



Dave King

March 1, 1959 - September 17, 2017

Dave King, age 58, of Bradley, IL passed away Sunday, September 17, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Dave, the son of Ray and Gloria (Gress) King was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, IL on March 1, 1959. He married Cathy Hart on November 3, 1979 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Dave possessed a passion for life and the people in his life, but his greatest love was music! As co-owner of King Music in Bradley, Dave instilled his passion for music into the lives of countless others in this community and beyond. Dave will long be remembered as an accomplished musician who was instrumental in performing with The Swing Kings, The King's of Dixie, The Dave King Trio, Kankakee Valley Wind Ensemble, the Theatiki Fife and Drum Corps (which he founded) as well as many others.

This local Paul Bunyan loved life! Dave had many interests outside of his music. He fervently pursued his interest in preserving local history, genealogy, researching Petite Canada, spear-heading the Van Meter Cemetery restoration, and countless other activities. He zestfully researched family genealogy. The King home was always a flutter of activity with parties, games, gardening and sharing of his passions with the "everyone is welcome attitude" where the lines between family and friends blurred beyond distinction.

Surviving is his wife, Cathy King of Bradley; four sons & three daughters-in-law, Joseph & Melissa King of Bourbonnais, Ben & Becky King of Bradley, Daniel & Bre King of Kankakee, & Chris King of Bradley; one granddaughter Cora; six grandsons, Henry, Harrison, Vincent, Charles, George, & Hudson;

his father, Ray King of Bourbonnais; one sister & her spouse, Kathy King & Shari Crittenden of Kankakee; one brother & sister-in-law, Randy & Cheryl King of Bourbonnais; father-in-law & mother-in-law Ron & Joanne Hart of Bourbonnais; four brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law; Steve & Annette Hart of CA, Kevin & Cassie Hart of Normal, Sue & Dan Holohan of NC, & Carolyn & Steve Gall of Kankakee; three uncles, Chuck Gress, Bill Gress, & Ron King; one aunt Rose Marie Farthing; several nieces & nephews; & many cousins. He is preceded in death by his mother Gloria King.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. with a memorial service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

A celebration of life party will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to the Dave King Memorial Music Fund (checks made payable to Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley – 701 S. Harrison, Kankakee, IL 60901) to help provide musical instruments for children interested in music that need assistance. Or in Dave's name plant a tree, sow some seeds, lend a hand and most importantly, pay it forward.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **24.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ Happy Belated Birthday Cousin!!! Love you and miss you dearly! You were the only one that treated me like I wasn't an outcast and accepted me for me!!! Hope you're still singing up there in heaven with the rest of our family!!! Love you Dave 🌟❤️🤔💜🙏



Mary Kibbons - March 02, 2024 at 04:50 PM

JH

“ Thinking of Cousin Dave this morning. Knowing that Christmas is not the same without him and his huge positive attitude and loving spirit. We miss you, David. Love, Joe and Brenda

Joe Herzog - December 24, 2019 at 08:34 AM

AK

“ I light this candle for you and Dan. Watch over your family. I know their grieving badly. I love you ❤️



Anne Kibbons - November 04, 2019 at 04:06 PM

MK

“*Dave you are always missed and without you my entire life I would have been lost giving me such great advice! You introduced Ryan to drumming and gave him his first real snare drum and to this day you would be proud of how talented he's become because of your belief in his ability!!! I miss you my dear cousin and really miss the good old days when you played Santa when we were young! I love and miss you cuz!!!* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Mary Kibbons - October 21, 2019 at 10:14 PM

AK

“*It's been almost 2 years and I still cry. I miss him so very much. What do I remember of David? His being so happy all the time. He loved inviting everyone over. He was so kind to give my nephew his first drum pad. He is truly missed and I do love him so very much.*



Anne Kibbons - August 18, 2019 at 10:11 AM

Fred
Scott Jr

“ I met Dave and his brother when they opened their first Music Shop on Broadway. I was still in grade school. I would walk past the shop every school day and many times would stop in to see the different instruments and talk with them. They were both very friendly and extremely patient with us young kids. I never forgot how they made me feel welcomed in their shop and when I grew up I became a dedicated customer and a friend.

The community that he lived in is one less kind and friendly man. His love for music and for people will be missed. Yet, I know he touched many people's hearts and his goodness and love for music will continue to live.

Dave, thank you for you kindness and knowledge of music. Rest in Peace my friend.

Fred Scott Jr.



Fred Scott Jr - July 30, 2018 at 01:56 PM

MC

“ My sincere condolences to Cathy and all the King family Whether I'd see him at the Theatkie festival or in the piano bar playing his trumpet, he always brightened up the room with his smile! He will be dearly missed!! May God strengthen the King family in the days ahead!

