



Arthur Jack King

October 7, 1939 - February 10, 2014

Arthur Jack King was born October 7, 1939 and received his wings on February 6, 2014 at the age of 74. He was born in Beaumont, Texas to Glen Elwin and Melda Maxine King. As a young man, Jack was raised on his grandparent's farm in Kirbyville, Tx. At an early age, Jack earned the title of EAGLE SCOUT. These lessons he used to mold his future and become the man he became. This is also where Jack followed in the footsteps of his father and uncle and began his life long career as a firefighter. He graduated high school in Dumas, Texas and went on to graduate from Commonwealth Institute of Mortuary Science in 1962. Jack became interested in the Funeral Industry while working for Broussard's Funeral Home in Beaumont, TX. While later working for Weldon Davis Funeral Home, he met Brenda Oswalt and April 10, 1964 they were married. Their daughter Mary Vonne was born in October of 1965. Jack moved his family to Huntsville in 1967 to begin his career at Huntsville Funeral Home where he stayed until retiring, as owner, of that establishment in 1999. Jack stayed involved in both the funeral and fire industries until his death. Jack was a caring man who devoted his life to the service of others. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Henry Frizzell, and niece Shauna Austin. He is survived his by: wife Brenda King of Huntsville, daughter Mary Vonne Brame of Huntsville, granddaughters, his "girls" Robyn, Makenzie and Alyson Brame of Huntsville, brother Eugene Frizzell and wife Sylvia of Nacogoches and sister Reba Frizzell Milstead and

Husband Tom of Nacogdoches. Jack is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends. Jack was involved in numerous organizations and had too many accomplishments to name here. In his words..."No need to go into details as to things done, those that know me know and the others probably don't give a damn." The family will receive friends on Sunday, February 9 from 3-5 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville Tx. Services will be held Monday, February 10, 12:00 pm "NOON" at Northside Baptist Church, 1207 FM 980 Huntsville, Tx with Interment following at Mayes Addition at Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville, Tx. Memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America at the website, www.scouting.org. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Arthur Jack King

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ I just learned of Jack's death. He was truly one of kind. He had a heart as big as Texas. I can't thank him enough for allowing me to show J.K's Waldrop.

Penny Antley - January 12, 2015 at 04:38 PM



“ "In his words...No need to go into details as to things done, those that know me know and the others probably don't give a damn."

Well Jack you were wrong, you touched many lives and helped all of us at DMORT be the best we could be. And by reading all of these condolences you were the same man in your community that your were on the national stage. To Brenda and family please accept my condolences on your loss.

Don Bloom - February 14, 2014 at 04:25 PM



“ Jack will be hard to replace, No one person can do for the fire service what Jack has done. He is the epitome of a great leader dedicated to the fire service. When you look for a person who is an example of the John Kennedy quote " ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country ", you would see Jack. I feel privileged to have known such a great man. Prayers for you and your family. Carl and Melissa Teaff Sonora Fire Department

Carl Teaff - February 12, 2014 at 11:22 AM

DD

“ *Mary Vonne & family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you.*

Dannette Dean - February 12, 2014 at 08:22 AM

BC

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time.*

Bridgette Neeley Clay - February 10, 2014 at 09:56 PM

KW

“ *Mrs. King and family: So very sorry for your loss. Jack was truly one of a kind and wonderful human being. I always enjoyed visiting with him when he was a customer at the old Walker and Byrd. He will be truly missed by all, but God has gained another wonderful angel to help Him. Prayers and thoughts with you during this trying time for you. May God bless and help you thru it.*

Ken & Theresa Westbay - February 10, 2014 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ *Diane and I were saddened to hear of Jack's death...he was very kind to us and could get more done for the community than anyone we knew...he will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to Brenda , Mary Vonne and the grandkids.....*

