



## Walter G. Duke

December 2, 1944 - July 20, 2002

Walter G. "Walt" Duke, age 57, of Sweetwater, formally of Chattanooga, passed away Saturday, July 20, 2002 at Sweetwater Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was a member of the Philadelphia American Legion Post #120. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam conflict having served in the U.S.M.C. He was a member of the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post 5156. He was an ex Police officer with the Sweetwater City Police Dept. and the Monroe Co. Sheriff's Department. A member of the F.O.P. Lodge #70. He was a member of the White Oak Golf Course in Athens. Mr. Duke was a transfer truck driver for over 25 years. He attended the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Sweetwater. Preceded in death by his parents: Artist and Sarah Hicks, sister: Martha Jane Parker. Survivors include: wife of 27 years: Barbara J. Hicks Duke of Sweetwater; son and daughter-in-law: David and Bonnie Duke of Newport; daughter and son-in-law: Teresa and Wallace Lawson of Sweetwater; grandchildren: Adam Duke of Ring Gold, GA, Tyler and Hannah Duke of Lake Dallas, TX, Steven Trinidad, Shelby, and David Duke, Jr., of Newport, Julie Lawson of Sweetwater; uncle: J.D. Young of Chattanooga; mother-in-law: Ruby Hicks of Sweetwater. The body is at Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, with the funeral service to follow at 8:00 p.m. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Charles Cassady and Rev. Caloway Nichols officiating. Interment 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, in the Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park, with full military honors provided by the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post 5156. Kyker Funeral Home, of

Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements.