



## Dr. T. Kevin King M.D.

June 28, 1944 - January 5, 2023

Memorial services for Dr. T. Kevin King, 78, of Tyler, TX will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rabbi Neal Katz officiating. Guests are invited to join the family for a reception, immediately following the service. Remote guests are invited to attend at <https://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com/obituaries/T-King/#!/PhotosVideos>. Dr. King will be laid to rest at Rose Lawn Cemetery, during a small family burial, preceding the service.

Dr. King passed peacefully on January 5, 2023, in Tyler, surrounded by family. Dr. King was born Clark Francis King, Jr., in Clinton, MO on June 28, 1944.

For more than three decades, he was an active member and past president of the East Texas Court of Magic. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, attending many conventions over the years. Dr. King was affectionately known as “magicdoc” to many and enjoyed performing magic tricks for audiences of all sizes. Dr. King was also a frequent guest at Congregation Beth El, where he enjoyed studying Judaism and connecting with members.

After graduating from high school, in Concordia MO, as valedictorian, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in chemistry, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Following his undergraduate work,

Dr. King attended Baylor Medical School and completed an internal medicine internship. After his internship, Dr. King became a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. During the Vietnam War, he was stationed at an army base in Dugway, UT. During his time there, he did everything from delivering babies to flying in the base helicopter as a rescue physician.

After Dugway, Dr. King returned to Texas, spending time in Dallas and Huntsville, working as an emergency room physician. He moved to Tyler in 1974, where he worked as a family physician before starting an anesthesia residency in the late 1970s. From then on, Dr. King practiced solely as an anesthesiologist, primarily serving in Tyler hospitals for the next four decades. During the last several years of his career, Dr. King enjoyed short-term positions serving as a locums tenens physician in Texas and Mississippi. Before retiring in 2016, Dr. King spent his last working years at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston, where he found great joy teaching young anesthesia residents as the attending physician.

After retiring, Dr. King found enjoyment in cooking for himself, as well as friends and family. He was known to send texts and emails describing daily meals and favorite recipes. He also enjoyed reading, and was a lifelong learner. In addition, Dr. King enjoyed traveling. In September of 2022, he traveled to Missouri with his youngest daughter to attend his 60th high school reunion. Dr. King's greatest pleasure was found spending time with his family, especially his four grandchildren. He loved visits and video chatting in between visits. He was known as "Papaw" to his two oldest grandchildren and "Zeyde" to his two youngest.

Dr. King was preceded in death by his parents, Clark Francis Sr., Nellie Irene (Merritt) King and wife, Janet Louise McMurphy King.

He is survived by his loving family including (in birth order): son Michael King,

wife Jen King and grandchildren Max and Alex of The Woodlands, TX; daughter Robin King and partner Mark Miesel of Longmont, CO; daughter Amy Cole, husband Matt Cole and grandchildren Daniel and Tyler of Edmond, OK; and daughter Erin King of Tyler, TX. He is also survived by his sister, Charlotte Louise King of Boonville, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expression of sympathy take the form of contributions to the American Diabetes Association in Dr. King's memory, P. O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 ([www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Reception following service

JAN 12 (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Hospitality Room  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler  
Tyler, TX 75703  
[admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com](mailto:admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. T. Kevin King M.D.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. T. Kevin King M.D.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 10, 2023 at 01:32 PM

KR

*I worked for Dr King at ETAA for many years. He was always kind and funny and easy going. He loved to tell us all about his kids and his family. He was so proud of them. He will be dearly missed. Love you Amy! Praying for you and the whole family. ❤️*

Kim Riddle - January 11, 2023 at 09:23 PM

DM

*I always had such fascination and admiration for Dr King. I worked for him for 7 years at ETAA and he was one of my favorite Docs! He always had pearls of wisdom, told you like it was and always kind and funny! I still have the Yiddish dictionary he gave me! We got to work with his Daughter, Amy and she became a lifelong friend. Dr King loved his family, magic and imparting knowledge about all sorts of things. He even taught me about pressure points in my hands for migraine relief! He was truly one of a kind and will be missed! Love and prayers to his family and to Amy- we love you!*

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**Diana Morgan** - January 12, 2023 at 11:07 PM

RB

*I met Dr. King in 1980. I took a clerical position in Surgery at Medical Center Hospital. On occasions I worked in the Anesthesia Scheduling Office & first met Dr. King. Later the MDA's formed their own scheduling office, A.S.S.E.T.. I always enjoyed Dr. King & his quick dry wit. He was always very kind to me & later working back in the Anesthesia Department at ETMC he was always a pleasure to work with & I'm sure I learned a thing or two from his teaching.*

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**Rhonda Berry** - January 13, 2023 at 01:23 PM

