



## Rev. Clinton Elmer Riddle

February 24, 1921 - December 3, 2019

Riddle, Clinton Elmer, 98, died peacefully December 3, 2019 at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a member of Cedar Valley Baptist Church. He was a member of many organizations including Sweetwater Valley Odd Fellows Lodge # 280, Monroe County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post# 5156, American Legion #106, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Born and raised in Sweetwater, the only child of Samuel Elmer and Eva Grace (Smith) Riddle, he was a lifelong resident of Sweetwater. He graduated Sweetwater High School in May 1941. He entered Army service December 10, 1942. He joined Company B 325th Glider Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division in time to set sail for Africa on April 28, 1943. He remained with the 325th through 8 major battles in Europe during WWII. He returned back to the states to be discharged at Atterbury, Indiana on September 19, 1945 with Company B 194th Glider Infantry of the 17th Airborne. He was a highly decorated veteran receiving numerous honors. He married Blanche Bernice Montooth July 24th, 1949. They were married 60+ years and had 3 children. He was a Bi-Vocational minister pastoring four churches while working as an electronic technician. The four churches are: New Bethany Baptist Church, Murray's Baptist Church, Cedar Valley Baptist Church, and Union McMinn Baptist Church. He also served as Interm Pastor at several churches when needed. Proceeded in death by his parents, wife, brother in laws (Arrants, Ted, and Clifton Montooth), and son in law Paul (Buster) Moore Jr. Survived by his children and spouses, Gail and Ralph Whited, Stephan and Terri Riddle, and Connie and Gary Moore all of Sweetwater; Grandchildren and spouses Sharmin Bradley, April and Rodney Bell, Missy and Lonnie Allmon, Matt Moore, Courtney and Jason Easterday, and Trevor Riddle; 13 great grandchildren; and many special friends. The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 7 from 11am to 2pm at the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater with the funeral services to follow. Rev Don Rockholt, Rev Joel Tillson, Dr. Leonard Markham, and Brother Johnny Carr officiating. Interment to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Gardens, with full military honors. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideons or Wounded Warrior Project.

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# Cemetery

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## Sweetwater Memorial park

1838 Hwy 11 N

Sweetwater, TN, 37874

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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First Baptist Church Sweetwater

303 Wright St., Sweetwater, TN, US, 37874

**DEC** **Funeral service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Sandra and I were blessed and fortunate to meet and know Clint along with his daughter Connie. We met in 2014 for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day campaign. Clint was always up early and dressed in his freshly ironed army uniform. Throughout the day, he entertained all of us on this tour. We met again this year in Holland to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Holland. Clint served as an inspiration for all that knew him not only for his service during WW2 but for his continued service to his community and friends. He will be missed but he has surely moved to a better address. God bless you Clint and "Blue Skies To You".  
John & Sandra CORK

john cork - December 10, 2019 at 06:45 PM

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“ I did not know Mr Riddle but as a retired Navy CPO I consider him a friend and a brother and he will be remembered by us all.



Alfred Whitehead RMC USN (Ret) - December 07, 2019 at 01:33 PM

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“ Clinton was my pastor at Union McMinn Baptist Church and baptised both my children. I used to go on vision with him to different people's homes. He had a way of sharing with folks that taught me how to speak in a soothing and loving way sharing God's love. I will always remember the "Preacher".

Marshall(Jodie) Moser - December 07, 2019 at 08:11 AM

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“ Clint Riddle was a true servant of Christ and a true patriot. This is bittersweet but the warrior has fought his final battle, death, and has defeated it in Christ. Thinking and praying for the family or our brother Clint Riddle.

Rev Richard Parker  
FBC Tellico

Richard Parker - December 06, 2019 at 02:45 PM

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“ Rev. Clint Riddle was a wonderful Christian gentleman that I knew as a member of Cedar Valley Baptist Church. I am grateful for his Christian service and his military service.



Jean Barr - December 06, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“ From Manita ,Francesco,Roger,Hanneke,Guy,Ad, Wilco purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rev. Clinton Elmer Riddle.



Francesco Boeijen - December 06, 2019 at 11:49 AM

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“ Clint was my second cousin. His dad and my grandfather were brothers. I was raised in Washington, DC so I only got to know him in the last 12 years. My husband and I visited him 3 times at his home and enjoyed every minute!  
Each time we took him to the Dinner Bell and everyone knew him and were so kind to all of us!  
I am so grateful I was able meet and get to know him. We shared emails and letters. He even wrote a poem for my birthday which I cherish.  
We were able to meet Connie and glad they made it overseas one last time.  
He truly was an amazing human being.

Love, Cousin Doris

**Doris Baisey** - December 06, 2019 at 08:31 AM

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“ Such a wonderful Christian servant and patriot. I met Rev. Riddle years ago when he needed some repairs done to his motor home. Through the years, as I learned more and more about him, I became even more proud to be able to say I had met him.  
Prayers for his family and friends.

Chaplain Scott Duckworth

**Chaplain Scott Duckworth** - December 06, 2019 at 06:44 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Clint's passing. My first memories of Clint was not as a WW 2 Soldier but as a Soldier of the Lord. And he fought that battle with just as much determination as he did on the Battlefields of Europe. He is the first Preacher I can remember hearing. Although he wasn't my pastor, I could feel his love for Jesus--and for me --as we spoke between the rows of the garden he and Neecey put out with my Aunt Marie and Uncle Cecil. I consider myself blessed to have known him. Such a Great Man and Patriot.

