



James Allen King

January 3, 1956 - February 6, 2018

Heaven gained an amazing dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, and friend. On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, James Allen King, age 62, went to be with our Lord and Savior. He was born to Earl H. King and Gladys Stevens on January 3, 1956, in Roswell, New Mexico. James' love lives on through his children: Abby King-Sorensen and husband, Steve Sorensen, James King and wife, Christina King, Joshua King and wife, Rose Ann King and Lori King-Whann and husband, John Whann. James was very proud of his children, but his greatest gift was his grandchildren: Paul, James, Camillo, Phillip, Aubrey, Wade, John, Joshua, McKenzie, Bailey and Anastasia; all thought TaTa was the KING.

He is also survived by his baby sister, Vanessa King; brothers: Lester King and Ollie King. James is also survived by his lifelong friend, Phil Miles, who was considered a brother. Nieces and Nephews are: Dustin, Mathew, Lacey, Jesse, Justin, Cindy, Leslie, EJ and David, and one niece who met him in Heaven, Crystal.

James' infectious smile and sense of humor were undoubtedly why he was loved wherever he went. His hugs and prayers would melt away stress, sorrow and pain.

James was strong in his faith and never questioned that he would spend his eternal life in Heaven. As life began to take a toll on his body, he never feared death. Nor did he want sadness in his death, rather he wanted everyone to celebrate, for he was with Jesus.

At a very early age, music became James passion. He was born to play drums; his talent came easy to him, as he was a self-taught drummer. James was given his first drum set while still in grade school. He played in the Roswell High School band and went on to play in bands with Phil Miles, Ben Brown, Sam Dunnahoo and many, many more. So many different musicians and genre of music that it was impossible to list them all. Although it wasn't his favorite talent, James also became known for his raspy singing voice and was even a front man for the band Radio Zebra in the early 80's. He toured Germany with Radio Zebra and also recorded another album called, "The Undertaking." Locally he played in a very popular band known as, "The No Sleep Blues Band," where he played drums and did vocals. Much of his recorded works will be used during his memorial.

James was a loyal employee of Access Point Delivery Systems for nearly ten years. He would often talk about the many people he encountered on his daily trek of 425 miles. James genuinely found fulfillment in helping others. He would say that it wasn't a job that many people could do, but he found peace in listening to the Bible on CD over the many miles he traveled.

Services will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 2:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will be announced at the Service. Celebrate James' life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family.

In lieu of flowers bring food, drinks or money donations for the reception following the celebration of life. The reception will be announced at his Celebration.

James' family lovingly wrote this tribute in his honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Allen King*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I met James many years ago when we were both going to Roswell High and he was playing in a band with Tom Brown. Later I married Tom and James was best man at our wedding. Several years later I divorced Tom but still considered James a good friend and loved listening to him in whichever band he was playing with. He was in a band that travelled to Lubbock, Tx occasionally so I got to visit him on those occasions. They played for a Christmas party we had at work one year too. James had a huge heart and was such a good soul. I'm in Kansas now, have missed visiting him and was so sad to learn that he had left his so early in his life. I know he loved his family very much just from the way he talked about family and the way his face glowed.*

Back when we were still in high school, there was an occasion when we were at the farm and Vanessa must have been learning to sew then. Grandma was trying to explain to her that a pattern should be folded up the same way it was in the envelope so it would fit better and Vanessa wasn't wanting to do it that way. I sew so James asked me if Grandma was right and she was of course.

I still have a 45 with a song that was done by one of the bands James was with and of course I have a Radio Zebra album still.

"If you believe in forever

Then life is just a one-night stand

If there's a rock n' roll heaven

Well you know they've got a hell of a band" and it's even sweeter with James drumming away. God bless.

Susan - September 06, 2019 at 03:41 PM

JL

“ Thank You James King! For being the best friend anyone could ever have! You will be missed by this world and most especially by the musicians and friends you influenced and touched throughout the years! I will always be proud to of had the privilege of calling you friend! You were the greatest of shining lights because you could shine so brightly without even trying! I miss you!
Joe

Joseph Lamont - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

CL

“ R.I.P. - Rock in Paradise.

Claudio - March 11, 2018 at 01:21 PM

AK

Rock in paradise is perfect!

Abby King-Sorensen - March 23, 2018 at 03:54 PM

JL

It's got a groove now!

Joseph Lamont - June 07, 2018 at 11:31 AM

EO

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Family. James is and will always be a part of my life as a great friend. Fair winds and following seas brother..

E. Keith Opozda - March 03, 2018 at 11:36 AM

CH

“ James was always fun loving, a person anyone would like. Later in life he gave his life to Christ. I admired how he shared his faith with others. Cheryl Huppertz, E.J. and David's mother.

Cheryl Huppertz - February 18, 2018 at 08:52 PM

JE

“ My deepest condolences to all the family, he will surely be missed. As a fellow musician, God has gained a great drummer in heaven. As I knew James, always with a smile on his face, always ready to give a loud hello or a friendly insult, he was a great drummer and vocalist. He will surly be missed, RIP my fellow drummer.

Sincerely, John Escobedo

John B Escobedo - February 17, 2018 at 11:41 AM

AL

“ James was a great man. He always treated my siblings and myself so great. He was like an uncle to us. We'll never forget his funny and loving personality! I wish I could get one last Bear hug.

Amanda "young" Lindsey - February 14, 2018 at 05:23 PM

DS

“ My sincerest condolences and prayers to and for the King family. James was one of the BEST drummers I every had the privilege to play with. RIP my friend.

*Darryl L. Sanders
Round Rock, TX*

Darryl L Sanders - February 14, 2018 at 10:36 AM

IG

“ James, you will truly be missed! I will miss the conversations we had before you would take off on your route. Everyone loved you, loved the bear hugs you gave, you were always concerned for everyone and would pray for them. I loved the scriptures you would tell me, about the love of Christ. The stories about your children and grandbabies. The proud look on your face, when you spoke of them. I pray for those children that loved you so much. I know they are heart broken. James you can now rest in peace, shuck off the old tired body, put on the new. I got to hear you play one time and I wanted to see more. Those that were fortunate enough to hear more, how lucky they are. Rest old friend.
Inez Green

Inez Green - February 13, 2018 at 05:26 PM

SH

“ I have known James for many years met him at Raymond's when he was in the bank with Tom Myers....then years later we ended up at the same church with ben brown, Kermit gray and terry bankston...we used to all laugh at how that all came about.(but that was Gods plan). when I asked him to sing I can only imagine at my daughter and granddaughters funeral..at first he said he didn't know that song but that he would learn it...that he did and what a beautiful job he did....I always loved to hear him sing Why Me Lord....RIP James and tell my girls hello for me.....we have the promise we shall meet again someday...Your family are in my prayers.....Shirley hughes

shirley hughes - February 13, 2018 at 01:43 PM

LW

Man that was the song we wished we had of his =(I wish we found a recording ... my dad was just amazing I'm happy he was there for u in your time of need

Lori whann - February 13, 2018 at 03:41 PM

CM

“ king james you will be missed..... we where always the babies of the group (rob and I)
the memories just flood back to the RULON and TMC days that are so cherished to both rob and I. had quite a few (a few hahah) times at the grays Kermit and Susan. I don't believe he ever met a stranger if so not a stranger for long. I know the heavens are jamming and he is watching over us. thanks for the great times james and we will see each other again...SAVE US A SPOT....
much love xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo

cyndi rob mitchell - February 13, 2018 at 01:10 PM

CB

“ My condolences to his family. My first dance was to a song James played when I was only 12 and he was 14 yrs old. He loved to play music and alot of us loved to listen. We all have an agel in heaven now - RIP James King 🙏

Cari Baldwin - February 13, 2018 at 10:29 AM

PS

“ We didn't know you, James Allen King , very well, but we know and love most of your relatives. It hurts our hearts, because of the loss of such a loved one. Rest in peace, Mr. James Allen King. Rock with the Angels. We will be with your family. God Bless.

Paul and Edith Sorensen

Paul & Edith Sorensen - February 13, 2018 at 01:59 AM



EG

“ Elizabeth Grant lit a candle in memory of James Allen King



Elizabeth Grant - February 13, 2018 at 12:41 AM

SD

“ The conversations are over face to face.Yet as many lives as you touched over the years ,those talks,prayers,and smiles will never fade. We have lost a great soul, and God has brought home another son! Prayers for all the family ,Love You All.Drum on!!!!

Shawn Dietrich - February 13, 2018 at 12:19 AM

ON

“ Onie lit a candle in memory of James Allen King



Onie - February 13, 2018 at 12:18 AM

VK

“ Vanessa King lit a candle in memory of James Allen King



Vanessa King - February 12, 2018 at 08:57 PM

VK

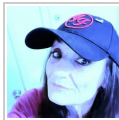
“ He was the best brother a little sister could ever have.. He chased away my boyfriend's because he thought they were never good enough for me and he was right off course..I had the pleasure of singing with him on a few occasions, he actually stopped playing drums once because he didn't know his little sissey could sing but we had so much fun and we actually had once dance together that I'll never forget and forever hold in my heart. I remember him singing with Tom Brown out on our farm. They were best friends many years ago. He had a voice that only the angels can hear now and a heart that could melt anyone he came into contact with. He was my one and only brother that I loved so much and I will miss him but I know he's healthy and happy now and will never be forgotten..I love and miss you my sweet brother James!!

Vanessa King - February 12, 2018 at 08:54 PM

SB

Rock On James you will be missed and never forgotten
We love you James King

Shirley Blancet - February 12, 2018 at 10:48 PM



James, I first met you when i was 16 or 17. You and your band "Lucifer" were playing at the Student Union Building at the College. It was instant friendship from that day forward. You were the sweetest, kindest and funniest person i think I had ever met, not to mention an amazing drummer! You had the biggest smile and hair! Haha! We were friends for many years until life took us in different directions. We reconnected 5 or 6 years ago when you played a show with another band at the Performing Arts Center. You were still the same amazing person i knew so many years before. Its not often someone comes along that truly touches your life but you my friend did that for me. I will never forget you. Im sure Heaven is rockin' since you arrived! LOUD LOVE! RIP. 💕🎵

Peggy Meadows - February 12, 2018 at 11:12 PM

JA

“ Prayers for the king family. I had the pleasure of meeting James a few years back and play some music with an awesome musician. Miss you my friend. James Aguirre.

James Aguirre - February 12, 2018 at 12:57 PM

TM

“ Sending love and prayers for healing your broken hearts. The Morro family



TONI MORRO - February 10, 2018 at 12:03 PM

VB

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. I have been friends with James. Many many years and concidered. Him an uncle. He was always so full of life, love and comfort. He always called me sis and said i was his other sister Vanessa from broken arrow Arkansas. He will be truly missed.

Venessa K Burch - February 09, 2018 at 10:42 PM

BC

“ We go way back dear friend. I will miss your heartfelt hugs. Heaven has received a wonderful angel . I look forward to seeing you again someday.
Bones Cooper

Bones Cooper - February 09, 2018 at 10:52 AM

SR

“ *My old friend, you will be missed. Fly high with the Angels!*
Sara Russell (Dennis/ Shell)

Sara Russell - February 09, 2018 at 10:06 AM