



Jewel Faye Vann Sledge

August 2, 1951 - December 13, 2023

Jewel Faye Sledge, age 72, of Sweetwater, TN our beloved wife, mom, sister, “Mamaw”, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend, was called to her heavenly home on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023. Born in Oliver Springs on August 2nd, 1951, she was the eldest of nine children of Freddie and Ethel Vann. In 1972, she married the love of her life, James Albert Sledge. They moved to Sweetwater where they raised their three children: Jamie, Joy, and Jessica. She held a variety of jobs, but eventually became a cafeteria worker in the Sweetwater City School system. Not afraid of hard work or a challenge, she worked her way up the chain of leadership where she eventually became the head supervisor of the entire system of cafeterias within the district.

Confirming her ability to lead, she even returned to college late in life and acquired an Associates Degree from Cleveland State Community College in 2011. As her children grew up and created families of their own, she ended up with five grandchildren and four great grandchildren (with another on the way). Growing up in a home with a father who spent many years preaching the word of God, Jewel was a strong believer in Jesus Christ. She and James attend Liberality Baptist Church pastored by their close friend Niles Dockery.

Jewel is preceded in death by her parents, Freddie and Ethel Vann; and sister, Ella Mae Vann.

Jewel is survived by her husband of 51 years: James Albert Sledge, her three children and their spouses: Jamie (Ann) Sledge, Joy (Scotty) Hicks, and Jessica Sledge. Grandchildren, “Little” Jamie (Tosha), Cora (Dalton), Lincoln,

Bella, and Weston; great grandchildren, Hayden, Caden, Joseph, River, and (soon to be born great-granddaughter Addison Jewel). Siblings: Deanna, Vicki, Ramona, Wanda, Nathan, Allen and Darrell.

Jewel knew that God called all of us to a life of service. Thus, she spent a life serving everyone around her. She will be remembered for her hard work ethic, kindness, generosity, warm smile, and most of all, dedication to her family.

She will be deeply missed by all who had the joy of knowing her.

Receiving of friends will be held on Tuesday, December, 19th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and funeral service will follow with Rev. Niles Dockery officiating, at Sweetwater Memory Chapel, 1838 US-11, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Interment 11:00A.M. on Wednesday in the Rockville Cemetery, in Sweetwater.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to aid in the cost of burial to her daughter Jessica Sledge's Venmo Jessica-Sledge-9

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Memory Chapel
P.O. Box 201
1838 Highway 11 North
Sweetwater, TN 37874
(423) 337-7773
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **19**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rockville Cemtery
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Tribute Wall

PK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jewel was a very special lady. We share a lot memories through our years in school nutrition. She always greeted you with a smile and was very kind to everyone. Her name was very appropriate because she was a jewel. Prayers for all.

Paulette King - December 19, 2023 at 10:13 AM

SL

“ Sweetwater Public Library lit a candle in memory of Jewel Faye Vann Sledge



Sweetwater Public Library - December 18, 2023 at 04:50 PM

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“ TRACY SCHMITT lit a candle in memory of Jewel Faye Vann Sledge



TRACY SCHMITT - December 17, 2023 at 07:05 PM

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“ I remember her asking me if i was okay when my dad died
I will never forget her she was so sweet and kind i loved her and her family so much.



TRACY SCHMITT - December 17, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *“Arms of an Angel” Picture Perfect 27” Chime was purchased for the family of Jewel Faye Vann Sledge.*



December 16, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *You were my favorite Aunt!! I remember you always being at Caney Creek with us and just laughing at how silly we acted. When you went to the beach with us when Jessica was just a few weeks old and you had the best time with Momma. I’m do thankful for the memories you were apart of in all of my childhood. I love you Jewel and I miss you terribly.*

Bridget - December 16, 2023 at 12:13 AM



So sorry your loss I grew with jewel in the cove in Oliver springs my name Frankie Jackson I lived across the road from her family when we were young and going to. School together

Frankie - December 16, 2023 at 02:37 PM



So sorry for the loss of this fine lady. My memory of her is that she always would greet you with her beautiful smile. Prayers for all those who loved her.

Jan Page - December 18, 2023 at 11:48 AM