Margie Bustos Cyrier - November 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

MV

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire King family as I was shocked and saddened to hear of Dave's recent untimely passing. I had the privilege to work with Dave on several gigs in the past years and found him to be just a wonderful trumpet player, frontman, and vocalist. You could tell immediately that he could connect with the people because of his warm personality. He was a joy to play with and he made the gig fun and enjoyable. God rest your soul Dear Dave and make the angels and saints happy with your music.*

Cordovox accordion musician, Mike Vlad

Michael Vlad - October 21, 2017 at 09:08 AM

CC

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all. Such a loss to our community. May God's peace reign among the entire King family & beyond.* *Dean & Connie Cappel*

Connie Cappel - October 12, 2017 at 12:31 AM

VO

“ *I still don't have the words.*



Voneda - September 28, 2017 at 11:08 PM

MP

“ *Thank you Dave for always being so kind to me and my family! My three kids have a love for music and it is in part of your kindness and patience. You will be dearly missed. Praying for your family that they may find the peace that only comes from our Father in heaven.*

Margaret Prosser - September 27, 2017 at 12:48 PM

KB

“ Our sincere sympathy to the King family. Dave touched our lives through the store, the Wind Ensemble, the Swing Kings, the Kings of Dixie, and the Senior Dance at Limestone School. His smiling face and shining personality will be greatly missed.

Karen and Dave Bayer

Karen Bayer - September 26, 2017 at 11:10 AM

DF

“ Dave was a wonderful person. I really enjoyed the many conversations we had through the years. He will be missed by many as I know he touched so many lives. My deepest condolences to all of the King Family.

Dale Farthing



Dale Farthing - September 25, 2017 at 03:59 PM

BR

“ We were very saddened to hear about Dave's passing. Sending our prayers and condolences to the King family.

Brad and Ann Reel and Family

Brad Reel - September 25, 2017 at 03:21 PM

CR

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Dave and his family. He will be missed my many.

Clyde & Diane Richardson and Family



Clyde Richardson - September 24, 2017 at 07:26 PM

LA

“ *Laura Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dave King*



Laura Anderson - September 24, 2017 at 04:36 PM

LA

“ *Cathy and family my thoughts and prayers are with you. 🙏*
Laura Anderson

Laura Anderson - September 24, 2017 at 04:36 PM

CS

“ *Dave and his sons would join us for the midnight mass at St. Joe's-playing his trumpet-absolutely beautiful-thank you for the wonderful memories. RIP*



Cheryle Strother - September 24, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *Condolences to family and friends. I was fortunate to have played drums few times with Dave. I played with his band, trio and also with him and John Sitar. Saddened by this and pray God be with you in your sorrow.*



Daniel Brown - September 24, 2017 at 03:00 PM

KB

“ *KIM AND JUDY BARRIE lit a candle in memory of Dave King*



KIM AND JUDY BARRIE - September 24, 2017 at 01:50 PM

DC

“ *To all the King family our deepest sympathy on Dave's passing. Dave was such a gentle, loving and caring giant to everyone. We enjoyed listening to you boys practicing in your garage when you were in grade school. We will never forget your playing the trumpet solo in the marching band completion at the U of I stadium when you were in high school, you could have heard a pin drop. Your love of music always shined and you made it shine for everyone else that came in contact with you. Now you will be playing in heaven with the angels.*

Dick and Charlene Cannon - September 24, 2017 at 01:26 PM

AS

“ *To the King family, my sincere sympathy for your lose. My brother Paddy Brennan always spoke highly of Dave and young Danny is a wonderful young man,raised by a great family. I know that Dave and Paddy will keep heaven and all residents entertained. You are in my prayers. Arleen Brennan-Szymanski*

arleen szymanski - September 24, 2017 at 12:46 PM

KC

*“ TO ALL OF THE KING AND HEART FAMILY
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE
PASSING OF DAVE. GOD HAS RECIEVED
A BEAUTIFUL SOUL. MAY ANGELS OF
STRENGTH, COMFORT, AND
UNDERSTANDING LAND UPON YOUR SHOULDERS TO CARRY
YOU THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME. DAVE WAS A
BEAUTIFUL PERSON AND VERY TALENTED AND GAVE SO
MUCH OF HIMSELF TO SO MANY. HUGS AND LOVE TO ALL.
THE CHARBONNEAU FAMILY.*



KARON CHARBONNEAU - September 24, 2017 at 11:10 AM

CW

“ My condolences to the King family. I knew Dave since our BBCHS days. I always loved to hear him play. He was a great man and will be missed.

