



## Ephraim King Berrong, Jr.

February 9, 1925 - December 17, 2013

Ephraim King "Coach" Berrong, Jr, of Sweetwater, passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville. A native of Maryville, King resided in Sweetwater for the last sixty-three years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific during World War II. King retired from the Monroe County School System after 38 years of teaching at Vonore High School (one year) and Sweetwater High School (thirty-seven years). King was head football coach at Vonore HS (one year) and Sweetwater HS (twenty-five years). While at Sweetwater HS, King led the Wildcats to the 1971 and 1972 TSSAA football state championship. He was an inductee into the Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame, the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame, the Maryville College Wall of Fame, and the TSSAA Sports Hall of Fame.

He was 88.

Preceded in death by: wife, Margaret Jean Frank Berrong, Father and mother Ephraim King Berrong, Sr. and Susie Elizabeth Hitson Berrong; brothers George Robert "Bobby" Berrong and James Leon Berrong; great grandson William David Sweitzer.

Survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: David and Nina Tennyson Berrong of Lenoir City, Steve and Liz Atkins Berrong, of Madisonville, Rick and Peggy Trombley Berrong of Sweetwater, Mickey Berrong of Sweetwater, daughter and son-in-law: Kim and Kris Powers, of Athens, grandchildren: Dana Berrong Sweitzer, Nikki Berrong Swisher, Chris Berrong, Charlie Berrong, Heather

Berrong, Chase Berrong, Josh Berrong, Adam Powers, Blake Powers, Corbin Powers, Dannah Powers, great-grandchildren: Claudia Sweitzer, McKinna Westfield, Brayden Westfield, Millie Anne Swisher, Hunter Daffron, Landon Berrong, Kate Swisher, Kinlee Swisher, sisters: Geveva Webb, and Betty Everett, of Maryville, brother: Bunny Berrong, of Knoxville. Several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 20, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, from 5:00P.M. until 7:30P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 7:30P.M. with Dr. Frank Crawford and Rev. Tony Rutherford officiating. Graveside service and interment 11:00A.M. Saturday in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with Pastor: Doug Alexander officiating. In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Gideon's International. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Very sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers*

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**Greg Trowbridge - Friend** - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *King and Jean are now "Together Forever".*

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**Eddie Tennyson - Sweetwater, TN - Friend** - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I am thinking and praying for all the family during this time. I have many happy memories growing up and knowing this family. King and Jean treated everyone with great respect and love and taught me a lot about life. He was a man of integrity and loved his family and country. He made this world a better place. He never forgot his students and players and always wanting them to learn life lessons. They say to teach is to touch a heart and he touched thousands of them. Praying for you. Love*

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**Betty Harrell Hicks - Riceville, TN - Friend** - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear about your father. Couch was a great influence to me. He showed me that hard work did pay off.*

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**Bobby Johnson - Kingston, TN - Class of 1970** - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We have wonderful long time memories of King, beginning at Maryville College and continuing through his outstanding career, as a an outstanding athlete and as an outstanding coach and leader of young people. Charlie still tells a happening when he was officiating an important football game several years ago.....it could bring a memory smile to your face....Sweetwater did win.  
Our prayers and sympathy are with all of you.

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**Charlie & May Gene Roberts - Maryville, TN - friends** - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Coach Berrong will be missed can still remember the good old days playing football and winning. Now coach you have won the battle that we all will do someday.

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**Patricia Gail Billingsley McGaughey - Sweetwater, TN - Student Class of 1972** - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ To: Rick and family – I know what it's like to lose your father. You will not lose the memories and they will be treasures you will cherish and share. I pray for God's blessings for you and your family. May you find peace in family, friends and God's love.  
Nancy & Hal Livergood

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**Hal Livergood - Knoxville, TN - Friend of Rick Berrong** - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM