



James Cletis Parks

November 10, 1925 - September 16, 2011

James Cletis “Clete” Parks, age 85, of Sweetwater, passed away on Friday September 16, 2011, at home with family and friends at his side. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater. He served six years in the U.S. Navy during WWII, member of the Sweetwater Gold Star V.F.W. Post 5156, and a member of the American Legion post 106. Retired from Vestal Manufacturing after 28 years, and worked with his close friend Eddie Powell for another 12 years, until ill health forced retirement. He was an avid sports fan, “football and NASCAR racing”, he especially supported the Sweetwater Wild Cats sports program until his health prevented him from attending the events. Survivors include wife of 63 years: Betty Brackett Parks, of Sweetwater, daughter : Lola Farmer and husband: Jerry of Knoxville, son: Jim Parks and wife: Rhonda of Lincoln, AL., 3 grandchildren: Russ Parks, and wife Jada, of Tellico Plains, Brad Farmer, Molly Hamilton and husband: Jeff, of Knoxville, 6 great-grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. Preceded in death by his father and mother: Jess and Lola Graves Parks, and step-mother: Edith Sutton Parks, 1 brother, and 1 sister. The body is at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, where the family will receive friends on Monday September 19, from 5:30P.M. until 8:00P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 8:00P.M. in Kyker’s Chapel with Dr. Frank Crawford officiating. Interment 11:00A.M. on Tuesday morning in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with full military honors provided by the Sweetwater Gold Star Post 5156 and members of the Monroe County D.A.V.

chapter #93. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater. Members of the Builders Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church will service as honorary pallbearers.

Tribute Wall

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“ Betty, So sorry for your lost, know you are in our prayers and thoughts.

Delorese Thompson - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Betty sorry to hear of Clete's passing. Heaven is sweeter with Him there. You & your family are in our thoughts and Prayers, May God Bless and keep you all. John

John & Janette Stout - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM