



Joseph W. Drake

March 11, 1935 - May 6, 2008

Joseph W. (J.W.) Drake age 73 of Sweetwater went home to be with the Lord early Tuesday Morning May 6, 2008 at Sweetwater Hospital. He was retired from Vestal Mfg. after 48 years. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church. Preceded in death by parents; Thomas L. Drake Sr. and Lillie Reynolds Drake, sisters; Thelma Vance, Edna Baecher, Mary Monjar, Margaret, Gladys and Catherine Drake, brothers; James Drake and Thomas L. Drake Jr. He is survived by wife of 55 years; Wilma Geraldine Ingram Drake, daughters and sons-in-law; Wilma and Leo Smith of Madisonville, Sarah and Bobby Mizer of Athens, son Joe Drake of Sweetwater, sisters and brothers-in-law; Aliene Wicker of Rossville, GA, Louise and Reed Gardener, Trudy and Tom Gardener all of Loudon, Gerald Baecher of Dayton, OH, Beulah Drake of Loudon, Lillie Drake of Lousville, KY, grandchildren and spouses; Andy Burchfield, Bryan Burchfield, Amanda and Kevin Sledge, Sam and Kim Mizer, Brad and Leah Mizer, Charlie Mizer, Amy and Dennis Finchum, Jason Drake, Hannah Drake, great-grandchildren; Austin, Zackery, Madison, Mason, Logan and Peyton Finchum. The body is at Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, where the family will receive friends Thursday, May 8, 2008 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM funeral service to follow at 8:00 PM in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Johnny Carr officiating. Graveside service and Interment 11:00 AM Friday in Sweetwater Memorial Park. Kyker Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.