



## Robert Sherman Bettis Jr.

December 23, 1951 - January 31, 2017

Robert S. Bettis, Jr., age 65, of Sweetwater, passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at Parkwest Medical Center. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Tabernacle in Sweetwater. He retired from Bell South after 25 years of service, had served as Sweetwater City Commissioner for 3 terms, was currently serving as the general manager of SUB for 20 years, served on the Central Service Association Board of Directors in Tuplo, MS, TVA Power Distributors Scholarship Association, TVA Public Power Association, served in many of the local civic organizations in the area. He was an avid golfer.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Robert S. and Katherine Bettis; stepdaughter: Lorrie Anne Sutton; nephew: Curt Wallace

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law: Rob and Rachel Bettis; granddaughter: Sutton Bettis, all of Chattanooga; wife of 30 years: Pam Bettis (Athens); brothers and sister-in-law: Jerry and Patricia Gibson (Sweetwater), Rick and Mary Jane Bettis (Athens); sister and brother-in-law: Shannon and Ronnie Cresman (Athens); several aunts, uncle, nieces and nephews

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lung Cancer Alliance, TVA Power Distributors Scholarship Association or the Sweetwater Needy Family Fund.

The family will receive friends at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater on

Thursday, February 2, 2017, from 4P.M. until 7P.M. with the funeral to follow at 7P.M. with Rev. Johnny Carr officiating. A graveside service and interment will be held at 11A.M. on Friday, February 3, 2017, in the Sweetwater Memorial Park.

Donate to the TVA Power Distributors Scholarship:

Power Play Scholarship Association

Attention: Mark Meigs

400 W. Summit Hill Drive, WT 3C

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Donate to the Lung Cancer Alliance:

Donating by Mail or Phone:

Lung Cancer Alliance

PO Box 418372

Boston, MA 02241-8372

Phone:202-463-2080

<http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR SWEETWATER CHAPEL  
PO Box 309, 113 W. North Street  
Sweetwater, TN 37874  
(423) 337-5033  
julie@kyker.net  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Sherman Bettis Jr.*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - February 02, 2017 at 11:24 AM

SB

“ *Robert was a tremendous asset for his leadership and guidance as the General Manager of Sweetwater Utilities Board and for the City of Sweetwater. While serving as Director of Economic Development Director for Monroe County I had the pleasure of working on many economic development projects for both the City of Sweetwater and Monroe County. He was a fine man and he was my friend.*

*Shane Burris  
Lake City, TN*

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**Shane Burris** - February 05, 2017 at 10:04 AM

RM

“ *Our heartfelt condolences, we were so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. (Ronnie worked with Robert @ Bellsouth.) May God provide strength to the family during this time of loss.*

*Ronnie & Jo McPhail  
Etowah*

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**Ronnie McPhail** - February 03, 2017 at 02:04 PM

PF

“ We were saddened to hear of Robert's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.  
*Peggy and Eddie Filyaw*

Peggy Filyaw - February 02, 2017 at 05:32 PM

MS

“ We appreciated Robert's contribution with the TVA/Power Distributor's Scholarship Program. A gentleman, friend and personality we will certainly miss.

Michael Scalf - February 02, 2017 at 12:57 PM

MV

“ All of TMEPA will miss Robert and send our condolences to the family. He'll certainly be missed, especially by me.

Mike Vinson - February 02, 2017 at 12:40 PM



“ Offering my deepest condolences to the Bettis family



Annette Arden Richeson - February 02, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ 31 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - February 02, 2017 at 11:23 AM

JZ

“ *In my 18 years here in Athens, Robert was easily one of the finest men I've had the opportunity to meet and maybe even play a few rounds of golf with. When I wanted to head up early on Saturday for breakfast, I always knew I'd have someone to sit with. Robert was a fixture at the Brook and will be greatly missed....*

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**Jeff Zabo** - February 02, 2017 at 10:55 AM

PJ

“ *Patricia Bettis Jett lit a candle in memory of Robert Sherman Bettis Jr.*



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**Patricia Bettis Jett** - February 02, 2017 at 10:40 AM

AT

“ *Prayer's for you all.Love you Pam*



Ann Thompson - February 02, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Sherman Bettis Jr..*



February 02, 2017 at 10:08 AM

BL

“ *It is with sadness that we heard of Robert's passing, I have known him since High School to our last golf trip, it is a sad day. Please know the family is in our thoughts at this time.*

Bob Lamb - February 02, 2017 at 09:45 AM

BN

“ *Bryan Nelson lit a candle in memory of Robert Sherman Bettis Jr.*



Bryan Nelson - February 01, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Sherman Bettis Jr..*



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February 01, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ *Sonja Houser-Ezell lit a candle in memory of Robert Sherman Bettis Jr.*



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**Sonja Houser-Ezell** - February 01, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you, the family, over the loss of my friend Robert. Thoughts and prayers be with you.*  
*Bob Lambert*  
*Etowah Utilities*

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**Bob Lambert** - February 01, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ *My heart is broken with sadness, we never have enough time to share. Thanks for being in my life.*



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**Steve Jenkins** - February 01, 2017 at 04:25 PM