



Commadore King,

July 26, 1925 - June 3, 2011

Commadore “Kinky” King, Jr., 85, of Searcy, died Friday, June 3. He was born July 26, 1925 in Huffman, Arkansas, the son of Commadore and Ola Morris King.

During WWII, Kinky played with Cindy Walker on Radio Programs and USO tours. He then toured with Ms. Billie Walker and her Western Swing Band. After WWII, when his brother came out of the Navy, they formed the “Dixie Swing Kings”, playing over the Mid-South. Later, he was the band manager for the Tommy Trent Band and appeared on local TV shows in the early years of live TV bands. In 2006, Kinky was inducted into the Western Swing Hall of Fame.

Kinky is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dolores King.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brothers, John “Bud” King, Clinton “Kenny” King, Albert Meacham, Hadley King, and Howard King; sisters Rosie Leggett, Effie Moody, Geraldine Pratt, Mildred Brown and Adele Wood.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel of Searcy. Visitation will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will follow in Shady Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of Kinky's passing. We have many fond memories from our childhood to our adult lives that you both have been a part of. We love you always.

Steve & Dena Jones - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

JH

“ Dolores & Family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Words are only words unless they have meaning and the King's words all had meaning for me and others who have known you both. Johnny & Mary Hodges

Johnny & Mary Hodges - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

HC

“ Delores, we are so sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers, I may God bless you and the family in this time of need. Harold & Jeanie, Lonoke AR.

Harold Zbierski & Jeanie Covington - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

RW

“ I AM SORY I JUST FOUND OUT Kinky ALWAYS HELPED ME WITH MY FIDDLE and let me play with him anywhere he played he was very good to me when i was just a kid.I will truly miss him.RODDY

Roddy Watson - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM