

John Earl King

June 30, 1928 - November 11, 2025

John Earl King, 97, of Gilmer, Texas, was born on June 30, 1928, in Upshur County, Texas, to Grady L. King Sr. and Myrtle Meeler King and passed from this life on November 11, 2025.

In the last few years of his life, he had limited mobility, and wasn't able to enjoy a lot of the activities he had always enjoyed, such as hunting, fishing, tending to his cattle, and sharing his wealth of knowledge with everyone at the local coffee shop. However, he loved spending as much time as he could with family and friends and always enjoyed a good meal, especially if it was catfish.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Ken King, Tommy King, and Janis Childress of Gilmer and Lisa Childress of Tatum. His four grandchildren are Ashley Childress-Smith of Houston, Jeremy Childress of White Oak, Chris Childress of Tatum, and Meagan Mason of New York. Seven great-grandchildren that loved and adored their "Popsy"; Millie, Ada, Rilynn, Eli, Isaac, Raegan, and Lydia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Joyce King in 1994; brothers, Grady L. King Jr., James Noel King, and Albert Francis King; sisters, Florence Billings, Barbara Motes, and Lynn Crawley.

A memorial visitation will be held from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, Tuesday, November

25, 2025, at McWhorter Funeral Home. Immediately following the visitation, anyone that would like to, may join the family at the City Cemetery for a brief graveside service officiated by Bro. Daniel Baldwin.

Please visit John's online registration book at <http://www.mcwhorterfh.com> to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Gilmer City Cemetery

101 Old Coffeerville Rd
Gilmer, TX 75644

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Shane Roberts and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Earl King.

Shane Roberts and family. - November 25, 2025 at 09:19 AM



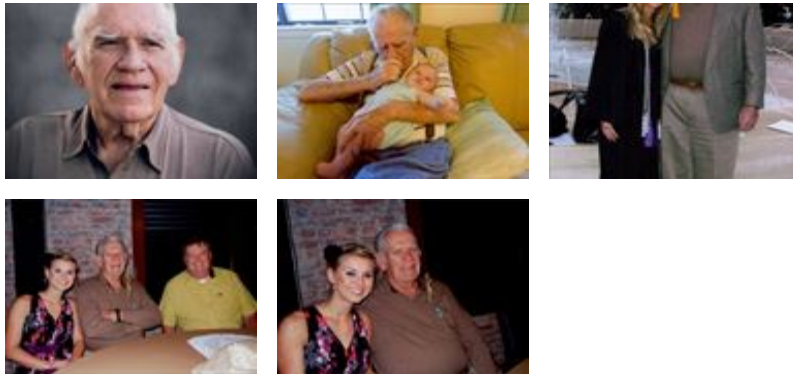
“ Shane Roberts and family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Earl King.



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