



## Van DeMonet Ratledge

April 8, 1960 - July 15, 2023

Van DeMonet Ratledge departed his earthly life on Saturday, July 15, 2023, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was born April 8, 1960, to the late Willie Lee and Thelma Wilkerson Ratledge in London, Tennessee. Preceded in death by three sisters: Billye Ann Ratledge Wood, Alice Faye Ratledge and Joyce Ratledge Mitchell.

Van accepted Christ at an early age at Macedonia Baptist Church, where Reverend R. J. Miller Sr. Was pastor. Van was a graduate of Loudon High school, where he enjoyed playing basketball. He was employed for a number of years as an orderly, assigned to trauma-related centers, at Sweetwater Hospital Association and The University of Tennessee Medical Center. Over the years, he worked various job due to the affect of working in trauma for so many years...most recently with Walden Security, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as a guard.

Van was always full of life. He had a charismatic personality and seldom ever met a stranger. His smile and laughter was infectious!

He leaves to mourn his loss four children: Seneca (Lupe) Ratledge; twin daughters, Alicia and Felicia Ratledge; and Cory Ratledge; ten grandchildren; four loving sisters: Edna (Fred) Harrison; Barbara Lee Kerr; Cynthia R. Melton; and Jeanette (Charles) Hogans. He has a host of nephews, nieces,

aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 12:00P.M. until 1:00 P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 1:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Vant Hardaway officiating. Interment to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Park.

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# Cemetery Details

## Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Van DeMonet Ratledge*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - July 26, 2023 at 07:54 AM

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*Very touching , heartfelf, video y'all looked so happy, good memories, may God give y'all comfort*

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**Regina(Lynn) Irwin** - July 29, 2023 at 12:42 AM



“ *26 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - July 26, 2023 at 07:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Van DeMonet Ratledge.*



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July 24, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Seneca, Felicia, Alicia, and family I'm so sorry to hear of Van's passing, Know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers, I will always remember living in Philadelphia and having you as my neighbors, may you have comfort during this time, I love you all, God Bless You All*



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**Regina (Lynn) Irwin** - July 22, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Van was a beautiful soul. No matter what struggles he had going on in his personal life, he always had a positive attitude and a positive message about how God controls all things. I never saw him lose his cool or be in a bad mood. I never saw him not get along with anyone. In the 5 months I've worked with Van at Walden Security, I always looked forward to seeing Van pull in the parking lot. ❤️ We really miss him around here this place. I pray for all his family and loved ones during this difficult time.*



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**Mendi Morris** - July 22, 2023 at 04:08 AM