



Larry A. Freeman

April 1, 1953 - February 8, 2026

Larry Athel Freeman, age 72, went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2026, in Sweetwater, Tennessee.

He was born in Athens, Tennessee, to Athel Freeman and Della Williams Freeman.

Larry was married to Susan McKenzie Freeman for 50 years, a partnership marked by devotion and constancy.

He is survived by his wife and children: Geoffrey Freeman (wife Darlene) and Laura Barnes (husband Jonathan).

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jocelyn Golec (husband Nathan), Emily Parliment (husband Bobby), Joel Smack, Randy Barnes, Jared Smack, Bram Freeman (wife Mahayla), Essie Barnes, Elodie Freeman, and Dashiell Freeman; and by his great-grandchildren, Clayton Freeman, Clementine Freeman, and Elizabeth Parliment.

Larry is survived by his siblings: Gary Freeman; Sandy Hodges (husband Trendel); and Donna Valadez (husband Nick).

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Randy Freeman.

Larry was a veteran of the United States Army and the National Guard and spent his working life as an award-winning truck driver. In 2017, he was recognized as one of America's Top Private Fleet Drivers at the National Safety Conference after accumulating 3,265,000 miles with a safe driving record, a testament to his professionalism and dedication.

Off the road, Larry was a devout follower of God and a proud family man. He was always very supportive of his children and deeply appreciative of their accomplishments, and there was nothing he'd rather do than attend his grandchildren's activities and sporting events. To those who knew him, Larry was one of the most personable people you could meet. If you ever had the honor of meeting Larry, you were never a stranger again, and you most likely shared a warm, genial conversation.

Receiving of friends will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Sweetwater Memory Chapel with the funeral service immediately following at 7:00 pm with Rev. Vernon Webb officiating. Interment will be at Sweetwater Memorial Park on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 11:00 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 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

FEB 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Memory Chapel
P.O. Box 201
1838 Highway 11 North
Sweetwater, TN 37874
(423) 337-7773
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Burial

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park
1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *My husband Scott Curtis loved Larry Freeman! They were good friends for many years! I'd say Scott was waiting on him when he arrived! God bless his family and friends!*



Patrenia Curtis - February 13 at 10:30 AM

ST

“ *St lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Freeman*



St - February 11 at 06:02 PM

WG

“ *Woodward Church of God purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



Woodward Church of God - February 11 at 02:26 PM

KH

“ Dear and Susan I may not be able to be there physically but I am there with you spiritually. You and Uncle Larry were so kind to me when I entered this family. Uncle Larry was one of the only ones who came and saw me when I was in the hospital and he will truly be missed. Drew and I love you and will always be here for you.
John 14:1-3

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Sincerely The Hawkins

Kendra Hawkins - February 11 at 12:35 PM

GR

“ Sorry for your loss! Grady & Geneva Rose

Grady& Geneva Rose - February 11 at 09:21 AM

SR

“ Praying for you all. So sorry for your loss.
Shannon Rose.

Shannon Rose - February 11 at 09:21 AM

JG

“ May God grant the family peace & comfort during the loss of thier loved one .

Joyce Gourley - February 11 at 07:38 AM

BF

“ *Brenda Dockery and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



Brenda Dockery and family - February 10 at 01:22 PM

SJ

“ *Sam Judd purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



Sam Judd - February 10 at 01:10 PM

KJ

“ *Kim judd purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



Kim judd - February 10 at 12:47 PM

CC

“ *Chris, Katie, Joey, Ryan, and Cooper purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



Chris, Katie, Joey, Ryan, and Cooper - February 10 at 11:16 AM

KL

“ *Kim Lester lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Freeman*



Kim Lester - February 10 at 10:11 AM

BW

“ *Brian, Nicole, Kayleigh, and Ethan Wear purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



Brian, Nicole, Kayleigh, and Ethan Wear - February 10 at 10:04 AM

BW

“ *Brian, Nicole, Kayleigh, and Ethan Wear planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry A. Freeman.*

Brian, Nicole, Kayleigh, and Ethan Wear - February 10 at 10:04 AM

TM

“ *Trish Meredith purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



Trish Meredith - February 10 at 09:27 AM

DL

“ *David Lindner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



David Lindner - February 10 at 09:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry A. Freeman.*



February 10 at 08:44 AM



“ *Papaw was a kind, gentle, and genuinely funny man, but more than anything, he had a heart that made people feel safe and loved. From the moment I came into his life, he didn't hesitate. He accepted me fully and made me feel like I belonged in his family. That kind of love is rare, and I will always carry it with me. He loved my children so much. The way he looked at them, spoke to them, and cared for them showed the depth of the man he was. He didn't just love loudly he loved quietly, steadily, and sincerely. And that love meant everything to me. I've only known Papaw since 2023, but that man only needed five minutes to make an impact on a life. In such a short amount of time, he left a mark on my heart that will never fade. He showed me kindness without conditions and love without expectation. I love Papaw more than words can say. Losing him hurts deeply, but I am so grateful for every moment we had. His love lives on through the people he touched, the family he cherished, and the memories we will hold close forever. He will never be forgotten.*



Mahayla Freeman - February 10 at 08:38 AM

SC

“ Larry was easily a devoted man of faith and family to any that knew him. We met many years ago when he delivered tankers of fuel to Bull Run and I had to assist. Conversation was never hard for either of us and we struck up a meaningful friendship. He retired and returned to my delight. I listened as he shared the triumphs of his grandchildren's sports and other accomplishments. He was always warm and ever calming. I watched him and thought, from his truck cab he saw this ever evolving world. He and I shared so many stories. Mostly we laughed at how alike we were if only we closed our eyes. We visited away from work as recent as last week when Susan his wife called. I hurt for her. They held a beautiful partnership. I pray for her stamina, I dare not worry about her strength. I just wanted to say Rest Easy My friend, your smile will be missed. And Thank You

Sean Cash - February 10 at 08:21 AM