



## James David Sweeney

July 1, 1925 - March 1, 2013

James David Sweeney age 87 of Kingston, TN passed away Friday March 1, 2013 at UT Medical Center. He was a member of First Baptist Church for 56 years where he served as a deacon and treasurer for many years. Jim worked at Y-12 for 35 years in Oak Ridge . He loved being a volunteer at Hands of Mercy where he served on the board of directors. Jim graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and served in the US Navy in WWII. For those who knew Jim, he will be remembered as a man of incredible faith, knowing his Lord walked the journey of life with him every day. Jim's love for his church, family and friends was well known. He was preceded in death by parents R.W. and Beulah Sweeney, brothers Claude, Guy, R.W. Jr., Roy, and sisters Thelma and May.

Survivors include his loving wife, Alice McKenzie Sweeney of Kingston, to whom he was a devoted husband for 57 years

Daughter Lou Alice White (John) of Lake Charles, LA

Son David Alan Sweeney (Tonja) of Winchester, VA

Grandchildren Tyler and Paul Sweeney, Paul and Stephen White

The funeral will be held at 11 am Tuesday March 5, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Kingston, with the Dr. Sonny Works officiating, with the burial to follow at Roane Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Monday from 6 until 8pm at First Baptist Church in Kingston. In lieu of flowers,

memorials to First Baptist Church Building Fund, Kingston, TN or Hands of Mercy, 147 Court St., Kingston, TN in honor of Jim are appreciated. Kyker Funeral Homes in Kingston is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Dear Alice and Family,

*I hope many happy memories will carry you through this sorrowful time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Love, Louise O. Ervin, Lynchburg Tn  
and June Tucker, Lois Tn*

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**Louise O Ervin - Lynchburg, TN - 1st cousin** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God give you all rest, peace, and comfort. We love you! Keith and Candy Gray

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**Candy and Keith Gray - Lake Charles, LA - friend** - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Alice and family,

*We were sorry to learn of your loss. Our fondest memories are when we first met you & Jim on the Mackinac Island trip. We were glad we had found some wonderful people from our hometown. We'll keep you in our prayers and will be in contact.*

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**Dyke & Helen Walker - Kingston, TN - friend** - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *My family frequently visited back & forth with Uncle Jim & Aunt Alice, David & Lou Alice. The children played in the yard - running, chasing each other, catching fireflies, going down to the lake when we weren't supposed to. :-)*

*I remember Dad & Uncle Jim grilling, talking, watching, laughing indulgently. Sometimes Mom & Aunt Alice would join them & sometimes they'd use kitchen duties as an excuse to stay out of the line of fire.*

*These are great memories. Thank you Uncle Jim!*

*Love,  
Beverly*

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**Beverly Sweeney - Lenoir City, TN - Niece** - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mrs, Sweeney, Lou Alice, and David: So sadden to learn of Mr. Sweeney's passing. Dowe, his mother, and I all share so many happy Kingston memories of your family. Please know we will keep you close in our hearts as you adjust to your loss. I pray you will be comforted by the blessings of joyful memories in the days and weeks to come. Fondly, Anne Grisham Dabbs*

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**Anne Grisham Dabbs - Forest, VA - family friend** - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *i am so sad to hear about mr. sweeney. i grew up in first baptist church in kingston and remember him well. my condolences for his family. i will be thinking of mrs. sweeney--my former teacher.*

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**vicki morgan melton - rockwood** - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Alice and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss and will have you in our prayers.

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**Jack and Sue Lay - Oneida, TN - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

TF

“ We have known Jim for many years and he will be missed more than you know.  
He was an original volunteer at Hands of Mercy 12 years ago and has served as a board member for the past 10 years.  
His commitment to this ministry and his commitment to God was so strong in every thing he did.  
Jim truly lived the life of a servant and well understood what God expects from all of us as Christians.  
We have been fortunate to have Jim in our lives as an example of what we should all aspire to.  
Hands of Mercy has lost such a treasure and will never forget his contribution to the ministry.  
Alice, May God grant you comfort and peace during this time of your great loss.  
Sharon and Joe Pinner

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**The Reverend Joseph and Sharon Pinner - Kingston, TN - Friends - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM**