



## Joseph Marcellus King

January 17, 1926 - December 9, 2014

Joseph Marcellus King went to be with the Lord December 9, 2014. Joe was born January 17, 1926, in Durham, North Carolina, to Thomas Baker King and Blanche Cook King. He was 88 years old. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Wanda Green King, brother Thomas Baker King, Jr., and sisters, Ida Louise King, Lucy King Williford, and Helen Love King.

Joe attended school in Durham, N. C. and entered the U. S. Navy June 28, 1943 at 17 years old. He boarded the U.S. Saratoga December 1943 and was sent to the South Pacific where he participated in five engagements. He served in the Engineering Department as Gain Rate of Petty Officer, Second Class. He was discharged at Charleston, S.C. on May 5, 1946.

He then attended tech school in Memphis, TN in 1946-1947. After tech school he attended the University of Houston in Houston, TX and graduated from the School of Architecture on August 31, 1950. The next day, September 1, 1950, he began his married life with Wanda Waldean Green.

Joe became a Master Mason, 32° Mason. He was one of the founding fathers of the Republican Party in Harris County and served as Republican Precinct Chairman in Houston for 14 years. He moved to Huntsville, Texas in 1972 starting a cattle ranch and worked as an architect at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice where he retired in 1987.

He volunteered with the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce as a step on bus guide for history of Huntsville, helped raise the funds to build the amphitheater for the Sam Houston Statue park, a founding member for the HEARTS Veterans Museum, was a member and chairman of the Timber Growers' of Walker County, and was a member and chairman of AARP-Huntsville. Joe attended Elkins Lake Baptist Church. He loved his loved the time he had with his family and his four dogs who kept him company.

Joe is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Sherry King of Longview, TX, son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Jackie King of Purdon, TX, daughter and son-in-law, Marci and Gary Yancey, and grandsons Justin and Tyler Yancey of New Waverly.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2014 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfmh.com

## Celebration Of Life

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Marcellus King*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Joe Marcellus King was a good friend of mine. He was raised two houses down from Lakewood School in Durham N. C. where my Mother was principal. I saw him in Service in World War II when we were in the Pacific We remained friends all these years. So sorry to hear about him passing. I will miss him a lot.*

*Joe's shipmate,  
Al Wilson  
Dec. 14, 2014*

**Al Wilson** - December 14, 2014 at 08:01 PM



“ *Dearest Marci,  
I just learned of the passing of your father. I am so sorry for your loss. Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories and I know your heart and soul will find peace and comfort in those memories. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Susan*

**Susan Retzlaff** - December 14, 2014 at 05:51 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I volunteered with Joe and Wanda at the Sam Houston Statue and H.E.A.R.T.S. veterans museum. Joe, as well as Wanda were good kind people and I will miss them.*

**Jeannine Jacoby** - December 12, 2014 at 06:46 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the King family. It was an honor to know and work with Joe & Wanda during my time at the Chamber. Such a sweet couple and I know Joe is glad to be back at her side. God Bless.*

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**Melissa Kimbrough Beardsley** - December 12, 2014 at 11:05 AM

JM

“ *My prayers are with the King family, It was an honor to work with Joe & Wanda at the Statue Visitor Center.*

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**Jamie Matthews** - December 12, 2014 at 10:52 AM

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“ *My condolences to the King families. I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Some Bible scriptures that have helped me during times of loss include Isaiah 26:19 and Psalm 37:29 which states in part: "Your dead ones will live...They will rise up." And the Bible also says: "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it." Therefore the Bible promises that there will be a time when we may be reunited with our loved ones lost in in death by means of an earthly resurrection. This is further confirmed by John 5:28,29 which says "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." This is possible thanks to Jesus Christ's ransom sacrifice. Thus we have a genuine hope of everlasting life in a world without wickedness or suffering. I hope these scriptures will be of some comfort to you. For more encouraging thoughts on this subject, please visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)*

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**Janice Marsalis** - December 11, 2014 at 09:10 PM