



Garland Allen Lee

January 9, 1947 - March 16, 2025

Prominent, local farmer and cattleman, respected through out East and Middle Tennessee Garland Lee, age 78, of Sweetwater, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2025, after bravely battling a devastating illness for months.

Garland had enjoyed a professional career of 30 years with the Department of Commerce and Insurance, most of the time as a state fire marshal, during that time he was selected to serve on a federal trouble-shooting team traveling nationwide on call, for a number of years.

In both agricultural and public service Garland took pride in his work. He enjoyed mentoring newcomers to both fields. He was sought out by others for his advice and expertise. He was delighted to help others in any way he could. He was a collector of many things, but the things he valued most were family and friends.

Preceded in death by his mother: Mildred June Lee Smith; father: William Shaddrick Lee; sister: Debra Newberry; father-in-law and mother-in-law: William Lester and Lelia Monteith Thomas; sister-in-law: Theresa Thomas Stafford; brother-in-law: Jerry Lester Thomas

Survived by his wife of 55years: Brenda Thomas Lee (Sweetwater), whom worked side by side with him to build a life together on the farm and in business; brothers: Edward and Judy Lee (Lenior City), Sam Lee (Lenior City), Philip (Jean) Newberry (Lenior City); sisters: Becky Lee (Tim) Morrison (Lenior City), Cathy Lee (Randy) Richardson (Memphis); several nieces and nephews; brother-in-law: Larry Thomas (Sweetwater); sister-in-law: Frieda

Thomas Brown (Sweetwater).

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 7:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Randy Lawson and Rev. Riley Huffstetler officiating. Interment 11:00 A.M. on Friday in the Fenders Cemetery. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Fenders Community Cemetery Fund: Frieda Brown 189 Blue Springs Road, Sweetwater, TN 37874

Cemetery Details

Fenders Community Cemetery

2528 Oakland Rd.
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 20. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAR **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda , Deepest condolences from Richard Harrill and Sons .Shannon McDaniel and Richard Harrill IV*

Shannon McDaniel - March 20, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Garland Allen Lee.*



March 19, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Garland Allen Lee.*

March 19, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Ed Lee - March 18, 2025 at 09:51 PM

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“ *Dian Silvey Bishop lit a candle in memory of
Garland Allen Lee*



Dian Silvey Bishop - March 18, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort &
peace at this sad time. Friends of Frieda.
Karen Gail Adams, Cindy Norton, Kathy Huey.*



Karen Gail Shultz Adams - March 17, 2025 at 05:28 PM