SM

“*Kevin and I met late one night in the ER where he was working before he was to start his residency in anesthesia. We got along well from that night on. When he returned he joined the anesthesia group and gradually became my #1 pick for my surgical cases. For him the patient always came first and there was never any compromise on safety.*

*Outside of work he enjoyed cooking and became a good magician. But mostly he loved to be with his children and grandchildren. Notice in the video with all the photos that most are with them. Also notice how many real and happy smiles there are around the dinning table or in the boat fishing or just plain playing with the kids. That's the stuff that made his life a happy and fulfilling one. I have been his friend for more than 40 years. I will miss him dearly.*

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**Stephen LeSavage, M.D.** - January 11, 2023 at 04:43 PM

RP

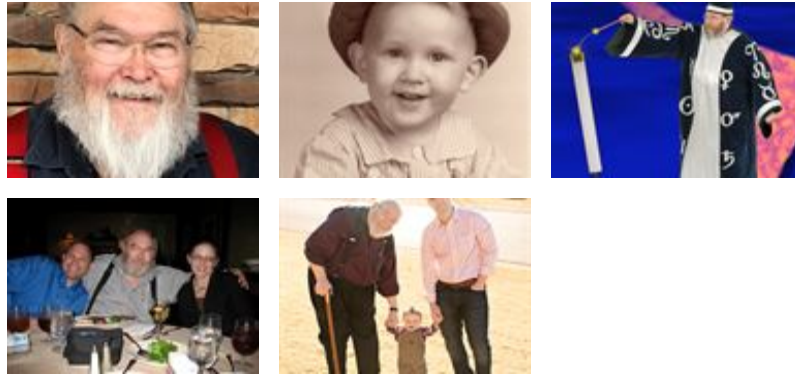
“ Thinking of you Amy and family & Erin  
Sorry for your loss  
Your in my thoughts and prayers.  
With Sympathy  
(Janie's cousin) Rhonda (Parsons) Pickett

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RP - January 11, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 10, 2023 at 01:29 PM

ML

“ Martha Lindblom lit a candle in memory of Dr.  
T. Kevin King M.D.



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Martha Lindblom - January 07, 2023 at 12:44 PM

ML

“ Dr. King was a client at the CPA firm where I worked. I always enjoyed him coming in for his year end meetings. As the years went on he would ask for me instead of Vince. We worked well together. He will be missed.

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**Martha Lindblom** - January 07, 2023 at 12:44 PM

JM

“ Dr. King and I worked together in the post op area from 1986 until his retirement. We worked well together and I can remember two particular instances where his assistance was a life saver for my patient. He was absolutely one of a kind and not everyone's cup of tea. He was a principled provider. Thank you for all the help through the years, Dr. King. We are diminished!

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**Jimmy Moore** - January 07, 2023 at 09:42 AM

SM

Jimmy, I fully agree that he was a principled provider. Kevin and I did hundreds and hundreds of cases together and there was never a question that the patient always comes first and safety was the number one concern. He became my go-to anesthesiologist.

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**Stephen LeSavage, M.D.** - January 11, 2023 at 04:02 PM

JG

“ I worked with Dr. King in the OR. He was always in charge of things. The 1st thing he wanted was his chart in hand before we did anything. He was a good anesthesiologist. He will be missed.

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**Janice Garner** - January 07, 2023 at 12:52 AM

JS

“ Dr. King would come and shop at the Bergfield Brookshire's every week. He would make me laugh and bring my spirits up. He would come in and buy his salmon and tell a joke or two. I'll miss you Dr. King God's grace is upon you. John Sommer, meat manager Brookshire's.



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**John Sommer** - January 06, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JM

*Dr. King was an anesthesiologist where i worked from 1986 until he retired. He was one of a kind. Not everyone's cup of tea perhaps. He and i always did well together. He saved me one day with a baby in the recovery room. I will never forget the sense of relief i felt when all came out well I think we always respected each other and were always glad to say hello. We are diminished !*

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**Jimmy Moore** - January 06, 2023 at 09:51 PM

PM

*I just heard this news, and am very saddened.*

*I also worked with Dr. King, as some of the previous commenters, in the operating room during 12 years of his time working as an anesthesiologist.*

*He was always business first....taking great care of his patient was top-of-mind, but he was also a great teacher. Any time I came into contact with him, I learned something I didn't know before that encounter--and it wasn't always healthcare-related. He was a really smart guy with many varied interests, always ready to educate anyone who had ears to listen.*

*To his family and close friends, know that my life was enriched by knowing him, as yours was. I will not forget him.*

*May God be near and comfort you all as you work through this time of grief and loss. Prayers for peace.*

*Paula Page McClanahan*

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**Paula McClanahan** - January 12, 2023 at 03:17 PM