



## Matthew King Garbett

July 15, 2003

Matthew "Mac" King Garbett passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2003, after a valiant battle with Lou Gehrigs disease. Mac has many years of community service participating in the Jaycees, the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, and Roane Alliance. He came to Kingston in 1970 and began working for Paul Page with the Roane County News. He remained with the newspaper until 1989 when he retired as General Manager. He most recently has been employed with Rocky Top Markets, Inc. He has been instrumental in the development of the Roane Central Utility District and has been the President for many years. Arkansas bred; Louisiana fed; Tennessee wed. "Daddy Mac" raised his own three children, then he adopted his brother's son, but that wasn't enough, so he took in several more and raised them as well. There was always room in the pot for another soup bone when he was cooking. Even on the side of the road, he never met a stranger. A man of fiery spirit and gentle heart; he spoke his mind, kept his word and stood his ground. Mac was preceded in death by his mother, Sadie Rae Garbett; father, Clyde Matthew Garbett; brother, Clyde Cantrell Garbett and sister, Carolyn Garbett. He is survived by wife, Lois Jane Sims Garbett; daughter, Kristie Carolyn Garbett; sons, Matthew Kevin Garbett all from Kingston; Judd Anson and Susan Creager Garbett of Knoxville; Shawn Patrick and Krassimira Garbett and granddaughter, Maia Alexandra Garbett of Nashville. The family will receive friends Friday, July 18, 2003, from 5 to 7 PM at the Kingston United Methodist Church. A memorial service will follow at 7 PM. Donations in his

honor are requested for the Kingston United Methodist Youth Fund.