



Douglas MacArthur King Sr

March 30, 1942 - January 13, 2024

Douglas MacArthur King Sr. 81, a veteran passed away on January 13, 2024 peacefully at his home in Lakeland, FL surrounded by his loving family. The son of James and Mary (Albritton) King. He is proceeded in death by his loving wife of 62 years Kathleen Goodwin King. Douglas was born on March 30, 1942 in Bowling Green FL. After graduating from Hardee High School in 1960 Douglas enlisted into the Navy and served his country proudly for four years aboard the USS Kiowa ATF-72. While on leave, Douglas met and married his wife Kathleen in just four short days. They went on a journey together and started a family. Douglas worked at US steel as a laborer and attended Travis Vo Tech at night to pursue a career as a master electrician. For 25 years, Douglas owned and operated King's Electric, upon retiring his business, Douglas stayed in the electrical field as an industrial electrician, and retired from the City of Bartow with 22 years of service. Douglas is survived by his daughter, Polly Ann McKenzie. Son, Douglas MacArthur King Jr (Cathy King), 4 grandchildren, Chelsea Howard, (Tytus Howard), Timothy Godwin (Christina Collins), Kaitlyn King, Alexis King, and 4 great grandchildren, Willow Howard, Kinsley Godwin, T.J. Howard, Wrenley Howard. Douglas is also proceeded in death by his parents James C. King and Mary (Albritton) King, sisters Polly King and Linda Reas, and 3 living brother and sisters, Donald Kilpatrick (Cathy), Ronald Kilpatrick, sister Elise Bearce (Bob) and Alton Kilpatrick (Stacey), and lots of nieces and nephews.

In the 81 years that Douglas lived, he was so many things to so many people. He was a son, a brother, a hero, a husband, a dad, a papa, an uncle and a friend. Douglas truly had a heart of gold, always looking out for others, lending a listening ear, or his arms for a hug. Douglas wasn't just present; he was fully present 100% of the time. Douglas didn't just live for his happiness but for the happiness of others. He will be deeply missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **17**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Graveside Service

JAN **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oak Hill Burial Park
4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Tribute Wall



“Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas MacArthur King Sr



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 16, 2024 at 02:23 PM

SB

I'm so truly sorry for your loss, he was a wonderful man. Always great memories with him and your beautiful mother. They are together now, watching over your amazing families. God Bless.

Shelley, Rita, and Butch - January 17, 2024 at 12:17 PM

SB

I also put my Mom's Name Rita. It didn't list her name.

Shelley, Rita, and Butch - January 17, 2024 at 12:18 PM

GM

I met Doug in 2005 at work. At first he seemed like a tough and rigid man that talked very little, maybe a bit grumpy. As I got to know him I found out he was truly a compassionate man who loved his Country and believed in hard work and honesty. I can say he was a friend and a Mentor to me personally as I am sure it was true with most of the people that got to know him on a personal level. He was loved and will surely be missed. God bless you Mr. King, enjoy paradise!!

Gregory McKinney

Gregory McKinney - January 17, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Douglas MacArthur King Sr.



January 16, 2024 at 10:29 PM