



Elmer E. King

June 30, 1934 - December 27, 2024

Elmer E. King, 90, of Cornwall, formerly of Jonestown, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2024, at Cornwall Manor. He was the husband of Mary Esther (Wert) King. On May 31st, they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Born in Westover, MD on June 30, 1934, he was the son of the late Amos and Agnes Ogburn King. Elmer retired from the Lebanon VA Medical Center, where he had worked as a Psychiatric Nurse Administrator for nearly 30 years. He was an active member and song leader of the Gingrich Mennonite Church, a member of the Izaak Walton League of America and served as a Friends of the NRA officer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Bruce husband of Patricia (Rodgers) King of Lancaster; daughter Sharon wife of Arlen Wilbers of Quakertown; brothers: Walter husband of Miriam (Hostetler) King of Hickory, NC, Daniel husband of Jeannette (Neuenschwander) King of Dover, OH, William husband of Barbara (Isdell) King of Fruitland, MD and AJ husband of Crystal (Lehman) King of Westover, MD; sisters: Miriam wife of Wilmer Dagen of Salisbury, MD and Rosa partner of the late James Hargot of Santa Rosa Valley, CA; eight grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother Harry husband of Rosemary

(Gerber) King of Harrisonburg, VA and sister Ruby wife of the late Columbus Dorsey.

Beginning at age 12, Elmer lived his life as a servant to others as he took care of his three siblings while his mother was terminally ill with lymphoma. He chose a servant career position, entering into psychiatric nursing in the early 1960s. While starting on this career, he aided his two brothers financially to attend medical school. He chose to work in the VA Hospital of Lebanon to serve the mental needs of our veterans from several wars. He lived his life helping others in the community by fixing broken down lawnmowers and other devices, only to give them away to people from his surroundings who were in need. His example of living in servitude of others has been a model for his friends and family to follow.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the Gingrich Mennonite Church, 100 Forney Rd., Lebanon. There will be a visitation with the family one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the adjoining church cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Izaak Walton League of America, 707 Conservation Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Cemetery Details

Gingrich's Mennonite Cemetery

100 Forney Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

Previous Events

Public Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gingrich's Mennonite Church
100 Forney Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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