



Irene King

May 29, 1930 - April 30, 2020

Irene King, 89 of Bowling Green passed away April 30, 2020 at Audrain County

Medical Center, Mexico, MO. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at Ashley Cemetery.

Irene was born May 29, 1930 to Everett and Blanche (Harrelson) Parsons in New Hartford, MO. Irene had one sister, Flossie Mae Luebbers Pargeon, two brothers John Thomas (JT) Parsons and Bailey Parsons.

On November 13, 1948 she married Guy L. King, who passed away August 2, 2011. Guy and Irene had three children, Steven L. (Judy Schuckenbrock), Stanley Dean (Vickie Niemeyer) and Linda Jean (Mike) Luebrecht. Irene was grandmother to Sarah (Sam) Dominguez, Katie King, Scott (Rosalyn) King, Seth (Natalie) King, Spencer King, Emily Luebrecht and Lane Luebrecht. Great grandmother to Isaac, Eva and Norah Dominguez; Elli and Levi Rainey; and Simon, Sterling, Fitzgerald and Ellis King.

In the 1930's the family traveled to California to find work picking crops. JT, 5 years old, helped take care of 1-1/2 year-old Flossie and 6 month-old Irene. Irene often told the story of a California land owner couple that wanted to adopt her.

Irene grew up in the New Hartford area and started working at age 14 in the garment factory. Irene loved to work and had various jobs throughout her life, A&P, IGA, West End Market, Holman's Market, Terrace Motel and Sears just to name a few. She was also a wonderful seamstress and had a custom sewing business for a time. She and Guy were ever the entrepreneurs - while working full time they always had a side business they were working on, such as delivering the St. Louis papers and even raising chinchilla mink in the attic.

Along with Steve and Judy, they owned and operated King's Liquor and Package store at two locations and later started the first convenience store in Bowling Green. What is now Crossroads started from a full service Texaco filling station. One evening while Irene was working alone, a young man came in with a shotgun and demanded money. Irene was able to convince the young man not to ruin his life by doing this and if he would leave she wouldn't call the police. The young man left.

After selling Crossroads, Guy and Irene opened a convenience store in Middletown, MO and lived there until the store burned. They returned to Bowling Green and purchased Crossroads again! After a few years they sold it again and both retired.

After retiring, Irene worked for the Green Thumb program at the NECAC office in Bowling Green. After retiring from there, she worked at DiDi & GiGi's Boutique until its close. Irene was 84 at the time. Never one to be idle, she did volunteer work for Pike County Home Health and Hospice until her fall in January 2020. She loved working and talking to people.

She loved her family and friends, she had an infectious laugh, she was impatient and opinionated, she loved to play pitch and dance, and she was an incredible cook. A family and friend favorite was her fried chicken. It was even suggested she start a fried chicken stand.

She would help those she loved in any way she could. She will be missed terribly by all who knew and loved her.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice at <https://pikecountyhospice.com/foundation/donate/> or donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left at www.bibbveach.com

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I loved Irene the first time I ever met her. Lovely lady and she will be missed. Her son Stan retired from Delta Airlines as a pilot and other pilots had nothing but wonderful things to say about him. I wish I could have been at Irene's visitation.) But just. Ow saw her obituary in the news paper. To all of her children and their families God Bless you all. You were lucky to have had such a wonderful Mother.



Dianne Collins - May 07, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Irene King.



May 06, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene King.



May 06, 2020 at 03:34 PM

MJ

“ Irene was indeed an incredible person. I didn't know her well but she was unforgettable. She and Guy were known and loved by an entire generation maybe two. I know you'll miss her. Sending prayers for all of you.

Margie Jamieson - May 06, 2020 at 03:23 PM

MP

“ Extending heartfelt sympathy to Steve, Stan and Linda at this sad time. Your Mom & Dad were super special people. Have known your family for many years. You were our neighbors when Al & I operated the Texaco Serv Sta (Crossroads now) & Steve and Stan worked for Al. Linda was a little girl then (remember the elephant ride in Hannibal I took you & my Steve to ride many years ago in Hannibal?) A few years ago Stan spoke at Veterans Day program at High School & I was so happy to see all of you. Enjoy and cherish your memories. My thoughts & prayers are w/all of you. Mary (Strickland) Parsons Palmyra MO



Mary E Parsons - May 06, 2020 at 02:16 PM

RH

“ So sorry for you both. Keeping you in our prayers. Bob and Rani

Rani Huttinger - May 05, 2020 at 03:07 PM

BM

“ So sad to get this news. Irene and my mother have been best friends since their school days.

Bill Motley - May 05, 2020 at 03:01 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Rutherford McClanahan lit a candle in memory of Irene King*



Lisa Rutherford McClanahan - May 05, 2020 at 02:14 PM

LM

Maiden name Rutherford from Middletown

Lisa Rutherford McClanahan - May 05, 2020 at 02:15 PM

WH

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you Linda and family.*



WANDA HUNTER - May 05, 2020 at 10:44 AM

CM

“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Irene King*



Carla Mills - May 05, 2020 at 01:05 AM

TC

“ I will always remember Aunt Irene’s delicious meals, her bountiful gardens, and her beautiful smile. I’m holding all of my cousins and their families in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all.

Tina

Tina Chapman - May 04, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ Donna Korte Wiss lit a candle in memory of Irene King



Donna Korte Wiss - May 04, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JL

“ Janet Lovell lit a candle in memory of Irene King



Janet Lovell - May 04, 2020 at 05:23 PM

RB

“ We loved IRENE ! She was funny & spoke her mind, which we loved about her. She worked for us at Didi's & Gigi's & could work circles around me! She worked a couple of days a week & anytime we would ask her to fill in. We have lost a beautiful woman in this world & God gained a wonderful spirit in heaven. She will be greatly missed💔
Phillip & Rose Brock



Rose & Phillip Brock - May 04, 2020 at 04:53 PM

TD

“ Tom - Jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene King



Tom - Jean Dempsey - May 04, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JS

“ Jackie Stockamp lit a candle in memory of Irene King



Jackie stockamp - May 04, 2020 at 04:08 PM

JS

Always remember when you all own crossroads..love go in visit with your mom an dad...she was very special lady...prayers to all

Jackie stockamp - May 04, 2020 at 04:10 PM

CB

“ *Prayers to all the family. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories that you hold deep within your heart.*



Cathy Bibb - May 04, 2020 at 03:16 PM