



Thomas and Wilma King

June 5, 2019

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Monroe King passed away on June 5 and June 10, 2019, respectfully. They had been married for sixty two years.

Tom was a graduate of East Tennessee State University where he majored in Physical Education. He was a member of the ETSU football team where he excelled as an offensive guard and defensive tackle. He had been a member of Army ROTC even in high school. He enlisted in the United States Army after college and he received the rank of Major. Over the years he taught and coached as well as worked in sales and as a Terminal Manager for Mason and Dixon Trucking, Smith Transfer, Colonial Freight and Overnight Transportation. He loved raising Angus cattle, judging horse shows and spending time with his family.

Tom was predeceased by his parents, Jay Knox and Ruby Mae Shipp King, his brother, Bill King and his sister, Margaret Selby. Surviving are his sisters, Patsy Norwood of Hendersonville, NC and Betty Mitchell of Bedford, IN.

Wilma attended East Tennessee State University where she studied Secretarial Science. For many years she was a secretary and bookkeeper for The School District of Greenville County. Much of her time was spent working at Simpsonville Elementary and Bryson Middle School. She also worked at The Biltmore House as a greeter, a job that suited her vivacious personality. She loved her dogs, going out to eat, fashion, shopping and the beach. She made many of her best friends while living in Poinsettia in Simpsonville, SC. She leaves behind her beloved Korgi Boscoe.

Wilma was predeceased by her parents, Richard and Josephine Huff Kilgore, her brothers, Jess Ray Shell and James Kilgore and her sisters, Juanita Falin and Cleo Falin.

Tom and Wilma are survived by two daughters, Terry Fant and son-in-law, Allen Fant as well as Cindy Armstrong and son-in-law, Robert Armstrong. They have five loving grandchildren including Carley Nichole Fant of Atlanta, GA, Robert William Armstrong, Jr. of Greer, SC, Thomas Cody Armstrong of San Antonio, TX, J. Wyatt Armstrong and Caitlyn Mae Armstrong of Greer, SC.

A private graveside service will be held in Rock Springs, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any Humane Society in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Tribute Wall



“ Terry, so sorry for your loss, I thought the world of your parents. prayers are sent your way

David Christopher

David Christopher - June 17, 2019 at 09:26 PM

TF

Thank you, David. It is so nice to hear from you - in spite of the circumstances.

Terry Fant - June 18, 2019 at 04:08 PM

WF

“ I am so sorry for your loss!! I work in their Kingsport doctors office and loved talking with Wilma about Biltmore....I told her she was my "Biltmore Buddy". We've missed them since they left Kingsport and are so sad for your family. I always loved seeing her smiling face.....Wanda Flanary

Wanda Flanary - June 17, 2019 at 11:07 AM

TF

Mama was very fond of all of you.

Terry Fant - June 17, 2019 at 03:48 PM

OV

“ I appreciate the opportunity to express our condolences in memory of someone whom I had the pleasure of meeting, & the many stories about him from his football friends.
Otis & Charlotte Vicars
Kingsport, Tn

Otis Vicars - June 16, 2019 at 11:34 AM

TE

Thank you.

Terry - June 16, 2019 at 09:40 PM

EL

“ Cindy and Terry,
I am so sorry to hear you lost your mother and father. I worked with your dad at Mason and Dixon and served with him in the Army Reserves in Bristol. They both were very special to me.
Edgar W. Lane, Jr.
Church Hill, TN



EDGAR LANE - June 15, 2019 at 10:22 PM

TE

Thank you. Those years were always very special to them.

Terry - June 16, 2019 at 09:40 PM

DP

“ Cindy and Terry I am sorry for your loss. I loved being Tom and Wilmas neighbor.
I remember when she broke her hip. Glad we were here for her.
Wilma and Tom
seemed to enjoy my cooking and desserts i took her. I have missed them ever since
they moved. I loved them. Heaven gained two angels.
Love and prayers for all.
Donna and Calvin Powell

Donna Powell - June 15, 2019 at 04:41 PM

TF

They did enjoy your cooking. I was grateful to know you were there for them and sincerely appreciate you.
Terry

Terry Fsnt - June 15, 2019 at 07:40 PM

BM

“ Cindy and Terry,
Know that our hearts and prayers are with you and your families during this time.
Many good memories with our families at Simpsonville UMC. We Love Yall!!!

Barry Moore - June 15, 2019 at 07:05 AM

TF

Thank you, Barry

Terry Fant - June 15, 2019 at 07:41 PM

PG

“ Cindy, I'm so very sorry for your losses. I know you've been a faithful, loving, and devoted daughter. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting your parents, I am certain of the fine and generous people they were: their influence shines through in you on a daily basis. Prayers and hugs, friend. May you know God's peace and hope anew as you say farewell to your parents. - Paul Grier

Paul Grier - June 14, 2019 at 08:49 AM

RS

Thank you, Paul!

Rober Armstrong Sr - June 17, 2019 at 01:11 PM

SB

“ Cindy and Terry, Bless your hearts I am so sorry to hear about your Mom and Dad. They were so dear to all of us. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Susan Hodge Burnette

Susan Burnette - June 13, 2019 at 03:53 PM

TF

Thank you, Susan

Terry Fant - June 15, 2019 at 07:42 PM

BG

“ Cindy and Terry ~ I am Craig and Keith Grimmitt's Mother. My deepest sympathy to both of you and your families. Your loss is enormous! Your parents love and acceptance made a lasting impact on Keith's life. He spoke fondly of them often. Several months before he passed away, he told me that we needed to take a trip and go see Tom and Wilma. His health determinate so quickly, we were never able to make the trip. However, he always loved them and truly appreciated what they did for him! I do as well. A special thanks to you and Terry for sharing your parents with Keith! He always kept me up to date on what was going on in your lives. I'm sure there was a celebration in Heaven when your Dad, Mom and Keith were reunited! For that reunion, we can rejoice! You, Terry and your families will remain in my thoughts and prayers. May the precious memories you hold so dear bring a sense of comfort as you process the loss of your parents.

Brenda Henry Gordon - June 13, 2019 at 01:21 PM

TF

Thank you. We loved Keith.

Terry Fant - June 15, 2019 at 07:43 PM

KM

“ Oh Cindy, I remember how sweet your momma was and seeing her at dance school. I remember you telling me how your dad always made certain your shoes were polished and shiney. In fact, I just talk of him just today in ref. To keeping shoes shined being a habit that most folks do not address. They were true examples of lovers. My heart aches for you and this loss. Losing my parents within 6 months of each other was the hardest hurdle I've crossed. Much love to you and yours. Prayers of blessings and healing.

Karen Moyd - June 12, 2019 at 11:09 PM

RS

Thank you Karen.

Rober Armstrong Sr - June 17, 2019 at 01:15 PM

DI

“ *Dear Cindy, Bobby and family,
So sorry to hear about your parents. They were such kind and loving people. They obviously needed to be together in life and death. We know how painful this is for you, the living. However, their love brought them together again in death. They are at peace and together again. Prayers for all of you. Diane and Paul*

Diane - June 12, 2019 at 10:47 PM

RS

Thank you Diane and Paul!

Rober Armstrong Sr - June 17, 2019 at 01:17 PM

MW

“ *We were so sorry to hear about the loss of our cousins. Our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and family.
Larry and Martha Ward*

m. ward - June 12, 2019 at 09:33 PM

TF

Thank you.

Terry Fant - June 15, 2019 at 07:44 PM