



John Allen King

January 13, 1950 - June 22, 2020

John Allen King, 70, of Chester, VA, and formerly of Roanoke, VA, joined our Creator on Monday, June 22, 2020. John had many accomplishments, his greatest being an extraordinary husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was a retired US Army Master Sergeant and a Vietnam Veteran who served honorably from 1968 to 1993. Shortly after retiring from the military, John earned his bachelor's degree with honors in culinary arts at Johnson & Wales University. He then became a chef instructor at the MWR Culinary Academy on Fort Lee, VA, for 10 years and kept up his baking skills at Walmart until he retired completely in May 2020.

As a certified executive chef and an accomplished pastry master, John was passionate about providing the best culinary experience for his family and friends. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife, gardening and watching old westerns and Spanish soap operas. John was preceded in death by: his parents Owen W. and Maureen T. King; sisters Evelyn King Turner and Claudia King Pannell; and brothers Owen A. and Rudolph L. King. Those left to cherish his memory are: wife Ornella Barbieri King; children Melissa "Misha" King, Allen (wife Cymele) and Adam (wife Kristi) King; grandsons Allen and Michael King; sister Ann King; numerous nieces and nephews in the US and Italy; best friend Mark Adams; and extended family and friends in the US and Italy.

A service with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 3, 2020, at Sunset Memorial Park in Chester, VA. All family and friends are welcome to attend; however social distancing and mask protocols will be required. The family will not be hosting guests at their homes due to the pandemic.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in memory of Mr. John A. King at: <https://donate.lls.org/lls>

Cemetery

Sunset Memorial Park

2901 W. Hundred Road
Chester, VA, 23831

Events

JUL **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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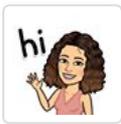
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“ An external video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - July 03 at 02:44 PM



“ Daddy, words can't describe how much I miss you. I cherish the years I was blessed to be your daughter and I look forward to our reunion in heaven. I know you'll watch over us and keep guiding us through life until then.



Misha King - Yesterday at 08:17 PM



“ To the King Family, Thank you for sharing your Husband and Father with me and my family. Thank you for including us into your family. Vanessa and I will always be grateful and will always be here for you all.

John,

Thanks for being my friend, I will miss all the time we've shared. All the conversations, all the things we did together as neighbors, friends and buddies. You were my big brother here in Richmond. I will continue to look out my window to check on you and Ornella. Because for me your spirit is still here with us. I thank God for allowing us to be in each others lives, Rest now my friend until we meet again.

Mark and Vanessa Adams



Mark Adams - June 29 at 04:53 PM



“ Uncle John was the most respected uncle a niece could ask for, I'm missing you already.all the wonderful times we shared in Charlston sc. Atlanta when you came by the house,and don't forget the hosting of excellent dinners. Cookouts etc .gave me a wonderful aunt and 3 cousins , thank you for them all,Omg the list of wonderfulness goes on. I love and miss you!! REE

Marie Cooper - June 29 at 11:52 AM



“ I understand why he is so loved. Dad was not in my life long but I love that he was in it. My favorite memory is me and him sitting in Misha kitchen...me eating one of his delicious homemade cakes and talking with him about his life and his travels and how much he loves his family. He wanted to know about me and Cymele and our history and told me how he loves her as his daughter and wanted to get to know me as well. He had me laughing with his sense of humor. I knew him briefly but it is memorable. My whole entire heartime to the King family.

Love you all..
Shawna yee

Shawnda Yee - June 27 at 08:47 PM



“ John was an amazing, talented, loving, caring person. I have so many fond memories of my time with a John and Ornella. My prayers are with Ornella, Misha, Allen and Adam. My you find comfort in your memories.

Judy Purinton - June 27 at 11:13 AM



“ I'm glad to say I got to meet John and ornella threw his kids Adam Allen and Misha I will always remember him as the great father he was to his kids and great husband to his wife u will be miss so much my prayers to the family may u find peace RIP Mr King

carmen quinones - June 27 at 12:14 PM



“ You will be missed

Jeffrey and LaRue Bonner - June 27 at 06:57 PM



“ We send our heartfelt condolences to Ornella and the King family. It has been a few years since Ft Leonard Wood but we remember Sergeant King and Ornella with great affection. While his culinary skills were amazing, it is his positive, happy attitude that we found inspirational. Ornella, you are in our prayers.

Dan and Karen Schroeder

Daniel Schroeder - July 01 at 08:50 PM