



## Charles Smith Wilkins Sr.

June 19, 1932 - December 28, 2014

Charles Smith Wilkins, Sr., age 82, of Sweetwater, passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2014, at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater where he had served in the church choir and senior choir for many years. Mr. Wilkins had served as the County Clerk of Monroe County from 1962-1979 and also as the County Executive of Monroe County from 1979-1990; he also served on the home health advisory board for Sweetwater Hospital Association. His hobbies were his love for gardening, music, and his grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents: Richard C. and Ella Pearl Harrell Wilkins, father-in-law and mother-in-law: James and Nettie Shoemaker, sisters: Mildred Moore, Ruby Galyon, June Bledsoe, and Mattie Holbrook, brothers: Linton Ray Wilkins, Bill Wilkins, Raymond Wilson, and Clifford Wilson. Survivors include his wife of 62 years: Etta Frances Shoemaker Wilkins, of Sweetwater, daughter and son-in-law: Karen Gail Wilkins Firestone and spouse Hoyt, of Polk County, son and daughter-in-law: Charles "Chuck" Wilkins and spouse Glenda, of Sweetwater, grandchildren: Amanda and Brooke Firestone, Megan Kile, and Jon Thompson, great-granddaughter: Allie Kile, sisters: Zelma Lonas, of Sweetwater, Shirley Shoemaker, of Sweetwater, Lena Thomas McJunkins, of Loudon, brothers: Mack and Mickey Wilson, both of Sweetwater, special friend: Angela Tallent, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 30, 2014, at the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, from 6:00P.M. until 8:00P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 8:00P.M. with Dr. Frank

Crawford officiating. Interment 2:00P.M. Wednesday in the Sweetwater Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, or the Alzheimers Association. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Sweetwater  
303 Wright St.  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

## Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Papaw, this time is so hard on all of us you don't know how much you impacted our lives and others. I have a lot of memories with you, you were the best papaw ever. I miss you so much! This house is so empty and lonely and a piece of us is missing. But I know you are rejoicing with Jesus singing and smiling like you always did. You taught me so much about life and how to be positive and do the best at everything I did. I will carry everything you taught me through out my life. I love you papaw* ”

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**Amanda Firestone (granddaughter)** - December 31, 2014 at 09:26 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss, May god's Love comfort you in this time  
Your in our thoughts and prayers* ”



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**Glenn & Delorese Thompson** - December 30, 2014 at 11:52 AM

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“ *Polk County Courthouse Employees purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Smith Wilkins Sr..* ”



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**Polk County Courthouse Employees** - December 30, 2014 at 08:47 AM

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“ We got to know Charles when he was in county clerk office. He was the most kind person. Our prayers and love goes out to the family. GOD will give you comfort and strength in days ahead. GOD BLESS. Rufus & Wanda Bivens

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**Rufus & Wanda Bivens** - December 29, 2014 at 02:18 PM

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“ Rufus & Wanda Bivens lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith Wilkins Sr.



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**Rufus & Wanda Bivens** - December 29, 2014 at 02:01 PM