Curt Wright - September 23, 2017 at 08:46 PM

AW

“ Audrey Ward lit a candle in memory of Dave King



Audrey Ward - September 23, 2017 at 08:30 PM

RM

“ Rick And Kim Magruder lit a candle in memory of Dave King



Rick and Kim Magruder - September 23, 2017 at 06:22 PM

MB

“ Marvina Bowker lit a candle in memory of Dave King



Marvina Bowker - September 23, 2017 at 09:35 AM

MB

The first time I met Dave was at a Battle Of The Garage Bands at the Friendship Festival in Bourbonnais With his Dad. As Ray and I got to know each other we would swap stories about our children. The one I liked best about Dave was that he was a good baby. Everyone who knew him knows that he grew up to be a very good man. Loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, father-in-law, son, uncle, cousin and friend. We all will miss you terribly but you will be in our hearts forever.

Marvina Bowker - September 23, 2017 at 09:50 AM


Hannah Richey

“ Loved going into the store and listening to all his wonderful stories and listening to play the fife. He grew my love for music in many ways. Will miss him terribly. Love you all.



Hannah Richey

Hannah Richey - September 22, 2017 at 11:53 PM

GS

“ Geraldine Skube lit a candle in memory of Dave King



Geraldine Skube - September 22, 2017 at 11:02 PM

GS

Dave was a huge presence in a lot of lives. Last time I saw him, Vikki I & Hannah went back to his office & talked about a lot of things including family & talked for quite a while. We all got a huge bear hug before we left. Rest In Peace Dave, we love you & will miss you. Love & prayers for all your family as they're our family too. God Bless 🙏🙏

Geraldine Skube - September 22, 2017 at 11:11 PM

Vikki
Skube
Richey

“ Love this man. When we would swing into the store, we'd end up in his office easily for an hour talking about genealogy or family pictures he was digging up. Of course, this was AFTER the big bear hug he would give. Sure gonna miss him. Still can't believe he's gone. Love and prayers to all of you. XOXOXO.



The Richey Family
Lance, Hannah and Vikki (Skube)

Vikki Skube Richey - September 22, 2017 at 10:53 PM

VR

“ Vicki Redmond lit a candle in memory of Dave King



Vicki Redmond - September 22, 2017 at 07:51 PM

RK

“ Dave, you will be sadly missed my nephew. Whenever I was in Dave's presence I felt so much kindness, concern from him. He always had a hug for me and words of encouragement, always asking me how are family members doing. Selfishness of any sort was not in Dave's daily life. Just the opposite, Dave is an angel. Dave did you ever know that you're my hero and everything I would like to be? I can fly higher than an eagle, for you are the wind beneath my wings. You will be forever missed. Sincere condolences to Cathy, sons and entire family. Uncle Ron King

Ron King - September 22, 2017 at 07:06 PM

RJ

“ my heartfelt sympathies to Cathy and the kids and the whole King family and friends; you will be in my thoughts and prayers through this sad time



Robin Johnston - September 22, 2017 at 04:02 PM

AK

“ My deepest sympathy to Cathy and the boys. He left behind a large family who will miss him. David was a wonderful man he welcomed Ed and I into his life and home. Also, thank you for helping my nephew fulfill his dream of drumming. I will miss you so very much. I love you, David. R.I.P



Anne Kibbons - September 22, 2017 at 03:48 PM

JF

“ Thoughts and prayers to the King family.

Jon Hinkleman and family - September 22, 2017 at 01:20 PM

AK

“ My heart goes out to Cathy and all of the kids and family. I got to know Dave through his genealogy work for our families (cousins). He was always generous, kind, and happy. I'm thankful to have known him!

Angie (Drake) Korn - September 22, 2017 at 11:57 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family at this most difficult time.

Joe and Carol Fritz - September 22, 2017 at 08:23 AM

KL

“ So sorry to hear about Dave. I have many fond memories of him. He was such an amazing musician, educator, and person. My prayers to his family and friends for comfort and healing.

Kim Lause - September 22, 2017 at 07:28 AM

BS

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all of the King family at this difficult time. He will be truly missed!

Tony, Bonnie, & Taylor Smith



Bonnie Smith - September 21, 2017 at 11:16 PM

LD

“ So sorry to here about Dave. God bless, keep strong and love one another. love too all. Lisa M.Dye

Lisa M. Dye - September 21, 2017 at 03:37 PM

LM

“ Our sincere condolences to Cathy, the boy's and family, Dave will certainly be missed by all who knew him. A person couldn't ask for better neighbors than Dave and Cathy King. Gods speed my friend!

Lanny&Chris Magruder

Lanny Magruder - September 21, 2017 at 01:57 PM

CL

“ My sincere condolences to the family and profound respect and admiration reflected here for Dave King. A good friend and fellow participant at countless Rendevous throughout the Midwest, his presence will be missed and not filled again by any who come after. You will be in our hearts and minds at every campfire until it is our turn to take that same canoe across the river. Safe journey, my friend.

