



## James Lester Allen, M.D.

March 4, 1932 - May 31, 2003

James Lester Allen MD age 71, of Sweetwater, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2003 at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in the Korean conflict as a member of the 101st Airborne. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater for over 30 years where he served as Deacon and Trustee. Dr. Allen was a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis and received his medical degree in 1960. Dr. Allen was a member of the Tennessee Medical Association and the Monroe County Medical Society. He had served as Chief of Staff and President of the Board of Directors of the Sweetwater Hospital Association. Under the direction of Dr. Allen, the Monroe County Health Access Council was formed. Dr. Allen was a member of the Monroe County Board of Education. Preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Gladys Brakebill Allen. Survivors include: his wife of 47 years, Margaret Ann Purdy Allen of Sweetwater; daughters and son-in-law, Leslie Ann Allen of Fremont, CA, Lynda Lee Edwards of Sweetwater, Elizabeth Kay Neil of Sweetwater, Kimberly Jane and Dee Romines of Athens, GA; son and daughter-in-law, James Edward and Regina Allen of Athens; grandchildren, Jessica and Bo Edwards, Kristin, Erica, Lexie, and Tyler Allen, Shelly and Bailey Neil, Rebecca, and Daniel Romines; sister, Virginia Bledsoe of Cleveland; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. The body is at Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, where the body may be viewed from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, and on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. A memorial

service will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater with Rev. Anderson McCulley officiating, visitation to follow with the family after the service. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater building fund or the music program.