Jay & Diane Shepard - February 10, 2014 at 03:53 PM

CB

“ *Mary Vonne, I am so sorry for you loss. You & your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Carey Birdwell - February 10, 2014 at 03:36 PM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Steve Colley Family - February 10, 2014 at 02:15 PM

SP

“ To the family of Jack King his friends in cheyenne will truly miss him. He always had a smile and glad to tell everybody about his "asses" and catle on his ranch. He will missed by all who knew him. He was a person who loved to pull practical jokes on his friends. I will never forget him.

steve patterson - February 10, 2014 at 01:44 PM

AG

“ Brenda, Mary Vonne and girls -
So sorry to hear of the passing of Jack. So many memories at your place when Wendy and I were kids and throughout my years at the WCFA and most recently Rodeo Houston. You all are in my prayers - may peace of Christ comfort you, family and friends support you and promise of eternity give you hope.

Love,
Angie

Angie Gillikin - February 10, 2014 at 11:26 AM

HC

“ It is with great pride and honor to have known and to have worked with Chief King. His dedication to the Fire Service, to the SFFMA, to his community and to the Texas Fire Training School will be long remembered. Most of all, he was a dear friend. Until we meet on the other side my friend. Rest in Peace.

Harvie Cheshire - February 10, 2014 at 09:43 AM

DS

“ Brenda, Judy and I remember all the great times with you and Jack. We always laugh at all the stuff that went on when Jack was around and taking charge. He was the best example of what a small town funeral director represents in a community. He will be greatly missed.

Duane and Judy Schaefer - February 10, 2014 at 09:36 AM

BP

“ Please accept our condolences. Mary Vonne, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your wonderful family.

Blair and Lisa Powell - February 10, 2014 at 09:16 AM

MR

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Chief King's family. Chief King was an icon of the Texas Fire Service and his leadership will be greatly missed.

Michael Richardson - February 10, 2014 at 09:15 AM

PP

“ What a wonderful man Jack was, and what a delight he was to have known. I considered him a friend from the first time we shook hands and hope he considered me his friend. All of us who knew him and loved him are saddened by his passing, and offer our deepest condolences to the King family at the loss of Jack.

If ever I met a great man, Jack would be the one. I consider myself fortunate to have met him.

Paul Paron - February 09, 2014 at 10:50 PM

PT

“ I lived in Huntsville in 1976 and new Jack as the fire chief. I would see him in later years at SFFMA activities. It was a pleasure to know him. His dedication to his community and to Texas will be remembered. My condolences to his family and his many friends.

Pat Richardson (Pantego, TX) - February 09, 2014 at 07:52 PM

RG

“ *"Mary Vonne, Goolagong," my dear friend, there are no words to ease your pain, only the passing of time. Know that you and your Mom are loved by the Ernst family.*

Regina "Dedaw" Ernst Gu - February 09, 2014 at 07:25 PM

MH

“ *Brenda, you will never know how sorry I was to learn of Jack's death. It seems like just yesterday that Richard hired Jack to join the staff of the Huntsville Funeral home. Through the years Richard and Jack worked so good together. I have heard Richard say numerous occasions what a wonderful funeral director /mortician Jack was. His ability to work with the people during their time of grief was outstanding. Please tell Mary Vonne and her three girls what a wonderful Legacy Jack has left each of them. Brenda, I am so sorry that I will not be able to be at the service, but my health keeps me attending. May God be with you and your family. Love, Mary Ann Hartnett*

Mary Ann Hartnett - February 09, 2014 at 03:48 PM

TG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please do not hesitate to call if you feel the need.*

Tom and Debbie grisham - February 09, 2014 at 03:01 PM

MF

“ We are sorry for your loss. It is loss for our community. Jack was such a wonderful and caring person.

