



Mary Kathryn King

September 26, 1942 - December 3, 2024

Mary Kathryn King, age 82, of Mattoon, IL passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at Odd-Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 6:00 PM, Monday, December 9, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Ron Dickinson will officiate. The visitation will be held the same day from 4:00 PM until the time of service at the funeral home.

A committal service will be held at 11:00 AM EST, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Roselawn Memorial Park, 7500 N. Clinton Street, Terre Haute, IN 47805.

Mary was born on September 26, 1942, in Terre Haute, IN to James P. and Esther N. (Grob) Anderson. She married Lawrence G. King on August 22, 1964 in Terre Haute, IN. He passed away on June 17, 1989. She is survived by her daughter, Sherri L. Aldrich and significant other, Steven M. Koester, of Mattoon, IL; three grandchildren, Kassandre L. Haven and husband Johnny of Troy, MO, Cameron J. Aldrich of Seattle, WA, Conner R. Aldrich of St. Louis, MO; and two great-grandchildren, Declan J. and Noelle L. Haven of Troy, MO. She was preceded in death by her father, mother and stepfather, Richard J. Kearschner.

In the late 1960's, Mrs. King became a kindergarten teacher for Mattoon Community Unit School District #2 and retired after forty dedicated years. Her passion for children and education was unmistakable and she was admired by many who had the privilege of being her student in their early developmental

years. She was a member of the Illinois Teachers Association.

Mary was an extensive reader, reading more than three hundred novels and sports books a year. A passionate sports fan, she rooted for Boston Celtics, St. Louis Cardinals, and Indiana University sports. Some of her favorite iconic sports figures were Tiger Woods, Bobby Knight, but her all-time favorite was legendary Larry Bird. Mary was known around town for her memorable license plate homage to the great basketball player, IND BB 33.

She was a doting mother and grandmother. Mary relished the time spent with her grandchildren and attended all sports, band, and dance events over the years. Her presence will be missed but her smile and kindness will be imprinted on the hearts and minds of those closest to her. Mary's memory will always be eternal.

Donations in Mary's honor may be made to Coles County Animal Shelter, 6818 N. County Rd 1120 E, Charleston, IL 61920.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchell-jerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Park

7500 N. Clinton Street
Terre Haute, IN 47805

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
(217) 234-8828
contact@mitchelljerdan.com
<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

Service

DEC 9. 6:00 PM (CT)

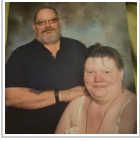
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Committal Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I had mrs king when i was in kindergarten
1986 she was just down the road from where i
lived. She made us gorks a pocket doll purse i
still have mine she always made me feel
important she will be missed



Star Johnson - December 14, 2024 at 04:19 AM

PS

“ Pat (Neal) Sykora lit a candle in memory of
Mary Kathryn King



Pat (Neal) Sykora - December 09, 2024 at 11:32 PM

PS

I have such fond memories of Mary. She will always be in my heart.

Pat (Neal) Sykora - December 09, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - December 09, 2024 at 11:37 AM

AG

“ Aunt Pat, Bob and Gisele purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Kathryn King.



Aunt Pat, Bob and Gisele - December 09, 2024 at 11:26 AM

AS

“ Alice Scott lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn King



Alice Scott - December 08, 2024 at 12:52 AM

WB

“ I had the honor and pleasure to work along side Mary in the Mattoon School System. A sweet, caring, and motherly person to have known. Hugs of love to family, friends and loved ones ❤️🙏❤️

Wanda Stewardson Brooks - December 07, 2024 at 08:48 PM

SJ

“ Sylvia Jerdan lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn King



Sylvia Jerdan - December 07, 2024 at 04:06 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn King.*



December 06, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Kathryn King.

December 06, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Mrs. King was one of the nicest women I had the pleasure of knowing while I was growing up. Sherri, my thoughts are with you and your family during this tough time*



Tish Zigler Kirk - December 06, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ *Mary was school teacher with my Mom, Virginia Beasley, as well as a treasured friend to her. They are now sharing Heaven together.*

Sue Meyer - December 06, 2024 at 12:57 PM

KC

“ *Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn King*



kathi janssen cobble - December 06, 2024 at 12:06 AM

AM

“ *She was the BEST Kindergarten teacher...I have very fond memories of her. One of my favorite teachers. A wonderful lady that loved children. My memories of her always makes me smile.*



Amy - December 06, 2024 at 12:01 AM

JS

“ *Jodi Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn King*



Jodi Sparks - December 05, 2024 at 06:12 PM

DD

“ *One of the nicest ladies we have ever known. We feel blessed that our kids had her as a Kindergarten Teacher back 20 years ago. Don and Steph Davis*

Don and Steph Davis - December 05, 2024 at 01:08 PM