



## Mr. Thomas R. King

May 17, 1962 - June 13, 2014

Thomas R. King, 52, of Cross Lanes, Passed away on Friday, June 13, 2014 after a long illness.

Tom graduated from South Charleston High School, where he played football for the Black Eagles. He worked for Charleston Department Store for over three decades. He began his career in the warehouse and concluded it as a vice-president for the store. His work remained a vital part of his life to the end.

Tom was an avid Notre Dame Fighting Irish football fan and some of the happiest times of his life were spent walking the campus and seeing the team play in South Bend. Tom was also known to have a passion for tramping Civil War battlefields and learning American History.

Tom will be remembered by all who knew him as a man of kindness, generosity, and a tireless work ethic. Tom touched the lives of many people; family friends, colleagues, and complete strangers. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Gary Keith and Cynthia Jane King. He leaves behind his two daughters, Cynthia and Olivia, the joys of his life, and his great friend Charlene King, their mother all of Cross Lanes; his brother Steve and wife Tammi of Winfield; stepbrothers Frank Whittaker and his wife Jama and William Whittaker, all of South Charleston; step sister Mindy Newcomer of Georgia; his aunt and uncle Helen and Larry Jones of Sissonville; his aunt Dorothy King of Titusville Florida; and his cousins Terry

and Xan of Florida; Dana Jones of Hawaii and Lee Ann Matthews of Buffalo; and his faithful companion, his dog, Gizmo.

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In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place Memphis TN 38109.

Tom requested there be no services or burial. Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV is honored to serve the King family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas R. King*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I miss you brother.*

*Robert Uhler*

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**Robert Uhler** - August 22, 2014 at 10:04 PM



“ *Tom was my nephew, but I called him son. When his Mother passed away, Larry & I took his brother Steve and Tom home with us. They stayed with us for a while and we loved having them. Our kids called him brother, they were so close. I called him after he graduated from high school to see if he wanted a job. Mark hired him on the spot, because he was such a big muscular guy to work stock. So Tom started at the very bottom and made it to the top. He was good with his customers and they appreciated him. He knew his job and he did it well. I shall miss talking to Tom everyday and being his support as he was mine. I will see his smile everytime I see his girls. They are so much like their dad. I am so glad that Larry & I was with him before he passed. He kept telling his brother he loved him and when I was alone with him, he made sure I knew he loved me as much as I loved him. Yes, we will miss him greatly, but knowing he is not suffering is a comfort. Rest in Peace, Tom we love you.*

*Auntie & Uncle  
Helen & Larry Jones*

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**Helen & Larry Jones** - June 16, 2014 at 10:39 AM

TK

“ 4 files added to the album Tom King



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**Tammi King** - June 15, 2014 at 08:39 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas R. King*



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**Debbie Jackson** - June 15, 2014 at 06:33 PM

DW

“ Girls I'm so sorry you lost your dad so close to the Father's Day. But remember he was so proud of you both and a very special person to all that knew him. You will never know how much he meant to me , he called me mom and I called him son and he was like a real son to me, I will never forget our secret I love you sign it meant the world to me and I know it meant a lot to him. I miss him coming down the steps and yelling hey mom and giving me the secret I love you sign and I gave him the sign back. I loved him as much as I do my own kids. The store won't be the same without his smiling face. You girls go and make something of your selfs and make him proud as he has always been of you both.

*Donzella Wilson  
(Donnie)  
Mom*

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**donzella wilson** - June 15, 2014 at 06:23 PM

KB

“ Tom was like a big brother to me. We started at charleston departments store at almost the same time in the warehouse. I went on the other things while he stayed there working close at my moms side. I will miss going to the store and joking with him, as we grew up with each other through the store. I will miss fighting with him like siblings do. You girls go out and make your dad proud, he has always been proud of you two. I'm glad my mom took him under her wing like he was her own. So Tom I'm giving you the secret I LOVE YOU SIGN one last time big brother .

*Miss ya  
Kandy Wilson Ball*

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**kandy ball** - June 15, 2014 at 06:11 PM

KS

“ Tom had a smile that would light up the room and the personality to match. He will be missed in the world. I am so very sorry for this huge loss.

*Kristie Stone Simmons*

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**kristie simmons** - June 15, 2014 at 01:21 PM

BO

“ It will be so hard to imagine coming to Charleston and not seeing my friend Tom King in the store. His life and family centered around activities at the store. In recent years, as I became more involved buying goods for the store, it was apparent how well loved and respected Tom was by all of his peers and associates in the apparel industry.

*In discussions with Tom almost daily the last few years, it was also apparent how much he loved his two daughters. His voice would "smile" and when we talked about our kids.*

*We all feel blessed that we had so many wonderful years in the store with Tom at the helm. It's comforting to know he is at peace now. Good bye my "brother".*

*Love,*

*Barry Ogrin*

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**Barry Ogrin** - June 15, 2014 at 09:10 AM

TY

“ I was so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. I called on Tom for many years with my Sports Lines and always looked forward to making the trip up to see him. We spent more time talking about sports than looking at product. Tom was the ultimate professional and a great friend that I will dearly miss. For his two daughters, he spoke so highly of you and I know were the pride and joy of his life. Tom was very helpful to me in my current career and I will be forever grateful for that.

Todd Young

Midlothian, VA

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**Todd Young** - June 15, 2014 at 03:14 AM