thursday, May 20, 2021. Graveside Services will be held Sunday, May 23, 2:00 PM at Sardis United Methodist Church, Waukeenah Highway. Family and friends will gather to share a glass of “Grandpa Paul’s Sweet Tea” following services.

Paul served the Jefferson County farming community as County Manager for the USDA’s Farm Service Agency for 30 years until retiring, and then as a member of the Board of Directors for a total of 52 years of service. A lifelong resident of Jefferson County, he made his home and continued to cultivate the family farm his grandfather established in 1900. His farming experiences ranged from cattleman to large field crop production, but Paul is remembered well for growing gardens larger than were needed in order to share with others who were glad to receive gifts of a variety of vegetables, fruits, Silver Queen Corn and home-made grape jelly.

In addition to cattle, the homestead became a menagerie of animal life for the delight of grandchildren, elementary school field trips, birthday parties, and for many other visitors to the farm. Beyond the farm, many of the animals were found in the cast of the annual “Bethlehem in Monticello” including sheep, donkeys and Akbar the Camel!

In retirement, Paul refined his gifts of craftsmanship creating cabinetry, porch swings and small-scale modeling of the 1900 Farm. Paul also began cultivating and air layering a variety of Camelias that adorn the farmhouse yard and many other homes, again received as gifts of Paul’s green thumb.

Paul's hospitality was extended to family, friends and community to be gathered at the farm each Thanksgiving for the annual McClellan Family Cane Grinding and Syrup-Making. The large, screened porch of the home, known as "Fellowship Hall," hosted two annual family reunions, the Jefferson County High School Class of 1952 Reunion, square dances, Church peanut boils and Christmas Eve receptions. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Always be eager practice hospitality. – Romans 12:12-13

Paul is survived by his children: Marcia McClellan, Art McClellan (Faith), Wm Steve McClellan (Lisa), eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Sardis Memorial UM Church Community Needs Fund.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193).

Cemetery Details

Sardis United Methodist Church Cemetery

4543 Waukeenah Hwy
Monticello, FL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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