



Velter Hart King, Jr.

October 1, 2020

CWO4 (Retired) Velter Hart King, Jr. passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2020 in Alexandria, VA. He was born on February 20, 1937 in Norfolk, VA to Velter H. King, Sr. and Mary (née Ross) King. Following Mary's passing in 1940, he was raised by Rebecca (née Blue) King – his cherished champion and “angel” – as he lovingly referred to her.

Velter graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, VA with the class of 1955. He was a member of both the high school choir and drama. While attending Norfolk State University, he was drafted into the United States Army – becoming a missiles expert and a celebrated helicopter and airplane pilot. He served three tours of Vietnam as a rescue chopper pilot, eventually retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 after 35 years of service. Along the way, he picked up the nickname of “Joe” – as he was affectionately known by many.

Velter earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a degree in Professional Aeronautics. During his final service years, he worked in the Office of the Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon in Arlington, VA – overseeing more than 4,000 helicopter pilots. After retirement, Velter spent as much time as he could with family and friends - and on his beloved boat, KATRENITA, named for his three daughters. He loved conducting riverboat tours up and down the Potomac for family and friends.

Velter was the oldest of six children. He is survived by siblings Velma Brown of Melbourne, FL, Milton King of Norfolk, VA, Sandra (Lamonte) Holmes of Norfolk, VA, Linda (Kevin) Barnes of Norfolk, VA and Denise Ashe of Norristown, PA. He is also survived by his six children: Amile Lamont King of Las Vegas, NV, Vatreana C. (King) King of Winters, CA, Minister Vanita C. King of Woodbridge, VA, Katarina Frunge-aTribe (Stefan Jofors-aTribe) of Stockholm, Sweden, Marcus C. King of Birmingham, AL, and Kelle King of Dothan, AL. Also left to cherish his memory are grandsons Atticus King, Coen King, Elliot Frunge-Henderson and Noah Frunge-Henderson, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Velter's sweet and generous spirit will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him – as a brilliant charmer and a fascinating storyteller. He will be laid to rest with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date (to be announced).

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Missing Papa King - Da Gayles Fam*



Da Gayles - March 04, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ *Velter Hart King, Jr.*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

BK

“ *Barbara K. King
Kelle Hart King
Marcus C. King*



Barbara K. King - November 19, 2020 at 08:10 PM

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“ *I am Joe's neighbor and I am so very sorry for our loss of this amazing man. I only knew Joe for a few months, but every time I was around him he made me feel like I was a very valuable person. I feel his loss every time I pass by his door.*



Angela Hutson - November 13, 2020 at 04:39 PM

FB

I am devastated and overwhelmed with sadness. My dear friend of over 25 years slipped away in October 2020. I have been trying to reach him for months. Finally I did the unbelievable and searched the media. I say no more. God rest his dear soul. I love you Joe, Fannie Braswell.

Fannie Braswell - May 31, 2021 at 10:29 PM

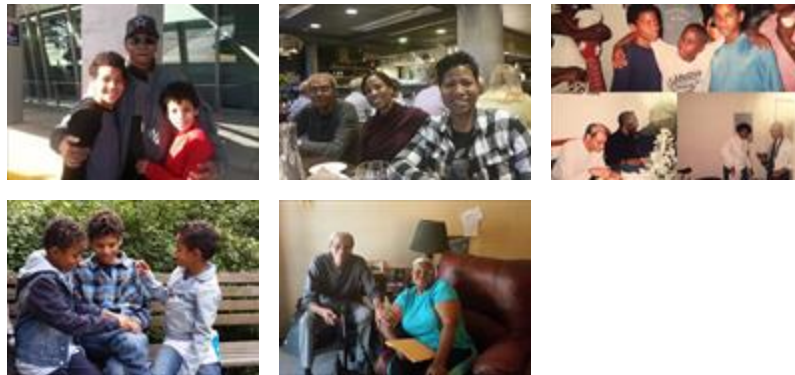
DA

“ *My big brother took me to Tyson’s corner to buy my first car when I moved to PA. I got my Monte Carlo with the big 8 cylinder engine because he wanted me to have power on the road. He fussed about the color but I was the baby and always got what I wanted. He will always look out for me. Happy vet day to my #1 officer and gentleman.*

Denise Ashe - November 11, 2020 at 09:19 AM

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“ 31 files added to the album Family Photos



Vanita King - November 02, 2020 at 04:05 PM