



Jimmy King

May 5, 1935 - November 8, 2017

The family and friends of Jimmy King of Searcy, Arkansas, mourn the passing of a cherished husband, a beloved and respected father, a man of faith, of integrity and kindness. He was blessed by the love and companionship of a devoted wife and loving son, as well as a large extended family and many who called him friend.

Jimmy departed this earth on November 8, 2017, in the peace and tranquility of a home he loved, created by his wife, Shirley Hays King and son, J. Stanley King. Even after a terminal diagnosis of cancer two and a half months ago, he found strength through his Lord. He was comforted knowing his soul was eternally satisfied and he in turn comforted those who loved him.

Jimmy King, born May 5, 1935, was allowed 82 years on this earth. He was born of James Paul King and Blanche Ella Sims King at Roosevelt, Arkansas. He is survived by his twin sister, Joyce Gay of Van Buren, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Vondell King and Averil King Beaver.

He completed his education at Searcy High School, attending his junior and senior year there. His classmates will remember a pleasant, unassuming young man with a quiet demeanor but a dry sense of humor. During this

period, he was a member of the Army National Guard.

Sixty-two years ago, Jimmy became the “Jimmy” of “Jimmy and Shirley”. He would maintain that he was the blessed one of a couple that was devoted to each other. They were married on December 20, 1954. Both were nineteen years old. Their Golden Anniversary was celebrated with friends and family, a gift provided by their son, J. Stanley.

They worked, worshipped and parented side by side until their recent retirement. Despite health issues, they savored their time together. They were married sixty-two years.

A strong work ethic served Jimmy well. He worked hard, was resilient, and practical - all characteristics necessary in business. Beginning in partnership with Dorothy and Coolidge Nier, they, along with Jimmy and Shirley, purchased Beebe Hardware, which later would become King Furniture, in Searcy, Arkansas.

Upon the Nier’s retirement, Shirley joined Jimmy at “the store”. King Furniture was a respected business in the community and the friendliness, fairness and the welcoming smiles grew a business. Moreover, the Kings valued their customers and over the years that appreciation resulted in lifelong friendships. Jimmy was a contributing member to the business community, a member of the Kiwanis Club forty-five years.

A humble man of faith, a man whose generosity went unannounced, a man who put others before himself, Jimmy lived his belief. He was a deacon of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, a faithful and dedicated member. He was an Honorary Trustee of the Budd Creek Youth Camp, an appointment in which he took great pride.

Being remembered fondly, Jimmy King was a man of few words, those quietly spoken. But spoken, they were meaningful.

The family wishes to thank the specially selected caregivers, Nanci Morrison and Phyllis Kurck, for their expertise, but above all, for their kindness and gentle tending.

The life of Jimmy King will be remembered as a gentleman, with respect and with great affection. You are invited to continue the celebration of this life that mattered to many, at visitation at Powell Funeral Home, Searcy, Friday evening from six until eight o'clock.

The funeral service will be at one o'clock Saturday, November 11, at Valley Baptist Church, 3328 Highway 36, Searcy, Arkansas. The remembrance and celebration will be conducted by Jimmy's nephews, Brother Keith Lewis and Brother James Hays.

Burial will follow at White County Memorial Gardens

Obituary lovingly composed by Beverly Hogan.

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Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

NOV **11**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Valley Baptist Church
3328 W. Beebe-Capps
3328 W. Hwy 36
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmy King



Powell Funeral Home - November 10, 2017 at 04:23 PM

LA

“ Ms. Shirley, I am so sorry about Mr. Jimmy's passing. Are prayers, hugs and love go out to you and your family. We love you! Phillip and Lisa (Birdwell) Anderson

lisa birdwell anderson - November 11, 2017 at 06:27 PM

JS

“ Shirley love and prayers to you and your family in the loss of Jimmy. He was a wonderful person and I have never heard anyone that could not call him friend.

Jackie Speak - November 11, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ Rodger McCuan lit a candle in memory of Jimmy King



Rodger McCuan - November 11, 2017 at 03:56 AM



“ Shirley, I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. My heart goes out to you and your son. I will be holding you up in my prayers. Jimmy was truly the best friend I ever had. We spent a lot of time together in our Junior and Senior year of High School. Many fond memories. He always conducted himself honorable, honestly, and faithfully. We had a lot of good clean fun. Never anything dishonest or immoral. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

Ralph Query

Ralph Query - November 10, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy King.



November 10, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy King.



November 10, 2017 at 12:52 PM

DJ

“ Shirley and Stan, we are so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was one of the sweetest men I've ever encountered. I and my family are praying God wraps you both, and all that loved Jimmy, in peace and comfort. God bless and keep you!
Deleisa Bailey Johnson

Deleisa Johnson - November 10, 2017 at 09:53 AM

TB

“ A kind, sweet man. Nothing but love and respect for Jimmy and Shirley.

Tom and Faye Babb - November 10, 2017 at 09:01 AM

DM

“ My condolences to the Kings. I just loved going to King Furniture when I needed something because no matter who you are you both treated every customer with respect and kindness, not to mention the top quality of products you carried..I am still using some of it..Mr. King will be missed and Prayers for the family.

