



Robert Eugene King

October 27, 1928 - February 20, 2024

Robert King went peacefully the morning of February 20, 2024. He had received a Cochlear Implant (hearing solution) to live a fuller life on December 15. He wanted to hear on the phone and in person better. Bob was a prolific storyteller and inquisitor. Hearing mattered to Bob. And Bob was still driving his car in December. Just two days after his Cochlear implant on December 17, Bob had his first stroke. After rehabbing most of the way (positive and focused on getting better) he had a second stroke on Feb 13th. It proved to be his time. He was the MAN and leader in the King Family as a husband, brother, father, and grandfather. He was adored by his nieces, nephews, in-laws and cousins who he loved throughout.

Bob was a mentor in life, academics, and in business to many. Loved by all is an understatement. Respected by everyone. He was 95 years old. Born in Blanca Colorado as the 12th of 12 children on October 27, 1928. (All preceded him in death). A miracle baby as his mother was 49 years of age; his parents were Mother Agnes Calkins King (one room schoolteacher and homemaker) and Father Coley Marshall King (Rancher and Customer Team Horse Hay Contractor). The King Family had homesteaded in the San Luis Valley of Colorado in the 1870's after immigrating there from Northeast Georgia where they had lived near the Chattahoochee River. The King's established a homestead on the side of Mount Blanca and eventually a cattle operation near in the valley. Robert went to school at Blanca Elementary and

eventually graduated from Alamosa High School nearby. After returning from the Marines in 1947 he attended and received his master's degree in school administration from Adams State College where he met and married Margaret McCollum. He began his career near of Alamosa in Blanca teaching and then becoming principal of Sangre de Cristo Schools at age 28.

He was married for 72 years to Margaret King. Margaret passed away on June 11th, 2022. Bob and Margaret had four Children. Laurie (North Carolina), David (Colorado), Kathy (Colorado) and Coley (California). Eight Grandchildren. 16 Great grandchildren. He lived in the San Luis valley of Colorado for 32 years. 29 years as the respected Superintendent and track coach in Meeker Colorado where he raised his family. (later named the Bob King Track at Meeker High School). 2 years retired in Grand Junction, Co. And the past 32 years in retirement and volunteering in Fort Collins. He was near many of his offspring every day in Fort Collins. The past three years he was under the loving care of his grandson then granddaughter Amy and great granddaughters in his own home.

A proud Marine through and through. A National Park Service summer crew member. Driver at age 10. Car lover and fixer upper. A Coach. Sports Lover. A teacher. An academic. A track meet organizer. A poet. A believer in all people and possibilities. A lover of Sam's Club. A man who loved gadgets. Arrowheads. A hunter. An outdoorsman. A hiker. Lover of literature and English. Teacher of challenged learners. And in the best way a lover of all religions, ethnic groups, types of people and his offspring. A beacon of positivity every day of his life towards all-comers.

SERVICES: To be Held on June 14th at 12 noon at 7852 Vantage View Place Fort Collins. Followed the next day on June 15th at 2 pm by a local service and military burial service at the King Family Cemetery (Urraca on Mount Blanca) in the San Luis Valley near Alamosa. He and wife Margaret's ashes

will be buried together that day.

Donations Can be made to Saints of Fort Collins in Lieu of Flowers. Saint Volunteer Transportation at 333 W. Drake Rd. #42, Fort Collins Co 80526. Bob was a Saint driver until age 91.

Robert Eugene King. One of the Good Ones!

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **14**. 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Private Residence
7852 Vantage View Place
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

PH

“ I am so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. I loved seeing both Bob and Margaret in the office. We talked about all the mutual people and families we knew in the valley. I'm so glad I got to visit Bob in November. I took a picture of his parents with Dr. Bean in front of the King home. Hazel Bean Petty had found the picture and I was the delivery person! We had a great visit. I heard the shortened version of how his family got to the San Luis Valley. His memory was sharp as ever. He was indeed one of the great ones. My condolences to the family.

Pam Konishi Harrold

Pam Harrold - March 06, 2024 at 10:24 AM

JP

“ Bob (and Margaret too) was an avid and active participant in classes and activities of the Front Range Forum, an independent mutual study group operating in the F.C. Senior Center. He often took 3 classes rather than the usual maximum of 2, and facilitated some classes in addition to enrolling as a participant in others. Class members were encouraged to make short presentations on portions of the subject matter to supplement readings, videos, etc., and Bob did his part. Several years ago he teamed up with another member to facilitate a class based upon a book containing a long epic poem on the life of John Brown, the Kansas abolitionist. Bob surely led a full and rewarding life, carrying on to a ripe old age. Being retired Navy, I enjoyed hearing his tales of the U.S. Marine Corps. Since he touched so many lives, he will be missed by many people in a wide range of locations and walks of life. Farewell Bob, and Semper Fidelis. Jim Poole, F.C.

JAMES K POOLE - March 03, 2024 at 01:15 AM

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“ *Bob King was a great coach and mentor to me i Mosca. I remember when Bob's Father died, he took his PE class up to the Urraca cemetery and we dug Cole's grave.*

Fred E Rice - February 29, 2024 at 08:10 AM

LW

“ *Leslie Washington lit a candle in memory of Robert Eugene King*



Leslie Washington - February 28, 2024 at 11:43 PM

LW

“ *Bob King was a great football and Basketball Coach I was very fond of him . RIP Mr King*

Leslie Washington - February 28, 2024 at 11:36 PM

DD

“ *A found memory I have of Mr. King was reading Macbeth in high school English class and the witches wearing mops on their heads while stirring the cauldron. Thanks for giving so selflessly to so many Bob King. You were truly a King among men.*
Deanette Devereaux

Deanette Devereaux - February 28, 2024 at 10:26 PM

TW

Bob spent time in our home as we lived two blocks apart the family ties went way back as young men dad and Uncle George spent time on the King ranch and Uncle George married Aunt Thelma Calkins

Tommy washington - February 29, 2024 at 08:42 AM