Mellicent Sikes Wiley and Family - February 09, 2014 at 01:42 PM

J"

“ Sweet Brenda and girls, Jack's love for you was a beautiful gift. Many years ago, while working with the Ladies Auxiliary, I was blessed to meet Jack and Brenda. Enjoying life with them entailed pumper races, fun fishing and hunting throughout the years. Our trips to the rodeos, compliments of Jack, staying at the ranch and keeping up with his quick wit were all special treats. He always got the best of me and laughed when he did.
So long Jack, may you enjoy the heavens and keep an eye on all of us with that big smile.

Jacquetta aka "Wa-ca-new-chi" - February 08, 2014 at 09:49 PM

MC

“ Jack was such a help to so many of us during our darkest times. He was a true 'Giver' to his community. Jack will be missed greatly and long will he be remembered.
Thank you, Jack!

Mark Chalker - February 08, 2014 at 07:27 PM

DM

“ We are very saddened at the death of our friend and neighbor. Our prayers go out to you Brenda, daughter Mary Vonne, and granddaughters, Alyson, Makenzie and Robyn. Jack had a wonderful sense of humor and we thought the world of him. He will be missed.

Don & Eleanor McWilliams - February 08, 2014 at 07:13 PM

GM

“ Jack was a great friend too many of us and will be deeply missed by all his friends that meet every summer in Cheyenne. Our deepest condolences to Jack's family and friends.
Gary Moyer

Gary Moyer - February 08, 2014 at 03:54 PM

NJ

“ Brenda, so very sorry for your loss. Don't know of anyone who worked any harder than Jack did. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones of Lovelady (formerly of Huntsville).

Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones - February 08, 2014 at 02:20 PM

DH

“ My sympathy to Jack's family. I was part of the group that founded DMORT and was privileged with work alongside Jack during those early days in the late 1980's and early 1990's. I have many fond memories of Jack. RIP my friend. Don Heer Commander DMORT VIII retired

Don Heer - February 08, 2014 at 02:13 PM

VS

“ My heart aches at the passing of Jack... My DMORT Commander, my mentor and my friend. I don't think he ever knew how much he meant to so many people! He was such a special man - one who always gave from his heart. I cherish the memories we shared and will hold them forever close. With prayers for comfort for you Brenda and Mary Vonne...
Vi Shaffer (Carr)
DMORT K9 "Mercy"
DMORT Region VI

Vi Shaffer - February 08, 2014 at 01:55 PM

MH

“ Brenda and family, my prayers and thoughts to all of you during your loss. Jack was one of those special persons you meet in life. He always had a smile, time to speak with anyone, gave so much time and resources to his community and country. I would be surprised if anyone except our Lord that knows all the help both you and Jack gave to the people that had a part of your lives. Brenda thank you for allowing Jack to be a part of our lives. I was taken by shock when I just found out yesterday. I know Jack is with his Lord and happy. Yes, Jack earned his crowns, but knowing him that never changed his outlook in life. Both of you are find examples for your family, friends, and community to be thankful in your gively so much. My prayers with all of you.

M Hyvl - February 08, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DF

“ To Jack's loving wife, Brenda, daughter MaryVonne, granddaughters, Robyn, Makenzie, and Alyson and all your family members, we send our heartfelt sympathy over the passing of our friend. I had the brief pleasure of getting to know him through our work on SCI's Mainstreet Advisory Board. We all quickly grew to appreciate his wisdom, his humor, and the pleasure of listening to his stories. He will be sadly missed by us all. Our prayers are with all of you at this difficult time, and especially on Monday during the funeral time. God Bless you and your family.

Sincerely; Dick & Sandy Fox, New York

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Sincerely; Dick & Sandy Fox, New York

Dick Fox - February 08, 2014 at 09:41 AM

JF

“ Brenda and Mary Vonne my thoughts and prayers will be with you. The good Lord has a new and wonderful angel to look over us all. Jack was a great friend and a loving caring man. He will be missed by many.

Jim Flippen - February 08, 2014 at 08:22 AM

MC

“ What a sad time for the family, for the fire service and the State of Texas. Jack was so many things to so many people. For me and the Sgt. At Arms Committee it was about doing things right. I will forever cherish the teaching moments we had and the living history he shared with me.

