



Ralph Glen King

August 15, 1924 - July 16, 2022

CSM (Ret.) Ralph Glen King, 97, of Hot Springs, Arkansas died at Hot Springs Arkansas. Born August 15, 1924 at Dowling, South Dakota to Ralph and Nellie Payne King, he was predeceased by his parents, first wife Betty after 60 years of marriage, and second wife Bernadine Mullins King after five years. Also, preceded in death by his son Donald, and daughter Janet Morrison; sisters Helen (Asa) Bauer, Ethel (Bob) Moore; brothers Lyman (Lavonne) King, Lester (Helen) King, and Chester (Alice) King.

Mr. King is survived by his grandson Bryan Morrison and two great-grandchildren, Beau Morrison and Paislee Morrison of Hot Springs and ten nieces and nephews. From his second marriage to Bernie, he leaves two daughters, Rai (Karla) Peterson of Carmel, Indiana, Marsha Peterson (Russ) Tell of Ankeny, Iowa and two sons, Rick (Christy) Peterson and David Peterson of Hot Springs; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was an Army veteran and served in H Company, 506th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Div. during WWII where he received two Purple Hearts. He remained in service in other Airborne units: Company F, 541st PIR, Camp McCall, North Carolina; Company B, 508th PIR, Frankfurt, Germany; Company F, 504 PIR, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Company L Regiment; Combat Team Fort Benning, Georgia; 10th Special Forces, Germany; 77th Special Forces, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 7th Special Forces, Fort Bragg and Laos; and 8th Special Forces, Panama. He retired with 21 years of service in 1964 and worked at the Post Office in Hot Springs from 1964 until

1985.

He has been active with the VFW Post 2278 Honor Guard since 1990. He is a life member of the following associations: 101st Airborne, 506 PIR, 82nd Airborne Div., 504 PIR, 508 PIR, Green Beret, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry, VFW, Military Order of the Cootie and Vietnam Veterans.

Visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 19 at Hot Springs Funeral Home. At his request no services will be held. Burial will be in Arkansas Veterans State Cemetery in North Little Rock.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home
1017 Central Avenue

Tribute Wall

CD

“ I was the final VFW Commander Ralph had and I cannot be more blessed by having know Ralph. When he entered the room you knew you were surrounded by greatness and you were in the presence of true American Hero! I was proud to be your commander Ralph. God Bless and Rest In Peace.

Cpt. Terry W. Daniell - July 19, 2022 at 01:01 AM

RK

“ Ralph was a true American Hero because of what he gave of himself to others Not only of his fateful service to his country but to the Veterans of this great country and 2 small boys James and Scotty King whom thought Ralph hung the MOON. He helped shape them into the men Ralph was proud of. He will be forever missed and loved.

Rhonda King - July 18, 2022 at 07:51 PM

TE

“ It was an honor to have known Ralph. We met while working for the Postal Service and I plan on seeing him again one day. Thanks for the memories. We will all miss you old friend. Tom Ellsworth

Tom Ellsworth - July 18, 2022 at 04:33 PM

BD

“ So very sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great man. My thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. May God bless you all.

Bill Dever - July 18, 2022 at 02:41 PM

TK

“ *Teresa Mitchell Kuhns lit a candle in memory of Ralph Glen King*



Teresa Mitchell Kuhns - July 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Ralph was a great friend to everyone he met. He made me laugh alot. I will miss our talks we had. He will be missed alot but not forgotten. R.I.P. Ralph King.*

Teresa Mitchell Kuhns - July 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *Grateful for Ralph King. He was the love of sister Bernadine's Life.*

Fern and Varlen Carlson

Fern Carlson - July 16, 2022 at 11:01 PM

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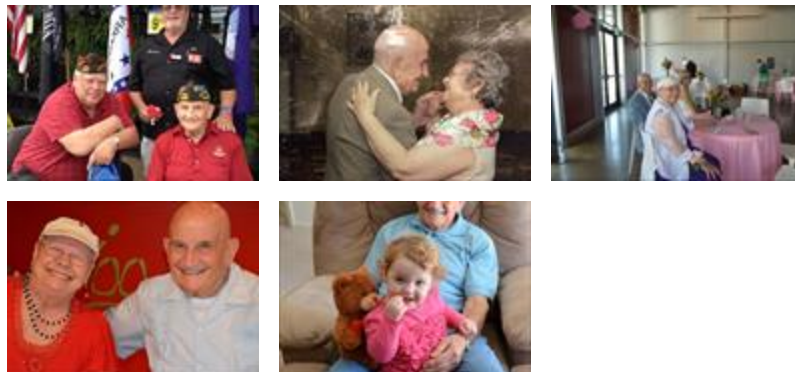
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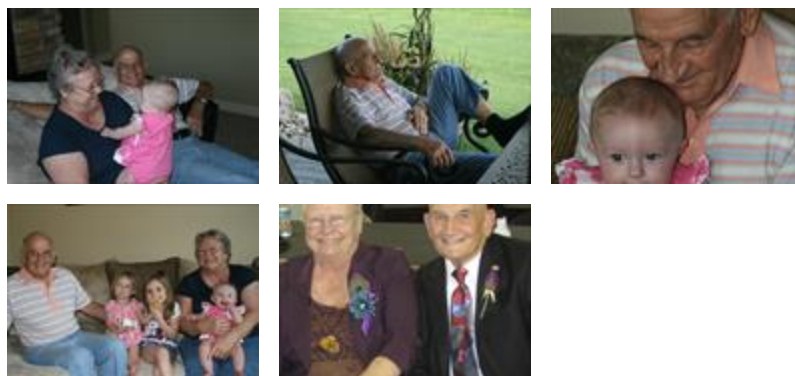
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Marsha - July 16, 2022 at 08:24 PM

MR

“ We are honored to be included as surviving family members of Ralph, a true American hero. Others can speak to the reasons that we honor him as an American hero, we can tell you why he is our hero. When Mom (Bernie) first told us about Ralph, I remember asking, does he take care of you as much as you take care of him? I was assured that they were taking care of each other.

As life turned out, Ralph took very good care of Mom and made the last years of her life, probably, her happiest. They traveled together, danced together, and served veterans tirelessly. Ralph cared for Mom while she battled cancer and held her hand through that painful end.

Ralph had a great sense of humor. When Mom was ill, Ralph told us, “I am having an affair. Her name is Marie Callender, and she makes the best pot pies.” Ralph didn’t hear well, so we would send him cards and notes about things happening in Iowa. He would call when he got the cards to tell us he received them. Once, he got voicemail and talked for 23 minutes, then said, “it has been so great catching up with you. I love you too. Bye.” It was a difficult decision if we should call him back.

Ralph was family to us. He was at our house to hold new grand babies, attend family weddings and celebrations, and on stopovers between travel destinations. He welcomed us into his home and his life, and we are very appreciative of having him as part of our family.

Marsha, Russ and the family

Marsha & Russ - July 16, 2022 at 08:17 PM