



Randall James Glaze

October 10, 1949 - January 3, 2026

Randall James Glaze was born on October 10, 1949, and spent his childhood on the family farm in McMinn County. He later spent the majority of his time in Sweetwater, where he was a steady, familiar presence in the community he loved.

In 1967, Randall entered the United States Army, answering the call to serve his country during the Vietnam War. He was wounded in May 1968 and awarded the Purple Heart for his sacrifice. He was honorably discharged in 1969, and his military service was a defining part of his life—one he carried with pride and that shaped his character, values, and commitment to others. In 1970, Randall married the love of his life, Sharon. They shared 55 years of marriage, remaining faithfully dedicated to one another until the end, building a life rooted in love, family, and steadfast commitment.

A man of many talents, Randall was known for his ability to build, fix, or figure out just about anything. Over the years, he held many jobs within the Sweetwater community, including owning and operating a local business. A true jack-of-all-trades, he was skilled in many areas and known as a hard worker whose work ethic was evident in everything he did. Alongside that work ethic, Randall was also known for his sense of humor and his love of cutting up, often pulling a good-natured practical joke and bringing laughter to those around him.

Randall was a dedicated member of the Sweetwater church of Christ, where he served faithfully in multiple capacities throughout his life. Beginning in the

1980s and continuing for two decades, he participated in multiple medical mission trips to Central America, reflecting his lifelong commitment to helping others both near and far.

For more than twenty years, Randall was a devoted supporter of Sweetwater High School athletics. He served in a variety of roles, including videography, field maintenance, and announcing, contributing countless hours behind the scenes to support the Wildcats and the broader school community.

Above all, Randall was a family man. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Glaze; his daughter, Ginger Hooper; his son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Ashley Glaze; and his grandchildren, Katie (Casey) Widener, Jacob (Kassidi) Hooper, Ava Glaze, Hope Glaze, and Eli Glaze. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Marley Underwood and Caine Widener; his sister, Sharon Evans; his brother and sister-in-law, Hugh and Robyn Glaze; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Debbie (Darrell) Strickland and Greg (Andrea) Henry; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence Glaze and Alice Skelton, and by his brother, Keith Glaze.

Randall will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his steady presence, his willingness to help without seeking recognition, and the many lives he influenced through faith, service, dedication, and humor. The Glaze family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and many friends made at the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home for the compassionate care and support Randall received this past year.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 7:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Minister: Hugh Glaze and Minister: Bill Haywood officiating. Interment 11:00 A.M. on Thursday in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with full military honors provided by members of the U.S. Army, Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post 5156 and American Legion Post 106. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Interment with Full Military Honors

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park
1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Randall James Glaze*



Kyker Funeral Home - January 06 at 09:49 AM

CR

What a lovely tribute to Randall and his family.

Carol L. Rogne - January 07 at 09:51 PM

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Carol L. Rogne - January 07 at 09:54 PM

PR

“ *Pat, Mary, Adam, and Ry Ry purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Randall James Glaze.*



Pat, Mary, Adam, and Ry Ry - January 07 at 10:29 AM

PR

“ *Pat, Mary, Adam, and Ry Ry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall James Glaze.*

Pat, Mary, Adam, and Ry Ry - January 07 at 10:29 AM

JL

“ Joel & Becky Lane purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Randall James Glaze.



Joel & Becky Lane - January 06 at 12:15 PM

JL

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Joel & Becky Lane - January 06 at 12:15 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - January 06 at 09:45 AM

SH

“ *Shelbytuck lit a candle in memory of Randall James Glaze*



Shelbytuck - January 05 at 10:26 AM

LM

“ *Love, Wolfie and Sarah May purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Randall James Glaze.*



Love, Wolfie and Sarah May - January 05 at 08:45 AM

MA

“ *“The Glaziator “ that’s how i called you ,you named me “ Mammamia” .You were kind ,funny and easy going .You loved everyone ,regardless of background ,ethnicity ,race or religion .Thank you for the jokes ,the laughters ,the affection and the friendship .Thank you for your constant gratitude and kind words towards me .It meant a lot and motivated me to always do right .will miss your my dear friend .May your beautiful soul rest peacefully .I will never forget you and your absence is deeply felt .*

Mame - January 04 at 10:50 PM

DI

“ Randall was one of the strongest men I ever knew, physically. He was like an ox. More importantly, he stood for and loved the truth. He was very particular to obey God precisely, and I loved him for that. I cherished his friendship and humor. I am excited to see him again on the other side. I love you, my brother!

Don Iverson - January 04 at 08:15 PM

JC

“ Randall installed a swimming pool for us in the 80's and it was then they we learned that our sons were the same age and loved baseball. We often discussed games and strategies and then Randall and Jimmy coached teams competing against each other. Sometimes we won and other times he won. Fierce competition and good camaraderie. Many fond memories.

Jimmy and Carolyn Curtis - January 04 at 05:46 PM

TF

“ The Hammer Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Randall James Glaze.



The Hammer Family - January 04 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ The Hammer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall James Glaze.

The Hammer Family - January 04 at 03:56 PM

LH

“ *Never are there the 'right' words to truly express the sadness felt when a dear family member leaves this world, be with Him, in another. and we are sure Randall, is with our Lord Jesus Christ. Please know we are sending prayers, thoughts, love and hugs to each of you. Tom & Leigh, (Ashley & Josh's aunt and uncle), Fleming Island, Florida*

L A Hammer - January 04 at 03:35 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Randall James Glaze.*



January 04 at 02:27 PM