



Rev. D. L. Blankenship

March 17, 2004

REV. D.L. "SANDY" Blankenship age 79, of Sweetwater passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Sweetwater Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was a Veteran of WWII having served in the U.S. Navy. Rev. Blankenship was a Radio Evangelist for over 45 yrs. on WDEH radio, also served as pastor for many of the local churches. Preceded in death by parents: John and Cora Blankenship; brother: Ozell Blankenship; sister: Alva Ruth Wilson, son: Johnny Kent Blankenship, daughter, Shelia Bernice Blankenship, and a infant brother and sister. Survivors include: wife of 59 years: Bernice Blankenship; daughters and sons-in-law: Phyllis and Ronnie Robinson all of Sweetwater, Barbara and K.C. Gray of Philadelphia, Joyce and David Conrad of Sweetwater; sons and daughter-in-law: Ronnie Blankenship, Rick and Mary Squires, Michael Grisby all of Sweetwater; grandchildren: Lee, and Cannon Blankenship; and 13 other grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law: Bob and Betty Blankenship of Loudon; Sisters: Loretta Caughorn of Madisonville, Alma Lewallen of Athens. The body is at Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, where the family will receive friends on Thursday from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with funeral services to follow at 8:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Paul Thomas, Rev. Don White, and Rev. Lester Gunn officiating. Interment 1:00 P.M. Friday in the Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park, with military honors provided by the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post 5156