



## Bobby Ray Richesin

July 20, 1938 - November 19, 2024

Bobby Ray Richesin, age 86, of Sweetwater, Tennessee passed away peacefully on November 19, 2024, at Morning Pointe of Lenoir City where he had resided for the past year and a half.

Bobby was born July 20, 1938 to Annie Mae and William Thomas Richesin of Sweetwater. He was their third child and is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Jimmy Richesin and Daris Richesin.

Survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia Long Richesin, and his children Michael Richesin of Sweetwater and Todd Richesin of Knoxville. Also survived by his daughter-in-law Stacey Richesin and son-in-law Bobby Brown. Grandchildren Josh and Courtney Strong and Jayden Richesin, and great granddaughter Madelyn Strong. Brother Billy Richesin and sisters-in-law Mary Ruth Richesin and Pat Richesin, also of Sweetwater.

Community service is something that Bobby truly believed in. He was a member of the National Guard for five years. He was a Lions Club member and multi-year president of the local Sweetwater chapter, and was awarded "Lion of the Decade" for the years 1978 to 1988. He also received the Melvin Jones Fellow award for a lifetime of service to the Lions Club. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sweetwater for 62 years, where he sang in the choir. He had a true entrepreneurial spirit which is shown by his

being a founding director and board member of Volunteer Federal Savings Bank where he served as a director for 50 years. He worked for his father-in-law for many years as the manager of Service Lumber Company. He owned the Splish Splash Car Wash and the M & T Service Station during those years as well. He was a salesman for his dear friend Dan Harvey at H & V Motors for many years. The last chapter of his career is where he shined brightest doing what he loved most as a general contractor. His signature details and quality are part of many homes and businesses in the Sweetwater Valley.

A true servant spirit, he provided not only for his family, but for others in the community. His wit and humor lightened many loads for those he spoke to. He gave people good advice when buying a vehicle. He worked with people through difficult construction and building projects. He helped people with financial decisions through his work as a director with Volunteer Federal Savings Bank. The work for which he was most proud would have to be the restoration of his home church, First United Methodist, where he led the charge to restore the sanctuary and original parts of the building.

He was a huge fan of all sports. He loved the Vols, and probably never missed a baseball game where his grandsons Josh and Jayden were playing.

The family would like to thank the staff at Morning Pointe for his excellent care. They would also like to thank Caris Hospice for their support, attention, and care during the final months of his life.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the Sweetwater First Methodist Church from 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 3:30 P.M. with Rev. Riley Huffstetler and Rev. Gene Bragg officiating. Interment to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to First Methodist

Church in Sweetwater, Tennessee or to Sweetwater High School Baseball.  
Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Sweetwater First Methodist Church  
501 Church St.  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

## Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Sweetwater First Methodist Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bobby Ray Richesin*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - November 21, 2024 at 07:16 PM

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“ *Bobby and I were good friends for many years. We worked together in the*

*Ford dealership for 15 years and Bobby, Patricia, Betty and I traveled together for 40 years. Never a dull moment with Bobby! On one of our trips out west, we spent the nite in a motel in Devil's Lake, MN. Little did we know that Bobby and Patricia's room would be infested with lake crickets. Bobby spent the nite sitting up and Patricia slept in the bath tub. Lot of good memories, thanks Bobby.*

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**Dan Harvey** - November 23, 2024 at 12:57 PM

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“ *Bob And Sara Galyon Ridge lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Richesin*



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**Bob and Sara Galyon Ridge** - November 22, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Bobby Ray Richesin.*



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November 22, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Ray Richesin.

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November 22, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers up for the entire family.*

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**Diane Wright** - November 22, 2024 at 06:28 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, prayers and thoughts during this time*

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**Glenn & Delorese Thompson** - November 21, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - November 21, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ I worked for Bobby as bookkeeper at Service Lumber for many years. He was a Godsend for me as Keith & I had just moved back home. I so enjoyed my time working with him and he was so kind to offer me a job. He always kept me laughing with his jokes and stories. He was a good man and will be missed. I have already told God what a good man you were, Bobby. Teresa Hickey

Teresa Hickey - November 21, 2024 at 08:55 AM



I am so sorry, Patricia! Margaret Hunt!

Margaret Hunt - November 21, 2024 at 01:34 PM