



Gerald "Slug" W. King

March 28, 1942 - May 30, 2021

Gerald "Slug" W. King, 79 of Vera Cruz, passed away early Sunday morning, May 30, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 28, 1942 in Bluffton to Gerald E. & Anna Louise (Bennett) King. Slug attended Bluffton High School and worked as a machine operator for Hulcher's Emergency Services in Bluffton for many years. He retired as a dispatcher and driver for Waste Management Company. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing and loved to fish for bass. On August 31, 1991 in Vera Cruz, Slug and Rosie A. (Kahn) King were married.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie of Vera Cruz along with children; LaDonna L. King of Fort Wayne, Renea (Mark) Baker of Decatur, Annie (Michael) Rochowiak of Toledo, OH., Shane (Stephanie) King, Jason (Jessica) King, Tammy (Jerry) Schlagenhauf and Georgie (Chris) Corle, all of Bluffton, along with 26 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Slug is also survived by his siblings; Dian (Jim) Grover of Bluffton, Linda Crews of Amity, AK., Kenny (Emmy) King of Liberty Center, two sisters-in-law; Sandy King of Bluffton and Robin King of Uniondale, along with a special brother-in-law, Virgil Kahn and a special aunt, LuLu Peeper.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Scott D. Collier, and siblings; James W. King, Fred King, Beck King, Dick King and Bob King.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 P.M. on Wednesday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 on Thursday (June 3, 2021) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor H.F. Cox officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to The Garage on Main Street.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

JUN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Slug" W. King*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 02, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Gerald "Slug" W. King*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Rose, I am so sorry to see this. Prayers for healing for you. In my heart.*
Debi Smith



Debra Smith - June 21, 2021 at 08:58 PM

DD

“ I have heard the name Slug King since the 7th grade He was a few years older than I but he had one of those names.....Even If you didn't know him, you knew of him. I have heard stories from some of the best athletes in BHS history about just how good he was in football.....He and George Gehrett. They were rough, tough customers and both were sittin on go, waitin on ready. I and some of my friends always walked to Wilson Field on Friday nights for the home football games and could hear the PA all over the west end of town. One time we were maybe 20 minutes late and hurrying to get there when the PA boomed about who was being ejected from the game It was still the 1st quarter.....seems there had been a disagreement. Two players from the other team ejected and two from Bluffton.....George and Slug. They both dropped out of football and at some point I think, even school. They were both victims of a failed school system that cared little about students not considered elite or “college” prepped. That's just how it was in those days. Every year when I read of the newest inductees into the BHS athlete Hall of Fame I think of guys like Slug and George. Maybe with just a little bit of encouragement?

Doug Durr - June 02, 2021 at 10:51 PM

 Twila
Darren

“ Even though you may have gone to heaven, your beautiful smile, cantankerous wit, charm and personality will always be a Bright Star shining down upon your family!!! RIP Gerald!! Will miss you dearly!!!



Twila Darren - June 01, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 01, 2021 at 05:54 PM

MF

“ SENDING YOU LOVE AND GODS BLESSINGS SO SORRY ROSIE YOU WILL MISS HIM I KNOW YOU WERE VERY CLOSE GOD SENT HIM TO YOU I CAN REMBER YOU AFRAID TO GO WITH HIM TALKED ABOUT IT AT WORK TURNED OUT THE BEST THING FOR YOU TO DO I WILL BE THINKING OF YOU GOD BLESS AND TAKE CARE LOVE YOU GLAD WE WERE FRIENDS COME SEE ME IF YOU EVER HAVE TME IN WHEEL CHAIR & DON'T DRIVE



MARY JANE FRAUHIGER - June 01, 2021 at 02:58 PM

TH

“ From my younger days, thru my Hulcher days, you have always been an inspiration to me. You were always there for me and my family. You will always be remembered and loved for the man that you were. Now your new journey begins. RIP Cuz. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family, you will be missed by so many. Until our paths cross again, GOD Speed.



Tony Harris - June 01, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald "Slug" W. King.



May 31, 2021 at 09:26 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss Rosie and the king family 🙏



Sheree Hollingsworth - May 31, 2021 at 09:18 PM

CC

“ Posting for Herman Satterfield. So sorry to hear of Slugs passing! Slug and I worked together for many years at Hulchers. He was a great friend. So glad I had the opportunity to visit Slug and his wife Rose a few weeks ago. Sending prayers of peace and comfort to Rose and the King family.

Cheryl Coratti - May 31, 2021 at 09:17 PM

RM

“ Rose & James Marshall lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Slug" W. King



Rose & James Marshall - May 31, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald "Slug" W. King.



May 31, 2021 at 07:58 PM

NL

“ So sorry for the loss of Slug! Rose and the family, you're in my thoughts and prayers. Prayers of Peace and Comfort to you all!



Narda A Lewis - May 31, 2021 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ Jean And Ron Bowman lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Slug" W. King



Jean and Ron Bowman - May 31, 2021 at 06:31 AM

BC

“ So very Sorry Rose and King Family to hear about Slug! Our Prayers are with u all at this time as you all Grieve the loss of your Loved one! 🙏 May God grant u the Peace, Grace and Comfort at this time! What a wonderful Man and great friend! We Love Slug and all of the King Family! I have known Slug and the King Family just about all my Life, what a Awesome Family! I will miss not seeing and talking to Slug ! God be with the King Family God Bless u all! Love Barry and JoEllen Crosbie! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - May 30, 2021 at 04:41 PM