



Tamara "Tammi" Ann King

March 14, 1959 - March 11, 2017

Tamara Ann King passed away on March 11, 2017, from complications of cancer. She was 57 years old.

Tammi was an only child raised by her mother Wanda Hanshaw from whom she came by her sharp wit and realistic view of life. Wanda also instilled in her at an early age the value of education and saw to it that Tammi had an opportunity to go to college. Equally important in her upbringing was Tammi's much loved grandmother, Edith Mitchell, from whom she learned many things including compassion for others and the ability to sew, which became a life-long passion. Edith encouraged Tammi's desire to play school. It was that desire that led to her area of study in college and her ultimate employment as a teacher.

Tammi taught English for more than three decades, all but one at her alma mater, Winfield High School. During her time there she bonded with many of her colleagues, none more so than Judy Schuda, whom she considered her mentor, and Jean Allred, for whom Tammi served as a mentor. Both were dear friends whom she loved and their relationships were the type that can only be forged in common experience. Their tales of the classroom made get-togethers all the more entertaining for all who were present. Like all teachers, Tammi impacted many lives over several generations and in ways that those who were effected many not even fully realize. For those who did realize and

spoke of these effects in cards, letters, or in person, Tammi's sense of purpose received an infusion of joy.

Tammi's family was another source of joy. Though without siblings, Tammi always considered her cousins Danny and Richard Mitchell, Ron Colby, and Lori Hunter her brothers and sister. As Tammi grew up she stayed close with them. The family holiday gatherings and the annual trip to Myrtle Beach they would take together brought her continual laughs whenever the stories were recounted. In recent years, the cousins gathered taregularly with spouses, children, and eventually grandchildren, for food and tales. Few things bought Tammi more real happiness.

Tammi loved books: buying them, reading discussing them. Whether Shakespeare, Austen, or Bronte or any number of her favorite detective and mystery authors, her favorite summer pastime was to sit in a comfortable chair on the front porch with her current book and a cup of good coffee. If a neighbor came by, all the better. She enjoyed good neighborhood chatter, too.

Tammi loved dogs and she found room in her heart and home for four, for a while all at one time. Molly, Katie, Buddy and Rudy gave her the kind of happiness that only pet lovers can appreciate. While the good life she gave them was rewarded with licks and wags of tail, the good life they gave her was often inexpressible.

Tammi truly did love Lucy-and Ricky, Fred and Ethel. A passion was collecting Lucy-themed items and she maintained an impressive array. She also loved Andy and Barney and few could compete with her compete with her comprehensive knowledge of the show. She often said there is an Andy Griffith Show quote to fit any situation in life-and she proved it.

And Tammi loved he husband Steve, a love that was matched by him, if not

exceeded. For 31 years it was a match made in heaven and rock and roll (Lori and Butch Hunter are to be thanked for that). The void left by her departure cannot be filled, but the memories of three decades of a life together will provide much comfort.

No life can be summed up in a few short paragraphs; Tammi's life was no exception. The preceding was a short sketch of the highlights. For those who really knew her, please remember her well as you knew her best.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Tammi's memory to Little Victories, a local animal rescue group, at www.littlevictories.org or to your favorite cancer charity. Tammi would have appreciated it greatly.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00am Friday March 17, 2017 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield. Burial will follow in Judson Baptist Church Cemetery, Winfield.

Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Thursday at the funeral home.

Visit Tammi's tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 12848 Winfield Road, Winfield is honored to serve the King family.

Cemetery Details

Judson Baptist Church Cemetery

1400 Bills Creek Road
Winfield, WV 25213

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tamara "Tammi" Ann King*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Mrs. King treated me very well and was kind to her students. We appreciated her.*

Isaac Ashley - September 12, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Miss. Hanshaw taught me at van high school around 1981. She was my very favorite teacher. I was her assistant and during the time I was in there we would laugh so hard at the stupidest things. She had a heart of gold and the best personality. I just found out today that she had passed. It broke my heart. I don't know of a student who didn't like her. When she was transferred to Winfield I went for a visit, I never realized how much I missed her. I'm sorry for your families void, because I'm sure it's huge.*

patty pauley - July 11, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Tamara "Tammi" Ann King.*



March 16, 2017 at 11:11 AM

Laura Moul

“ *Laura Moul lit a candle in memory of Tamara "Tammi" Ann King*



Laura Moul - March 15, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Chapman Funeral Homes - March 15, 2017 at 01:26 PM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Steve. You and Tammi are family - and while I haven't seen either of you in many years - you are still dear to me. Love you!*

Lora Brittain - March 14, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ Mrs. King was my honor's English teacher my freshman year of high school. She was an excellent teacher and very kind. Her passion for teaching was exceedingly evident and I feel very fortunate to have been one of her students. I know she will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Karen Dunbar - March 14, 2017 at 03:24 PM

DR

“ Dee Rose lit a candle in memory of Tamara "Tammi" Ann King



Dee Rose - March 14, 2017 at 08:04 AM

KD

“ My first moments of high school were spent sitting in Mrs. King's classroom. Her warm smile welcoming each of us made high school fun and exciting. She was a smart, happy teacher and I loved her for it. As the years passed she always remembered my name and asked how things were going because she cared about us. I am so sad to hear she was sick and has left this world. Heaven gained a wonderful addition.

Karen Applegate Dailey - March 13, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Tamara "Tammi" Ann King.



March 13, 2017 at 08:03 PM

SC

“ *Memory : As a child we (Tammi and I) spent many Saturdays together playing with Barbie dolls .Her mom would come pick me up and we would play for hours upstairs in her playroom, while her mom would be playing "Elvis" records downstairs in the background. Other thoughts are of Aunt Edith fixing us lunch and letting us pick a treat from her "candy store".Remember the fishing ponds on Bills Creek, we also had many picnics under the big Weeping Willow tree in front of her White House with the inviting porch. Beautiful memories, saddens me that childhood friends, 2nd cousins didn't keep in touch better. May her family know they are in my thoughts and prayers .God send comfort to you in your loss.*

Sherry Kay Mitchell Clarkson, Kodiak Alaska

Sharon Clarkson - March 13, 2017 at 07:36 PM

SC

“ *Tammy was a wonderful person. I worked with her years ago at Winfield High School. She was a very sweet person and always talked no matter what. She never had anything bad to say about anyone. I loved working with her and having talks. After I left I missed that with her. I didn't know about her medical problems or that they was that bad. I know she was happy when she retired with some of the others I worked with. Rest in piece Tammy and my the Lord watch over your loved ones in this time of need.* 🙏🙏

Susan Clay - March 13, 2017 at 04:32 PM

 Carin Phlegar Woods

“ *Ms. King was my freshman English teacher who helped foster my love for literature and writing. I am so sad to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful teacher and advisor and her passion will live on in her students.*

Carin Phlegar Woods - March 13, 2017 at 04:03 PM

JM

“*Mrs. King was one of my favorites. It was such a joy being in her class. She will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

julie wick marino - March 13, 2017 at 02:45 PM

FA

“*What a wonderful teacher. I truly enjoyed having her for English class. She was a great teacher and grew up a "Bill's Creek gal". It seems like we always joked her husband (boyfriend at the time) was a florist because he kept her in flowers when they were dating. She was a sweet lady and great teacher. I was saddened to hear that she had passed away. God bless her family and friends. May her memory be eternal.*

Frank Addington

frank addington - March 13, 2017 at 01:15 PM