



## **Benjamin Franklin Mathews, Jr.**

December 31, 1929 - July 4, 2012

Ben Mathews Jr., age 82, of Sweetwater, passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 in the comfort of his home and in the presence of loved ones. He retired from Athens Products, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. He spent many years of his retirement providing tractor work for the community. Mr. Mathews was a member of Cedar Fork Baptist Church where he was a former Sunday School teacher. Preceded in death by his mother and father: Ben and Mary Mathews, sister Katherine Pope, and brother: Robert Mathews, grandson: Shawn Marshall, and great-grandson: Hayden Johnson. Survivors include wife of 60 years: Christine Raley Mathews, daughter and son-in-law: Darlene and Dennis Pope, son and daughter-in-law: Mike and Betty Mathews all of Sweetwater, grandchildren and spouses: Dawn and Major Frerichs, Jeremy and Johnna Marshall, Jaymee Mathews, and Christy Mathews, 5 great-grandchildren: Taylor, Major, and Henry Frerichs, Kamryn, and Rylan Marshall, sister: Mildred Kyker, brother: Milburn Mathews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Milus Raley, Ralph and Wilma Raley, all of Sweetwater, Carl and Frances Raley, of Maryville, Zola Ervin, of Madisonville, Eula Galliher, of Sweetwater, several nieces and nephews, special friends: Nola Francis, of Philadelphia, Marie White, of Loudon. The family will receive friends on Friday July 6, 2012, at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 6:00P.M. until 8:00P.M. Family and friends will meet at 9:45A.M. at the Sweetwater Memorial Park for a 10:00A.M. graveside service and interment with Rev. Mark Richesin and Rev. Clayton Dunsmore officiating, with full

military honors provided by the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post #5156 and members of the Monroe County Disabled American Veterans chapter #92. Special thanks to the Home Health Care of East Tennessee, Inc. and hospice, also members of the Monroe County Rescue Squad. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Christine I was so sorry to hear about your husband...Richard my husband said he was such a nice man....thinking of you!!! Nancy (Rahrle) Plemmons

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**Nancy and Richard Plemmons - Sweetwater, TN - Friend - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

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“ Deepest sympathy to the Matthews family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Johnny & Rhonda Breeden

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**Rhonda Breeden - Sweetwater, TN - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you !

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**Michele Roberts Ziegler - Kitchener - Greatneice - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

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“ our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow

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**connie roberts & family - colorado springs, CO - niece - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM**