



## Martin G. Bilderback

April 1, 1922 - November 11, 2015

Martin G. Bilderback, age 93, of Sweetwater, passed away at his home on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Throughout his life he was a servant of his Lord, country and farming community. As a member of First Baptist Church of Sweetwater since September 13, 1931, he served as a Trustee and chairman of the building committee. As a World War II Army veteran, he was involved in the Normandy invasion receiving a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a lifetime dairy farmer serving on various boards of farming organizations throughout his career. He was also a member of the Sweetwater Odd Fellow Lodge # 280. In retirement he enjoyed gardening, fishing and woodworking. Preceded in death by : his wife of 67 years, Anna Hill Bilderback; infant daughter, Diana; parents: Joseph Chester and Dorothy Peak Bilderback; brother: Joe Peak Bilderback and sisters-in-law: Chlorine and Ruth Bilderback; brothers and sisters-in-law: Hugh and Mable Hill, Tom and Sue Thornburg, Wade and Jody Hill, and Leon Hill. Survivors include: daughter Elizabeth and husband Al Spencer, of Sweetwater, son Dr. Marty Bilderback and wife Annie, of Nicholasville, Kentucky; grandchildren and spouses: John and Riann Bilderback, of Chattanooga, Dr. Joshua and Nicki Spencer, of Wilmington, North Carolina, Dr. Rusty and Jenny Edwards, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, David and Kristen Bildreback, of Knoxville; grandsons: Briscoe Bilderback, and Brody Bilderback, both of Nicholasville, Kentucky; great-grandchildren: Benjamin, Addison, Hunter, Luke, and Wyatt; brother: Burton and wife Barbara Bilderback, of Sweetwater, brothers and sisters-in-law: Glen

and Janice Hill, of Lenoir City, Jim and Sherry Hill, of Dallas, Texas and Betty Hill McKenzie, of Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. The family wants to thank and acknowledge his very special "home team" caregivers, Dr. Evans and employees of Sweetwater Hospital Association, and Amedisys Hospice Services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Sweetwater. The family will receive friends on Monday, November 16, 2015 at First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 7:00P.M. with Dr. Rusty Edwards, and Dr. Frank Crawford officiating. Family and friends will meet at 11:45A.M. on Tuesday morning at Sweetwater Memorial Park for a 12:00 noon interment, with full military honors provided by members of the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post 5156, Monroe County Disabled American Veterans Chapter # 93, and the Sweetwater American Legions Post # 106. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Sweetwater  
303 Wright St.  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

## Service

NOV **16**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of all the Bilderback family. Dr. Patricia Hinton (former prof, Hiwassee College)



Pat Hinton - November 15, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin G. Bilderback.



November 15, 2015 at 12:53 AM



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November 14, 2015 at 04:09 AM



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“ Venoy, Kay, Mary Ann and families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin G. Bilderback.



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**Venoy, Kay, Mary Ann and families** - November 14, 2015 at 04:07 AM

BS

“ We were so sorry to hear of his passing. Just reading about him makes us wish we had been able to meet him. Bill and Sandra Smith Durham NC

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**Bill Smith** - November 13, 2015 at 12:36 PM

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“ I will always remember "Mr. Martin" as a loving, laughing, caring man who loved his church and his family. He gave my daughter a dulcimer that he made which I am sure will always be treasured. He was a Prince among Men.

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**Louise Barnes** - November 13, 2015 at 08:07 AM

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“ Elizabeth, I am very sorry to hear of your Father's passing, what a long prosperous life He had. So many memories for you to carry in your heart. God will give you Peace and comfort. My condolences to you and the Family.

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**Kathy Frye** - November 12, 2015 at 07:14 PM