



Ray J. King

August 13, 1929 - October 15, 2020

Ray J. King, age 91, of Bourbonnais passed away Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. He was born March 13, 1929 in Kankakee, the son of Ray & Stella (Steczynski) King. Ray married Gloria Gress on April 7, 1956 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on May 8, 1990.

Ray was a retired carpenter and supervisor for Felesena Construction Company. He was a graduate of Bradley High School. He was also a cabinet maker. Ray enjoyed R.C. model airplanes and making Blue Bird houses. He was a conservationist and a fisherman and hunter. Ray loved music and dancing. He was a pilot and raised horses. He also played Semi Professional Football.

Ray was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church.

Surviving are one son and two daughters-in-law, Randy & Cheryl King of Bourbonnais and Cathy King of Bradley; one daughter and her spouse, Kathy King & Shari Crittenden of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Lauren King, Lindsay King, Joseph King, Benjamin King, and Christian King; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Rose Marie Farthing of Kankakee; one brother and sister-in-law, Ron & Dorena King of PA; and loving partner and lifetime family friend, Marvinna Bowker of Louisville, KY. In addition to his wife, Gloria King, Ray is preceded in death by his parents; one son, David King; and one grandson, Daniel King.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines. Inurnment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Randy, Kathy & All My King Cousins,

My deepest sympathies and prayers are with all of you on the passing of Uncle Ray! We may have had rough years, but he was truly a passionate man when it came to family and business. I have a lot of memories with the family, and I will hold on to all the positive ones I do have. My love is sent to all of you!!!



Mary Kibbons - October 24, 2020 at 06:38 PM

KV

What a loss. Ray directed the transformation of 4 old stone walls into our gracious and iconic SULLY'S restaurant that was a part of beautiful Kankakee since 1972. Good memories

k verchio - October 26, 2020 at 08:26 AM

KE

“ I want to send a few thoughts to all the family and friends of Ray King, because I did not have a chance to see everyone at the memorial Mass. Ray was one of the very first persons I met when I moved to this area, and Ray made a strong first impression to be sure. Ray challenged and tested me for several weeks to see if I was competent enough to work for his Sons. Once he saw me stand my ground and I showed him what I could do, his manner changed dramatically and we became friends for the next twenty years. Ray also introduced me to his soulmate- the highly talented and gracious Marvina Bowker. Our friendship deepened even more when Marvina sang frequently with the New Horizons Band (which I co-conducted). Ray was her “sound man” and was always there to support her. Ray was not a good candidate for the Diplomatic Corps and could be trying at times, but over the years I learned that Ray deeply loved his family, and there were moments when he dropped his guard and shared some of his emotions with me. One thing that I am very sure of is that Ray King is looking down upon his family with great pride in their individual accomplishments, and is looking forward to seeing his many great grandchildren grow. All of you have my deepest sympathy, and I pray that all of you have a smoother and happier life once this COVID scourge goes away. I learned much about Alzheimers while caring for my Dad, so I especially thank Marvina for staying by Ray’s side for so many years. Lastly, my time in Bourbonnais is growing short, as my Brother in law and I have bought a beautiful country home in Bedford, Indiana, and will be moving by the end of this year. It has been truly a pleasure knowing all of you over the years, and I will always be proud of my time with King Music. Best Wishes!

Keith Ramsden

KeithRamsden - October 22, 2020 at 01:40 PM

AD

“ Randy & Kathy & Family
*I am so sorry for the loss of your father. He was a man that had his mind set on something and never gave up. I seen this in all 3 of his children.
My deepest sympathy to all of you.*



Anne Kibbons Davis - October 21, 2020 at 12:27 PM

KS

“ *His impact still lives in the lives of all the Kings and so many he touched over the years. Any another from the generation that gave us so much leaves for his reward. Our heart goes out to all the Kings family...which goes well beyond those who are related as anyone who knows them understands. God Bless. Kevin & Jo McNulty.*

Kevin McNulty, Sr - October 19, 2020 at 09:01 PM

BW

“ *Bob Walker lit a candle in memory of Ray J. King*



Bob Walker - October 19, 2020 at 04:54 PM

BD

“ *Brent Davis lit a candle in memory of Ray J. King*



Brent Davis - October 19, 2020 at 12:54 PM



RIP grandpa King

Bob Walker - October 19, 2020 at 04:49 PM