



Mrs. Constance Irene King

September 8, 1945 - February 9, 2018

Constance Irene (Lemons) King was born September 8, 1945, in Springfield, Missouri, the oldest child of Wayne and Vivian Lemons. She died February 9, 2018.

Connie graduated from Buffalo High School in 1963. She then attended Southwest Missouri State, where she played volleyball and was an active member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority.

She was united in marriage with David King on July 14, 1967. They met in the first grade and attended school together until their college graduation in 1967. For 50 years, they made their home in Illinois, where they raised their three children. They celebrated their golden anniversary in the summer of 2017. Connie was a dedicated P.E. teacher and coach in Granite City, Illinois for all but one of her 33 years in education. She was a strong advocate for Title IX and fought hard to ensure that girls were given equitable opportunities to participate sports. Throughout her career she touched the lives of many of her students and players. She and David both retired in 2000 to enjoy time with friends and family.

She was an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. She and David traveled countless miles to visit their children and grandchildren, never wanting to miss a ball game or performance. Throughout her 18 years of retirement, she remained active and, especially, loved playing volleyball. She enjoyed traveling, going to Reba concerts, and staying in touch with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Vivian Lemons.

Survivors include her husband, David; one son, Kevin King & wife Sarah; two daughters, Melissa King and Joanna Winterberg & husband Russell; 8 grandchildren, Jared Sharp, Madison Sharp, Mackenzie Sharp, Blake Winterberg, Emma King, Kyle Winterberg, Olivia King, and Hattie King; three brothers, Mike Lemons & wife Sherry; Steve Lemons, and Kirk Lemons & wife Patti; two sisters, Sarah O'Donnell and Mary Beth Green & husband Terry; two brothers-in-law, Roger King & wife Vivian and Larry King & wife Sue; and 14 nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by those that knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Missouri State University Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Lone Rock Cemetery

235 Hwy MM
Buffalo, MO 65622

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo
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Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Constance Irene King*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Constance Irene King*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Mrs. Constance Irene King*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Constance Irene King*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Constance Irene King*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Connie was an amazing friend who loved God and lived out His love in her life. Nothing meant more to her than talking with pride about her husband, children, and grandchildren. My life has forever been impacted by her kindness and authenticity. I will keep her in my heart always and am grateful for her amazing spirit that will remain with so many. Love to you all.*

Linda White - February 27, 2018 at 08:37 AM

TP

“*Connie was the first student to welcome me to Buffalo High School as a freshman. I still remember her happy, welcoming smile. She was one of the brightest and best of our class of '63. We are saddened at her passing. David, God bless you and your family at this difficult time.*

Tom and Stacey Phillips

Tom and Stacey Phillips - February 17, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“*Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance Irene King.*



February 17, 2018 at 09:40 AM

QR

“*I want to let David and the family know how saddened I was to hear about Connie. I went to school with her and David for 2 years in Buffalo High. She was always smiling and so friendly to everyone. She was a gem of a person and an inspiration for all who know her. I really enjoyed seeing you both last winter out here in Arizona.*
Quanah Barker Roark

Quanah Barker Roark - February 16, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance Irene King.*



February 16, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance Irene King.*



February 15, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance Irene King.*



February 15, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ *I always loved Mrs King. She would do anything to help out her school kids. I was blessed to have her as a PE teacher in Prather and high school and she was my favorite! I remember she took time out of her schedule, in high school, so I could get my last Presidential Award because I didn't have PE that semester. That meant so much to me. She will sadly be missed by all! ❤️*

Lora Wisner - February 15, 2018 at 01:52 AM

KL

“ I started high school in Buffalo with Connie. I have so many wonderful memories with Connie, Linda, Judy as we were constantly together. My heart goes out to David and entire family as I can't imagine their sorrow. She was a very special, kind, loving, beautiful, brilliant lady loved by so many. Deepest sympathy to David and family. Kathy Louth from Chicago

Kathy Louth - February 14, 2018 at 09:41 PM

AL

“ I taught with Connie at Prather and Grigsby and the Boys and Girls PE department got along wonderful. I will miss the Missouri State fight song from Connie. Al Lewis

Al Lewis - February 14, 2018 at 04:37 PM

LF

“ Connie was one of those warm and caring people who made everyone feel like they were her best friend. The world seems a little emptier without her. My heart goes out to you Dave and the rest of your family.

Laura Froemling - February 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

NM

“ I worked with Connie in GCSD9 - first as a fellow physical education teacher and later as assistant principal at Grigsby Junior High School. Connie's enthusiasm for teaching and kindness toward her students made her an outstanding teacher, coach, and mentor. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Nancy Marti - February 14, 2018 at 12:13 PM

MW

“ P E WAS SUCH A ROUGH TIME FOR ME BEING DISABLED BUT CONNIE MADE IT BEARABLE SO SAD SHE IS GONE SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED MIKE WALKER

mike walker - February 14, 2018 at 11:14 AM

BB

“ Such a lovely lady. I had the pleasure of getting to know Connie over the past 8 years while playing volleyball. I first met her playing at local rec center, and then found she also played at the community church when I started playing there too. During the summers I would let my two older boys come hang out at the church while we played, and she'd always have a treat of some kind in her purse for them. She was always ready to share her gum, and ran a lap every time she missed a serve. We will definitely miss Connie at Tuesday night volleyball.

Bethany Barry - February 14, 2018 at 11:11 AM

BV

“ We started our teaching careers together and had great times camping and doing float trips with our families. Connie did so much for getting equality for female sports and pushed Title IX in our district. We were blessed to call you our friend.
Barbara & Jake Varadian

Barbara Varadian - February 14, 2018 at 12:06 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance Irene King.



February 13, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ *Connie was a friend of mine from over 30 years. We taught together for many years both at Prather and Grigsby. She was a real pioneer in our district to implement girls'sports and those who coached those sports. I'll always remember our talks and laughs about the trials and tribulations about our jobs and our families. She was very well respected and lived by many. She will be missed. Karen Cooper Messick*

Karen Messick - February 13, 2018 at 03:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance Irene King.*



February 13, 2018 at 02:48 PM