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Ray King Obituary



DENISON, Iowa - Ray T. King, 79, of Denison, Iowa, formerly of Grand Island, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at Denison.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Grand Island, with Bishop John Hendersen officiating. Burial will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to service time at the church. Apfel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. King was born Jan. 6, 1931, at Atkinson to Wilbur Henry and Sylvia (Francis) King.

He was united in marriage to Coralee (Barton) King on Oct. 1954, in San Diego. She preceded him in death.

He married Sheila (Vian) Schmeichel in January 1995, in Grand Island.

Survivors of the immediate family include his wife, Sheila King of Defiance, Iowa; three daughters and son-in-law, Marsha and Randy Geist of Grand Island, Justine King of Omaha and Robin King of Grand Island; four sons, Andrew King of Fresno, Calif., Gary King of McAllen, Texas, Tim King of Fresno, Calif., and Blaine King of Philadelphia; two stepdaughters, Linda Bentzen of Harlan, Iowa, and Beverly Cramm of Springfield; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Additional survivors include many relatives.

He received his education and grew to manhood in the Atkinson area, where he was a ranch hand until the age of 21. He entered the United States Marine Corp in 1952 and received his discharge Private First Class in 1954. Mr. King served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He returned to Atkinson, where he was a ranch hand and also a truck driver.

Ray and Coralee made their home in California before moving to Nebraska in 1963. She preceded him in death in June 1994. Ray and Sheila made their home in Defiance, Iowa.

He was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, DAV and enjoyed spending time with family, telling stories and collecting books on antique tractors and trucks.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Wayne.

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King families by state in 1920

2,465 - 4,927	1 - 822
823 - 2,464	0

According to the 1920 U.S. Federal Census Data

According to the 1920 census there were 63,807 families with the King surname in the United States.

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