



Dick Elmer King

March 9, 1938 - March 25, 2025

Dick Elmer King, 87, of Saint Catharine, MO; passed away peacefully late Tuesday evening, March 25, 2025, at Pershing Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, MO; surrounded by his loving family.

Dick Elmer was born on March 9, 1938, the son of Gird Lester and Josephine Marie (Groetecke) King in Copemish, MI. Dick enlisted into the U.S. Air Force and served from 1956 to 1964, and during that time he served in Moraco, Tripoli, North Africa, Zaragoza, Spain, and Oklahoma. He married Dorothy Joann Gaston on May 19, 1969, in Miami, OK; she preceded him in death on October 28, 2021.

In 1979, Dick opened King's Processing in Marceline, MO; until he sold it to his son Rob King in 2003. Dick served as the Eastern District Commissioner in Linn County from January 1, 1993, to December 31, 1997, and then served as the Presiding Commissioner of Linn County, MO; to present. He was a member of the Brookfield VFW Post # 4557, Brookfield American Legion Post #182, and Marceline Masonic Lodge Post #481. He was active in the Ararat Shriners and the Macon Flywheel Association.

Dick began singing and playing guitar at an early age. From playing in a band while in Air Force to numerous others throughout several decades, he performed in different parts of the U.S. and extensively in MO. to attain regional music notoriety. Dick enjoyed going to have his morning coffee with the boys, mowing, and going camping and fishing trips.

Dick is survived by his seven children, Erlinda Bloss of Brookfield, MO;

Brenda Asher and Donnie of Brookfield, MO; Dana Tarpensing and Robin of Brookfield, MO; Rob King and Connie of Saint Catharine, MO; Karen Tarpensing and Mark of Pleasant Hill, MO; Lori Elliott and Jeff of Brookfield, MO; and Kelly King and Yulia of Nashville, TN; sixteen grandchildren; thirty five great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; one brother G.L. King and Nola of Macon, MO; one sister-in-law, Sherry King of Marceline, MO; and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson Justin Tarpensing, and son-in-law Dale Bloss.

Masonic service will be held at 4:30 pm. Monday, March 31, 2025, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Brookfield, MO; Visitation will follow from 5:00 pm. until 7:00 pm. with family receiving friends at that time. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 am. Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Brookfield, MO; with Rob King, Pastor Lee Porch, and Chris King officiating. A private family burial will be at a later time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Memorial contributions are to the King Family Cemetery in care of Rob King and can be left at or mailed to the Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 6462

Previous Events

Masonic Service

MAR 31. 4:30 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
300 S. Main Street
Brookfield, MO 64628

Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GD

“ So sorry to hear of Dick’s passing. He was a dear friend of my late husband, Jack Davis. Jack always talked of the many years they played music together and I hope they form a band in heaven. God bless you all 🙏🙏❤️

Gail Davis - March 31, 2025 at 09:51 PM

DH

“ Enjoyed knowing Dick and the time we shared with him. RIP, dear friend.



Dottie and Chuck Hines - March 31, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SC

“ Stephanie Conger lit a candle in memory of Dick Elmer King



Stephanie Conger - March 31, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CJ

“ Dick was such a nice person !! We always enjoyed visiting with him !! He will be missed by so many !!! As he touched so many lives !! Prayers to all the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

cathy and Richard Jackson - March 30, 2025 at 12:04 PM

RA

“ Rosemary Allen lit a candle in memory of Dick Elmer King



rosemary allen - March 29, 2025 at 09:41 AM

BB

“ Such a great guy , He will be missed ❤️ 😊 🙏

Bob & Ellen Beaver - March 28, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MC

“ So very sad to hear of Dick's passing. my prayers are with the family and to all who knew him and loved him' He was an easy person to visit with. Will miss him.

Mary A Carpenter - March 28, 2025 at 07:09 AM

JY

“ so sorry to hear of Dick's passing....my thoughts and prayers to his family.

Jacob Yagel - March 27, 2025 at 04:08 PM

BS

Our condolences to all the family. He was a very special guy. I cherish our last visit. RIP Dick King

Beverly Sherwood - March 27, 2025 at 05:31 PM

FL

So sorry about Dick's death, but he is at peace now. I remember dancing to his music when I was a sophomore, and he would have been that age also. He told me a few times that he was too young to drive so the older band members would come pick him up and take him to play at dances. We danced at Cather's Hall here in Maceline when in high school, and then in later years, at New Cambria Country Place, Chillicothe Eagles, and even here at the Community Building at various dances. He was very talented playing and singing his music. He will be missed.

Faye Leppin - March 27, 2025 at 06:07 PM

PF

I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that nothing will minimize the pain of the loss except for the memories that were created. Let those memories keep the painful grief at bay and always remember the good times. You will meet again. 🌈☐

Paula Fair - March 27, 2025 at 10:44 PM

HB

Thoughts and prayers to the family. Harry and Kay Baum

Harry & Kay Baum - March 28, 2025 at 02:06 PM