Cliff Long - September 21, 2017 at 12:14 PM

JC

My condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace, Dave.

Joni Corbett - September 21, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JJ

“ I cannot say how much I was saddened to read about the passing of Dave. My sympathies and prayers to the entire family.

Judy James, Rock Falls, IL - September 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM

MG

“ Dave, thanks for your seemingly endless patience with band kids and their parents. Thanks for your kindness, humor and gift for putting people at ease. You will be sadly missed and never forgotten. You probably didn't realize the impact you made on people, but they knew it! Thanks! Mari and Jim and Adam Gromer

Mari Gromer - September 21, 2017 at 11:07 AM

MK

“ R.I.P. My dear cousin. You are and always will be missed!



Mary Kibbons - September 21, 2017 at 10:20 AM

MK

“ I am truly at a loss for words. David was always the best cousin to me, and accepted me for who I am. David was very dear to my youngest son Ryan, and graciously and generously gave Ryan his first snare drum; which in return got him interested in the grade school band. David you were always a blessing and will be truly missed. Thank you for so many years of love and acceptance. We miss you cuz! My thoughts, prayers, and heart are with Cathy, their sons, and grandchildren. I love you all!!!

Mary Kibbons - September 21, 2017 at 10:15 AM

TH

“ It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this tribute. From the first time Dave contacted me about his interest in starting a Fife & Drum Corps to his first visit to one of our practices, I knew I had a Fantastic friend for life. He will forever be a person that I will always remembers. My thoughts are with you Cathy and your family through this terrible ordeal.
Dave is truly one of GOD's "children"

Terry L Hart - September 21, 2017 at 09:46 AM

BD

“ We are so very sorry about Dave's passing. What a wonderful, talented, funny guy. He will be so very missed by so many. We loved the times he and the group played at Dionne's. Memories of the group in the Glad Fest parade will never be forgotten. May God grant peace to his family and eternal peace to him. Much Love to the entire King family from Gene and Bette (Skip) Dionne.

Bette Dionne - September 21, 2017 at 09:28 AM

BH

“ My thoughts and love are with the King family and all that knew Dave. I had the pleasure of getting to know Dave through his sons, his house and heart were always welcoming. We had game nights, meals together and late night classic movie showings. Dave would always reach out to me, sharing classic songs and films he thought I would like, which I always did. An amazing man that will be missed by so many. Until next time, my huckleberry friend.



Bri Haug - September 21, 2017 at 09:27 AM

BO

“ A caring, kind gentleman. Because of his diligent research on our family tree, I have a written history - some of which I did not know - and some priceless pictures of relatives. In the last few days, I have heard many wonderful comments about Dave - he definitely has touched many lives. My condolences to his family.

Bonnie Ross

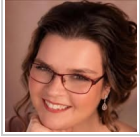
Bonnie - September 21, 2017 at 09:15 AM

DN

“ Darlene @ Carl Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Dave King



Darlene @ Carl Nesbitt - September 21, 2017 at 02:16 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayer are with Cathy and the boys, along with their families. It was a pleasure getting to know Dave and the family, dave was very humourous and welcoming and always treated me with kindness. I have so many wonderful memories of Dave, that will last me a lifetime. Fly with the angels and keep an eye on Cathy, the boys, and your family as they try to move forward in life. The skies have gained a wonderful angel!! RIP Dave, till we meet again!!*



Jeannie Steinberg - September 20, 2017 at 11:08 PM

JC

“ *I am deeply saddened by the news of Daves passing. I knew Dave for many years and remember well all the times he went out of his way to help and be friendly! There are just not enough people like him around these days. I know I will truly miss him, and I'm sure he will be missed by many, many others. My deepest condolences*

Jack Crim and Family

Jack Crim - September 20, 2017 at 09:46 PM

LP

Cathy, I am so sorry to hear about Dave's passing. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family and provide comfort during this difficult time. Hugs to you old friend.

lana pursell - September 21, 2017 at 07:35 AM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family members of Dave.*

John & Jan Rodgers

John & Jan Rodgers - September 20, 2017 at 09:41 PM

TS

“ I met you the first summer we moved here....memorized the phone number for the store....so my husband and I have been blessed to have known you for the 33+ years we have lived here. God Bless you..and especially your family left behind. Say hello, to my Dad....he's been up there for 20 years today. Rich & Therese Schultz

Therese Schultz - September 20, 2017 at 06:49 PM

BB

Dave will be missed! He taught our son as he did many others in the community. How fortunate many students were to learn from him!
Bob and Sharon Bossert

Bob and Sharon Bossert - September 21, 2017 at 09:31 PM