



Charlie R. King Jr.

December 16, 1955 - May 28, 2021

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11

In December of 1955 when Charlie King was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, God had already prepared a special path for him for a life of good works and joyful communion with a loving family and a host of good friends. His parents, Charles King, Sr. and Claudine (Huff) King moved their family to Siloam Springs where Charlie grew up with his sisters Vicky and Leahann, and graduated from high school in 1974. During high school, Charlie played fullback for the Panthers' football team, and both excelled at the sport and made valuable, lifelong friendships.

He would later go on to play college football and graduate with an Associate's Degree in Drafting from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

But two very important things happened before he embarked on his career. Charlie accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was baptized in October of 1971. He also went on an important first date with Rhonda Brown to a JBU candlelight service 1973. He married Rhonda in 1977, and for the rest of his life, he was faithfully dedicated to serving God and being a devoted husband.

In 1981, their daughter, Lacy, was born and both Rhonda and Charlie began a new chapter of their lives as parents. Charlie would do whatever it took to keep Rhonda and Lacy safe and happy; and he did. Parenting came very naturally to both of them and over the years, they extended God's love to many more children through youth ministry work in their churches. It is impossible to know how many children they cared for, and fed, and witnessed to, and soothed when they were in need; many of you reading this tribute saw their faith in action. We are grateful that God called both of them to do this type of work; they were an extremely happy couple and they were at their best when they were serving the Lord together.

Charlie and Rhonda moved to Oklahoma City for a little over a decade, but returned to Siloam Springs in 1988, and a few years later Charlie opened his own drafting office downtown. Most recently, he worked as an engineering technician for the Springdale Water Utilities. When Charlie wasn't working, he enjoyed fly fishing and bike riding, especially in Colorado. He enjoyed the solitude of a long bike ride, but he also enjoyed teaching others these types of activities so that they could enjoy them, too. Charlie was easy to be around because he cared more about sharing these activities and teaching others about the joy they could bring than being a perfectionist.

Lacy married Kent Dahl and their daughter, Ava, was born in 2013. This began another new chapter for Rhonda and Charlie, as grandparents ("Opa and Nana"), and they just may have found their highest calling in nurturing Ava and supporting Lacy and Kent.

Because of Charlie's life of servant leadership, he had a long list of friends and family. Charlie was present at all of the big events, and supportive to Fran, Brenda and Joe, Ben and Bekah and their families, Steven King and his family, many nieces and nephews, and countless others.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Friday June 4th 2021, at First Christian Church in Siloam Springs. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
1405 W. Jefferson
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.



Joe & Cheryl Burns - June 12, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JR

“ Jan Russell lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.



Jan Russell - June 04, 2021 at 08:33 PM

CN

“ Rhonda, I'm so sorry to hear about Charlie. God is our comforter throughout this change of life.

Carla Nodurfth - June 04, 2021 at 08:22 PM

JA

“ Rhonda, so very sorry for your loss.
Judy Cloyd Arbia

Judy Arbia - June 04, 2021 at 08:06 AM

TM

“ *Teresa Martin lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.*



Teresa Martin - June 04, 2021 at 01:57 AM

TM

“ *To the Kings Family: We will never forget our family get togethers when we were small ! Enjoyed going and playing with Vicky, Charlie and LeaAnn!!! We send our sympathy and Charlie was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed!!!! Praying for the whole families if Fran Brown Family and Charles King and Claudeen!*

Teresa Martin - June 04, 2021 at 01:56 AM

BK

“ *Bill And Pam King lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.*



Bill and Pam King - June 03, 2021 at 07:34 PM

JH

“ *So very sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Rhonda, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jim and Jan Hanson

Jan Hanson - June 03, 2021 at 02:41 PM

LH

“ Charlie and I worked together in engineering at Springdale Water. He was a part of every work day for me. Rhonda - he was so proud of your marriage. I would comment often on how sweet it was that he displayed y'all's wedding photo on his desk. He loved to brag on his family and would show me so many cute photos or tell me about funny phone calls with them. His face would light up any time he talked about them or about an upcoming visit. He truly was a family man and it was evident that he loved y'all more than anything.

Charlie and I both have a love of winter and Colorado, so he'd come show me live feeds of different places where it was snowing in Colorado and we'd talk about how jealous we are and talk about our dreams of moving there.

I could set my clock by when Charlie would take his walks. I often told him that I wish I was motivated as him and he'd encourage me to get outside, as well.

We parked next to each other every day. And every night on our walk to our cars, he'd tell me to be safe getting home. That meant more to me than he knew.

These are just a few memories to show what kind of man our Char Char was, but I am grateful to have them and so many more. He will be missed by many.

Lauren Harrison - June 03, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Charlie R. King Jr..



June 03, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Charlie R. King Jr..*



June 02, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Renea Hill Ellis lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.*



Renea Hill Ellis - June 02, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *The Kings were our neighbors when we lived on East gate road. Charlie , Vic and Lea Ann , me and TERESA had so much fun growing up! I will always remember! May God watch over all of you! Luv u all*

Darla Scott - June 02, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Seeing Perfect in Heaven.*



Randy Newton - June 02, 2021 at 12:04 PM

JT

“ Janet, Audrey, Naomi, Emily, Kristin, Deana & Tedi purchased the Yellow & White Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Charlie R. King Jr..



Janet, Audrey, Naomi, Emily, Kristin, Deana & Tedi - June 02, 2021 at 11:32 AM

JH

“ Judy Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.



Judy Hobbs - June 02, 2021 at 11:21 AM

SP

“ Charlie was a great Christian man and would do anything to help anyone. He was great.

Shirley Philpott - June 01, 2021 at 11:43 PM

RB

“ Richard Brenner lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.



Richard Brenner - June 01, 2021 at 10:46 PM

LS

“ *Larry Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Charlie R. King Jr.*



Larry Sherrill - June 01, 2021 at 11:19 AM