Debi Miller

Debi Miller - November 10, 2017 at 07:27 AM

RT

“ Shirley, Stanley, and all of your family please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace overflowing from God in Heaven. So deeply saddened and sorry for your loss. Jimmy was absolutely one of the finest men we have ever known.

Roger and Marquita Teague - November 09, 2017 at 10:18 PM

IG

“ My condolences to the King family. Mr. King was such a kind man and will be missed by many.

Irene Gray

Irene Gray - November 09, 2017 at 09:51 PM

RD

“ I met Jimmy when my grandparents attended Bethel and later got to know him and his family when Daddy was pastor at Bethel. Daddy had many friends in life, but none as close, truer or as dear to him as Jimmy. I can say without a doubt the Dickinson family was blessed by having the King family a part of our lives.

My prayers are with you and know Jimmy will be missed by many; especially his family.

This world needs more Jimmy Kings.

Ronnie Dickinson

Ronnie Dickinson - November 09, 2017 at 09:24 PM

JC

Shirley and Stanley, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. (Judy Allen)

Judy covington - November 09, 2017 at 10:34 PM

HV

Shirley, Stan, We are so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing away. You guys were special to us a long while ago and you continue to in our minds/thoughts/and prayers. God bless you both. We know Jimmy being gone will be missed by many and especially you two.

Harold/Dolores Valentine - November 10, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ *Stan, although I've known of your parents all these years, I believe that I was officially introduced to them a few months ago when they were visiting your Aunt, Lois Morris. Now I read that your dad has passed, and I am truly sorry for your loss. You and your mom have my deepest condolences and sympathies.*



Leah Brooks - November 09, 2017 at 09:21 PM

JM

“ *33years ago, we attended Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and met Jimmy and Shirley King. Such a loving and caring couple. Always a big hug, smiles and handshake. Jimmy always loved all the children. Our youngest daughter, Mochelle, as he called her, always enjoyed him teasing her. My husband remembers going with his dad to buy furniture from Jimmy. They would always talk about clocks. Wonderful memories of wonderful Christian family.*

Jean Muce, Paul Muce - November 09, 2017 at 07:55 PM

DB

“ *Dianne B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jimmy King.*



Dianne B. - November 09, 2017 at 07:37 PM

DB

“ Uncle Jimmy was one of the most giving people in the world. There are so many memories. We are so grateful for all that he did for Mom and Dad.

One of my fondest memories from childhood was Phyllis and I going to spend the night with him and Aunt Shirley. They would always take us to the movies, and I believe they were the ones with the typewriter. Jimmy was always happy and always teasing us about something. He always made sure that you were entertained and that you had plenty to eat.

Mom loved him so much, and she always felt so comforted knowing that Jimmy and Shirley would always be there for her. If anything went wrong with her appliances, she would say call Jimmy. Both Jimmy and Shirley meant so much to her. I know even the last time she came home from the hospital, Jimmy was the one that carried her into her bed.

Thank you Uncle Jimmy for your love and kindness and for teaching each of us to smile and be happy.

Your neice and nephew, Dianne and Don Berryhill

Dianne Berryhill - November 09, 2017 at 07:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy King.



November 09, 2017 at 07:25 PM

BJ

“ I have so many good memories of attending church at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church with Jimmy and his family. Prayers for them

Beth Jackson - November 09, 2017 at 06:47 PM

CF

“ Carol Sanders and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jimmy King.



Carol Sanders and Family - November 09, 2017 at 06:09 PM

MC

“ I'm so sorry to hear the loss of Mr Jimmy. He was always such a great man. I remember him and Mrs Shirley coming out to out basketball games at Central. Prayers for the family Martha (Hensley) Carmical

Martha Hensley Carmical - November 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ Jimmy was a great guy. He gave us a descendant, who is worthy human beings and a honest friend. I pray for his well being in heaven.

Admir Mehic - November 09, 2017 at 04:47 PM

JW

“ Jimmy was my friend, my brother in Christ. He was my customer during the time I worked in Searcy.
We served our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ together for many years, Jimmy and Shirley and Fatima and I visited in our homes and always enjoyed our time together.
Jimmy will be missed by all.
One day we will visit again in a wonderful place called Heaven serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
May Shirley and Stan receive God's grace and support during this difficult time.
James and Fatima Wyatt

James L Wyatt - November 09, 2017 at 04:44 PM

VH

“ He always greeted people with a smile and a good word. Jimmy will be missed greatly by family and friends.



Veda Holloway - November 09, 2017 at 04:20 PM

SB

“ so sorry for the loss of this fine man. he helped many people for years and years. gonna miss him. Prayers for the family may God bless yall

steve barger - November 09, 2017 at 04:16 PM

RW

So sorry for the loss of this fine man. Mr King helped many people for years gonna miss him. Prayers for the family may God bless all the family

Rev. Rocky and Linda Wright - November 09, 2017 at 06:20 PM

OF

So sad he was a fine southern gentleman will sure miss him

Olen king and family - November 09, 2017 at 07:00 PM