



James King III

October 10, 1954 - June 25, 2021

James Byron King III of Rowlett, TX, retired to Heaven at the age of 66 on June 25, 2021. He was born on October 10, 1954, in Hugo, OK, to Alvin Arthur and Beulah Ferne (Bryant) King. James was a member of C3 Church in Rowlett. He had previously been a member of Hillcrest Church in Dallas and Bent Tree Church in Carrollton, among others. He was a bold and playful man who was profoundly devoted to his family.

After graduating from Hugo High School he earned a degree in Photojournalism from Oklahoma State University. Later, when exploring a new purpose for his life, he returned to school and earned his Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources from Texas A&M University at Commerce. He married his wife, Kathy, in an intimate ceremony in November of 1980. He had three children, Amber, Ashley, and James, and four grandchildren, whom he adored. He lived in many cities in Texas, including Temple, Lubbock, Mesquite, and Rowlett. He owned One Hour Photo Lab in Temple and Kingdom Works in Dallas, worked as a plant manager at FujiFilm, a regional manager at WalMart Photo Labs and Eckerd Pharmacy, and HR Manager at Bent Tree Bible Fellowship. He spent the last seven years as the HR Director of The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center in Dallas.

He left a legacy of authentic compassion, integrity, laughter, and a plethora of frequently given gifts that were hilariously unbound by typical rules of societal convention and remain absurd heirlooms. He was a man of vision...but no one could ever quite figure out what the vision was! He will be affectionately remembered by his multitude of friends and family.

James is survived by his wife: Kathy King of Rowlett, TX; children: Amber and Justin Butler of Garland, TX, Ashley King of Hugo, OK, James IV and Joy King of Austin, TX; siblings: Patti King, Art and Doris King, Shirley and Ricky Crenshaw, all from Oklahoma; grandchildren: Ariana, William, Liliana, and Gabe. He was preceded in death by his parents, Al and Beulah.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00pm Saturday, July 17, 2021, at Bent Tree Bible

Fellowship in Carrollton.

Memorials may be made to The Bridge Homeless Recover Center <https://www.bridgehrc.org/>

Events

JUL	Celebration of Life	01:00PM
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	Bent Tree Bible Fellowship	
	4141 International Parkway, Carrollton, TX, US, 75007	

Comments



“ I remember Jim as the friendly Host and husband of one of my dear friends. I always felt welcome in his home. He was a Talented Photographer and resilient when at mid-life He took on a totally new career. Always giving of himself to better the lives of others

I attended The King's New Year's Eve Parties several times. I would drive over from Fort Worth because the Kings are special people. Laughter and Smiles!

We went to Hillcrest Church together where Kathy designed and I helped paint murals for the Children's Department. Jim was so supportive.

He will be missed.

Jane Harris

J Harris - July 16 at 03:03 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Jimmy and the Kings. Jimmy was always joking and laughing and such fun to be around. I always smile when I think of him. My heart goes out to Kathy and the King family. He will be greatly missed.

Love to you all,

Penny Forthman Borgerding

Penny Forthman Borgerding - July 15 at 01:49 AM



“ The Forthman and the King families have shared adventures from before I was born to the present, so I have many memories of times spent with Jimmy King. What always comes to mind is laughter. We always seemed to be having fun and enjoying ourselves. Mundane activities would turn into lively times. My thoughts and love go to Kathy and the extended King family.

Jimmy, thank you for a lifetime of memories.

Love,

Dianne Forthman

Dianne Forthman - July 14 at 01:37 PM



“ Jimmy, do you remember when you and your friends decided to take my carved pumpkin I was so proud of out to the backyard and used it as a ball and busted it with a bat. I was really upset. Now I remember and chuckle, that’s what baby brothers do. this one of many stories I could share. I love you, your oldest sister
Patty

Patricia King - June 30 at 07:38 PM



“ James was my longest close friend in life—I have known and been connected with him since age 2. He, my sister Dianne, and myself engaged in many adventures in life. We were often called “the 3 amigos”. James gave us laughs and never minded being the object of our jokes. We have so many cherished memories of him and our times together. I am especially grateful for the time I had with him three weeks prior to his passing.

I love and will miss you always.

Roxanne Forthman Wyckoff

Roxanne Forthman Wyckoff - June 30 at 11:27 AM