**D. Brian Ayers** - December 05, 2019 at 10:09 PM

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“ I was so hurt to hear of Clint passing and after praying about it I will tell you that it is foolish to mourn the death of such a Great Man and such a Brave Soldier who Sacrificed so much for the Freedom and Liberty of total strangers here and abroad. Instead we should fall down on our knees and thank God that he sent to us such a Great Man by the name of Clinton Elmer Riddle!!! We will meet again Clint. Your friend Jim “AIRBORNE”

**Jim Carey** - December 05, 2019 at 06:43 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Clint 's passing, I know that he's rejoicing in Heaven. Clint and Neicie were part of my life growing up, we were like family, he and Daddy were childhood friends and that carried on as I was growing up. Gail, Steve and Connie I feel your pain but you know that joy comes in the morning.

**Sherry Boruff Collins** - December 05, 2019 at 05:34 PM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. He was a special man and enjoyed listening to him talk the times we met. The last time was at my uncle's funeral and I appreciated his attendance and his comfort. May he rest in peace and may you find solace in your memories of a man who lived a life of service to his country and mankind.

**Ricky Summitt** - December 05, 2019 at 01:37 PM

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“ Wanted you to know how sorry I was to hear of your loss. Your father has been a shining example of his generation. This generation was loyal, generous, incredible work ethic and deeply spiritual. They didn't go to war to be a hero, they went to war when our country needed them. We were blessed to have had fathers of this generation.

Peggy (Loomis) Smyth

**Peggy Smyth** - December 05, 2019 at 05:57 AM

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“ Rest easy Clinton... it was an honor to meet you at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten. Our daughter was so proud that she could give you her self made artwork. She will be looking up to the stars to wave at you



**Nicole Sproncken** - December 05, 2019 at 04:03 AM

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“ What an amazing man Clinton was and how special to have known him. This week, in the middle of boxes due to our move to another house I read some of his poems again. To write those poems in such a difficult time..... My condolences for the family. Dear Conny, what a wonderful daughter you are. Always by his side. Take care. He will be missed.

Monique Hekman-Landwier



**monique Hekman-Landwier** - December 05, 2019 at 12:45 AM



“ A real privilege to have met Clinton and Conny in Holland in September 2017. Saddened to hear this news. My thoughts and condolences I send to Conny. Warm regardsx Annette Figg

**annette Figg** - December 05, 2019 at 10:11 AM

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“ It was such an honor to know Clinton through the World War Two veteran community! I met him in 2015 at the Remembering World War Two event in Linden, Tennessee and I was also lucky enough to spend some time with him in Normandy France in both 2018 and 2019! Love you, buddy! Rest easy with your brothers.



Patrick McCue - December 04, 2019 at 11:21 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Clinton E. Riddle



Don Grout - December 04, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ Dear Connie and Family, Clinton touched and inspired our community here in NC as well! Our WW2 reenactor unit based in Charlotte, NC honored Clinton by asking guests that attended the July 2019 Charlotte NC French Festival to send a message to a real “American Hero” and there was no room left on the greeting card at the end of the day! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and his family. The ALL AMERICANS/ Charlotte, NC

Don - December 04, 2019 at 11:25 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Clinton Elmer Riddle.



December 04, 2019 at 08:15 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album Clinton E. Riddle



ralph - December 04, 2019 at 07:44 PM

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“ He was such a sweet, funny, amazing man that my family thought the world of. He was a warrior for our country but even more importantly he was a warrior for the Lord. I believe when heaven's gate swung wide to welcome him in, the song "Thank you for giving to the Lord" was playing loud and he got to see the thousands of people that he impacted for Jesus. Thank you, Clint Riddle, for the memories. Your light shined bright here, but it's shining even brighter now. You were a good and faithful servant and I was blessed to know you

Diane Raulston - December 04, 2019 at 06:35 PM

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“ RIP Clinton, you was an inspiration to me! You have earned your Angel wings. I always loved your sweet disposition and knowledge. You will me missed.



Reda Chastain - December 04, 2019 at 06:25 PM

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“ Wayne Belk lit a candle in memory of Rev. Clinton Elmer Riddle



**Wayne Belk** - December 04, 2019 at 06:03 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Bob Ryan** - December 04, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ We travelled with Clint and his daughter Connie for the 70th Anniversary of D Day. May he rest in peace and his family find comfort during this trying time. Love Bobby and MG  
Ventura, CA

**Bob Ryan** - December 04, 2019 at 05:52 PM

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“ Theresa And Billy Walker lit a candle in memory of Rev. Clinton Elmer Riddle



**Theresa and Billy Walker** - December 04, 2019 at 05:52 PM

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“ To the Clinton Riddle family:  
I count it a real honor as another veteran and I took Mr. Riddle to dinner and listened as he shared his military experience with us. I appreciate his dedication and life not only as a Military soldier but as a soldier of Jesus Christ. He spent much time as a pastor and worked in hospice trying to win other veterans to Jesus. His humility and love for God and country is such a tribute to everyone who knew him. His poem “dusty jump boots” and “thank you mr. veteran” are special as well. I salute you mr. veteran.  
Ron and Diane Lighty

Ron and Diane Lighty - December 04, 2019 at 05:29 PM

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“ Rev. Clinton Riddle allowed me and a team member to come to his home twice,. I wanted to hear his ear stories personally and he was eager to share. As he spoke I tried to take notes and a video, my video recorder was not the jewel that Clinton was. He be we left out a detail, just like it happened the day before. To me ,it was such an honor to be a quest in his home and hear what all of us should do, leave a Legacy! I held his small Bible he had carried with him his whole tour of duty, touch the paper the wings were made and hold and touch his journals he kept! He was a wonderful man who shared his love of God and his love of his country with anyone willing to listen. He, to me, was a true American Hero, I loved him and his legacy will live on thru his books and poems he wrote. If you never met Rev. Clinton Riddle, you missed part of our country's greatest of the great. Sue M Anderson

Sue M Anderson - December 04, 2019 at 12:59 PM