Matt Cornell - February 07, 2014 at 09:53 PM

LG

“ *Brenda, Mary Vonne and girls, our heartfelt condolences to you. We are so sorry for your loss. Jack will be greatly missed by not only his family but by many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love to you*

Larry & Martha Grisham - February 07, 2014 at 09:02 PM

LL

“ *Brenda and family,
What a bountiful legacy Jack has left all over this country. It was so comforting to know he was always in our corner. You and Jack helped so many students over the years. I truly thank you for that. Our prayers are with you all.
Lisa Love*

Lisa Love - February 07, 2014 at 08:44 PM

RM

“ *Please accept our condolences; no doubt, Jack was a mentor and a person that people could consult with. His dedication to the fire service will never be forgotten. His leadership with the past presidents of a great association made the difference throughout our great state.*

We will miss him greatly,

Jack, thanks for giving in so many ways,

Roy Mercer - February 07, 2014 at 07:53 PM

GL

“ *We will all miss Chief King. He did so much for so many. He will always be remembered for what he did for the fire service for the Great State of Texas.*

Gordon Lohmeyer - February 07, 2014 at 07:37 PM

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Gordon Lohmeyer - February 07, 2014 at 07:36 PM

RB

“ As a pastor, I spent many hours at the funeral home and learned to appreciate Jack and his family as they dealt with the loss of others' loved ones. We will keep you in our prayers at this loss of your own. We will always remember Jack with great admiration.

Rev. Bob Berry - February 07, 2014 at 07:33 PM

CH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Lots of good memories of our funeral home family!
Lots of prayers for you Brenda , Mary Vonne and girls!
Jack was a very dear friend to the Cookseys!
I love you guys!

Carolyn Cooksey Hanselman - February 07, 2014 at 06:43 PM

S9

“ Huntsville and all of Walker County has lost an amazing man who gave so much of himself to benefit others. He was always a pleasure to work with and his cheerful smile will truly be missed. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sherry Ingram and The Staff at K-Star Country 99.7 - February 07, 2014 at 04:14 PM

BV

“ I have only known Jack for a few years, we served together on the SCI Advisory Board. He was a great guy, we will miss his wisdom and his wonderful stories. I know that I am a better person for having known him and having been able work with him.

Bob Vandenberg - February 07, 2014 at 03:52 PM

TM

“ Jack will be missed. He will be remembered for all he has done. It want be quite be the same at convention he will be missed. He want be there giving us our directions what will we do. Our prayers and thoughts will be with your family we love you Brenda and Maryvone.

Terry and Terry Mayfield

Terry Mayfield - February 07, 2014 at 01:34 PM

SK

“ MaryVonne, I am so sorry for what you are going through right now. I am praying for you and your family and you know to just pick up the phone and call if you need to talk or need anything. Love you girl! Your dad was an awesome man with an awesome family!!! I pray for strength for you all. Sending hugs your way!

Suzette Kohers - February 07, 2014 at 12:58 PM

SP

“ Ms Brenda,
I am so saddened to hear of Jack's passing. After your retirement, it seemed like it took a while for you to get into the swing of not working anymore, but after the adjustment, you really enjoyed the extra time with your family. I sure missed "the motherly advice" and our frequent "talks" when we worked together.
I feel privileged to have been able to know him and for Wayne to have been able to work for ya'll during his tenure at Sam Houston. God gave you a special gift of love that you showed to your TxDOT family as well as your friends. I am proud to be on that list of friends. I pray that God will wrap his arms around you and your family and comfort you all through this time of sorrow.

Love,
Sandy

Sandy Perry - February 07, 2014 at 11:41 AM

BB

“ To Brenda, Mary Vonne & granddaughters,
Know that all the people Jack touched are saddened by his passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. Find comfort in knowing how many people loved him & your family, you are not alone! I pray God's grace will comfort you, now & in the future. We love you, please let us know how we can help.

