



James Michael "Mike" Jenkins

April 29, 1951 - November 23, 2025

James Michael "Mike" Jenkins, 74, of Sweetwater, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2025, at Sweetwater Hospital after a brief battle with lung cancer. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank Jenkins; mother, Reva Thomas Jenkins; siblings Ev Jo Wilson, Dick Jenkins, and Merle Ann Butera; and niece Kathryn Woodruff.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Donna Jenkins; daughter Shannon Wilson and partner Ann Clark; daughter and son-in-law Christie and Jason Pippin; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Courtney Jenkins. He is also survived by his grandchildren Conner Pippin and Allianna Shofner, Cameron Pippin, Jaden Jenkins, Kylie Jenkins, and Bryn Jenkins; siblings Butch Jenkins, Jane Viar, and Frankie Houser; and a special niece who was like a daughter, Sarah Beth Woodruff, along with her children. He leaves behind many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Mike served the City of Sweetwater for 40 years as a fireman and then as a law enforcement officer. He served as Chief of Police for 14 years and Assistant Chief for 15, holding numerous roles and receiving many commendations throughout his career. In 1992, he had the honor of attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico for an intensive 11-week training. After retirement, he continued his commitment to public safety by serving with the Meth Task Force.

He will be remembered for his deep love for his family in blue and for the fair, steady, and kind way he treated the citizens of the town he called home his entire life. His family will forever cherish how wholeheartedly he supported his grandchildren in all their interests and events, as well as his love for spending time with family, camping, and fixing things.

The family would like to extend their utmost appreciation to the nurses at SHA for going above and beyond in providing excellent care. Special thanks also go to Dr. Chris Shamblin for his compassion and support for both Mike and his family.

The family will receive friends on Friday, November 28, 2025 at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with a celebration of life service to follow at 7:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Pastor: Mitchell Payne, Michael Jenkins, Pastor: Jeff Jenkins officiating. Interment 11:00 A.M. Saturday in the Sweetwater Memorial Park. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

NOV **28**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park
1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Michael "Mike" Jenkins*



Kyker Funeral Home - November 26, 2025 at 09:03 AM

TE

My Prayers and condolences to Mike's family. I grew up with Mike in my early years. Mike was always kind to everyone. Mike will be missed and he was a true gentleman.

Tommy Edgemon - November 27, 2025 at 05:12 PM

DI

Hey Donna and family! I am so sorry for your loss! I've know you guys for a long time and you guys had a good husband and father and grandfather! Good man gone to soon! Praying for you all!

Danny Isbill - November 28, 2025 at 10:52 PM

GM

“ *Gail (Anderson) McCullough planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Michael "Mike" Jenkins.*

Gail (Anderson) McCullough - November 26, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael "Mike" Jenkins.



November 26, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - November 26, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ Sorry for your loss prayers for family and friends martha sanders

Alansanders - November 25, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Prayers and Condolences to the family and friends! Mike was a Good Man and I'm glad to have had him as a friend! 🙏❤️

Gary M Tallent - November 25, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ Jerry and Cindy Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Michael "Mike" Jenkins.



Jerry and Cindy Williams - November 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Michael "Mike" Jenkins.



November 24, 2025 at 04:10 PM

MW

“ Michael , Kaylan & Lauren Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Michael "Mike" Jenkins.

Michael , Kaylan & Lauren Williams - November 24, 2025 at 04:10 PM