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Obituary for John Lonnie King John Lonnie King was born in Hobbs, New Mexico on June 26, 1940. Being raised on a cotton farm in his beloved West Texas, John learned the meaning of hard work. He attended Texas Tech University where he graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1963. That same year, John proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he navigated B52 bombers in the Vietnam War, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross. In 1969, at the rank of Captain, he transitioned from active duty in United States Air Force to working at a civilian capacity. He proudly continued serving as a reserve officer in United States Air Force. In 1990, John was promoted to the rank of Colonel in United States Air Force reserve and continued to serve his country until his retirement from the United States Air Force in 2000. He also earned a Master's of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1979. Upon retiring, John moved to Hot Springs Village Arkansas. He joined the Hot Springs Village Gardening Club and became a Certified Master Gardner. While volunteering there, he organized and planted the beautiful Military Memorial Garden in Hot Springs Village. During his years in Hot Springs, he was also very active in church and many other volunteer activities. In 2011, John moved to Tulsa. He quickly became an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church. At Asbury he was very involved in the Single Basics Community. His beautiful deep voice was a large part of the Singing Ambassadors. John also served as a Congregational Care Minister and was ordained as a Stephen Minister. John used his Master Gardener certification in Tulsa at Linnaeus gardens. He volunteered many hours and served as the chairman of Grandparents day. John was a member of the Circle of Red for the American Heart Association. Of all the accomplishments in John's full life, he was most proud of his successful children: June, who owns a dress shop in Hot Springs Arkansas and John, Jr., a surgeon with Warren Clinic in Tulsa Oklahoma. He loved his twin



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grandchildren, Ryan and Emily King, and he adored his beautiful wife, Rita. Their time together was a wonderful gift from God. John is preceded in death by his parents, John Lonnie and Elizabeth King of Plainview, Texas. He is survived by his wife Rita King, of Tulsa Oklahoma; daughter June Jones and Wayne Tucker of Hot Springs, Arkansas; his son & daughter-in-law Dr. John King, Jr. & Melinda King of Tulsa, Oklahoma; stepdaughter Lani Gunderson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sister Drucilla Mills of California; and grandchildren Emily and Ryan King of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Memorial Service will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 23rd, Asbury United Methodist Church, Tulsa.



Tribute Wall

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CK

Carlan King posted:

Good Guy

April 13 at 5:16 PM

RK

Rita King posted:

Dear Friends..Your thoughts for John are beautiful. I am touched by your kindness. Please know that I am well, loved and moving forward. If I could ask one thing it would be for each of you to remember John with gladness not the sadness of his passing. John was a man full of joy and compassion. He embraced life even up until his last moments. He touched those who knew him in ways unimaginable. Our time together was truly a gift from God to both of us.

January 27 at 10:30 AM

SK

Sharon Kristian posted:

Lit a candle in memory of John Lonnie King

January 23 at 11:12 AM

HD

Harold Duke posted:

Our relationship goes back many, many years. Although we grew up only about 15 miles apart, it was not until our Freshman year at Texas Tech that John and I met and became best friends. For three and a half years we were roommates and shared many adventures, both academic and otherwise, some of which are probably best unmentioned. Even in his college days, he was a dedicated Methodist and active in the campus church community. Just this past summer, we were thrilled by a visit from John and his wonderful new bride, Rita. We send our most sincere condolences to Rita as well as Joanie, John Jr, and Drucilla; he will be missed by all who knew him. Harold & Nita Duke

January 23 at 6:14 AM



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NW

Norma Wagner posted:

Dear Rita,I know that words are inadequate at a time like this but I wanted you to know how very sorry I am for your loss. The loss of a spouse is a tragic event and I know the pain and suffering you are experiencing.It is times like this that our faith is put to the test. We know that we must accept his passing and give thanks for the wonderful life he lived. As sad as it will be, you will always have the memory of him to hold in your heart.The Bible reminds us that "Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted." I pray that this will be especially true for you as you mourn your loss.I pray that God will give you the strength to see you through this sad and difficult time. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your familyIn Faith & Sympathy, Norma Wagner

January 22 at 9:57 AM

SE

Susan Eaton posted:

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Susan Eaton

January 22 at 5:14 AM

LT

Larry Tromp posted:

Rita, my prayers are that God may comfort you through this difficult time.Larry

January 22 at 4:10 AM

JK

Jill Kennedy posted:

John will be missed by many. He was a very caring man and had a huge heart filled with compassion for others.

January 21 at 2:53 PM

JV

Jo Vandenbrink posted:

Rita, you and your families are in my thoughts. Remember, each kind thought is a prayer. May the families and friends around you give you strength.Jo

January 21 at 10:10 AM



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CB

Charlotte Burton posted:

I was shocked and sad to learn of John's passing. He was a larger than life contributor to the Linneaus Teaching Garden. I will miss his smile, gruff voice, and teasing. He was loved by many.

January 21 at 8:19 AM

MA

Merle Allison posted:

So sorry to hear of your tragic loss. I am praying for God's comfort and blessing for you. – Merle Allison

January 21 at 6:43 AM

NH

Nora Harvey posted:

Rita, I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Nora

January 21 at 5:08 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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