Becky, John David, Kristin & boys - February 07, 2014 at 11:16 AM

RM

“ Brenda and Mary Vonne, I am so sorry to hear about Jack. Please know that you are my thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of Jack, most of them at Labor Day MDA telethons! May God bless each of you and give you comfort at this time.

Russell Martinez - February 07, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BB

“ I AM SO SORRY. THERES NO WORDS TO EXPRESS THE SADNESS THAT WE ARE FEELING NOW. JACK WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN. HE ALWAYS TOOK CARE OF THOSE THAT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND HE LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. HE WAS AN AMAZING MAN. HE WAS FUNNY, A GREAT STORY TELLER (HAD ME FOOLED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS),DEVOTED TO HIS CHARITIES, AND ON AND ON. WE WILL MISS HIM SO MUCH. LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR YOU BRENDA, MARY VONNE, AND THOSE BEAUTIFUL GRAND DAUGHTERS. LOVE YOU JACK

BARBARA BAGLEY - February 07, 2014 at 10:23 AM

TE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jack's passing. Jack was a mentor to so many of us in DMORT region VI. We all saw him as one of the founding fathers of Disaster Mortuary Response for the United States along with Tom Shepardson. Through their efforts DMORT has developed into what it is today in the federal response plan for the United States responding to nearly every major disaster in this country. Jack taught me the skills to to lead the team he loved so much and for that I will be forever grateful. RIP Commander Jack! We will cherish the memories we had with Jack.

Todd W. Ellis

Commander DMORT VI retired

Todd Ellis - February 07, 2014 at 10:03 AM

KW

“ We will miss Jack. We will never forget what he has done for the SFFMA. I will miss all the talks we had waiting for an event to start. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Kent and Louise Watts

Kent & Louise Watts - February 07, 2014 at 09:43 AM

LA

“ On behalf of the Rene Alaniz Family, we express of deepest condolences in the passing of Jack King. He was a good friend. Got to see him Saturday at the Pre-Planning conference in Lubbock TX.
May you find Peace and Love during this sad moments.
Also as 3rd Vice President for the Rio Grande Valley District, I would likd to express our deepest condolences.
May He Rest In Peace!

Lt. Rene Alaniz - February 07, 2014 at 08:52 AM

BM

“ JACK KING WAS AN ANCHOR IN OUR ASSOCIATION TO KEEP US HEADING IN THE PROPER DIRECTION. HE COULD ALWAYS FIND TIME TO REPRESENT THE PAST PRESIDENTS AND PROMOTE WHAT WAS BEST FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS OF TEXAS. WE ARE ALL SADDENED AND WILL MISS HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION. I ONLY WISH HE COULD HAVE ATTENDED THE DEDICATION OF OUR NEW BUILDING IN MANCHACA FEBRUARY 22, 2014. HE WAS SO PROUD OF THE PROJECT AND HAD WORKED SO HARD ON IT. BILLY RAY MIZE

BILLY RAY MIZE - February 07, 2014 at 08:49 AM

BP

“ Brenda, you and Mary Vonne are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Jack was a great man. So loved by all he met. He is finally at peace in his heavenly home. GOD only takes the best. GOD bless you both and let me know if you need anything at all. I love you both.

Beverly Pegoda(Smith) - February 07, 2014 at 08:37 AM

KT

“ Jack King was a fine man and a special person to so many. I always looked forward to seeing him at all the SFFMA events. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. I will always think of him when I see a "past President red jacket", which he was so very proud of. I will miss him...

Kimberly Tanner - February 07, 2014 at 08:06 AM

BK

“ Chief Jack King is a man I am proud to call friend. His dedication to the fireservice, SFFMA, and his fellow man are surpassed by none. He will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. RIP Chief!

Ben Kennedy - February 07, 2014 at 08:00 AM