



Thomas C King

April 29, 1929 - April 4, 2023

To God be the Glory! I lived a God fearing life full of love from my wife and family. I was the last surviving child of Martha and Baylis King who both preceded me in death. I came from good stock and humble beginnings. I was born in Old Memphis, Alabama on April 29, 1929. In my younger days, I was known as Lil Banner. I had major skills on the baseball field. There was not a right fielder better than me! Only if there was social media back then! As a young man I became the father to a baby girl named Dorothy. I was a traveling man. I moved to the Delta, where I met and fell in love with Betsy Harris

(who preceded me in death). We wed and to our union our son Harvey was born. Later, my family and I relocated to Memphis TN, and then Chicago became blessed with my presence.

Sharecropping in the south taught me how to be a hard worker. So when I arrived in Chicago, I worked several labor jobs. I gained employment at Admir Plating, and later joined the team at Arlington Hotel. Even after retirement, I would exercise and become "The King of Collecting Cans." You would see me walking through the neighborhood picking up cans on my way to visit my family. As a result of my interactions with people in the neighborhood, I became

Uncle Tommy to everyone.

Family was extremely important to me, but God! I was baptized in the early 1980's; and joined New Light Evangelical Baptist Church under the leadership

of Pastor S.L. Gholar. I was a faithful usher. My dedication earned me certificates and a plaque for 25 years of service. I later joined New Memorial Baptist

church under the leadership of Pastor Roosevelt Walker II; and continued using my talent as an usher until my health began to fail me. As the scripture Proverbs 18:22 reads, Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord.

I met and married my “babe” Tina Marie Parker. She was there for me during my golden years. My eyes would light up and my smile widened when I saw her face. I loved her until the end of time.

As you see life has been good to me, “But I know I’ve been changed cus the Angels in Heaven done signed my name.” I have joined my parents Martha and

Baylis King, all of my siblings: Annie, John, Willie, Lucy, James, Robert Lee, Joe, Bayless, and the baby girl Clara. Clara held a special place in my heart.

We were two peas in a pod. I got the opportunity to enjoy the legacy that we leave behind. My devoted wife Tina Marie; my daughter, Dorothy McCoy of Macon MS; son, Harvey King of Chicago; eight grandkids, seven greatgrandkids, and host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, great-great-great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home - Legacy Center
7046 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Visitation

APR 15. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas C King*

October 09, 2023 at 04:52 AM



“ *condolences to my family we all missing you very much ❤️ always*



Charlotte McCoy - August 02, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Arcurtis King lit a candle in memory of Thomas C King*



Arcurtis king - April 16, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Sandra King lit a candle in memory of Thomas C King*



Sandra King - April 15, 2023 at 04:39 PM

RK

“ Rosie King lit a candle in memory of Thomas C King



Rosie King - April 15, 2023 at 01:28 PM

HC

“ Henriette Cain lit a candle in memory of Thomas C King



Henriette Cain - April 15, 2023 at 11:30 AM

HC

I was honored to have met Cousin Tommy

Henriette Cain - April 15, 2023 at 11:30 AM

VM

“ Condolences goes out to the family and friends.



Victoria McCreay - April 15, 2023 at 11:27 AM

EK

“ Today We are all here to Celebrate You..... I Will Always Love You
DADDY !!!!!!! GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Ebony King - April 15, 2023 at 11:12 AM

AM

“ I love you Uncle thanks for all the laughs
and conversations. Take your rest from your
labor. Enjoy your eternal life with your siblings
that went on before you. Anissia and Brian
McBeath



Anissia McBeath - April 15, 2023 at 09:39 AM

TO

“ Sending Condolences from Charlotte, NC to our family near and far.
Uncle Tommy always been a wonderful sight to see at every family
reunion. We are truly going to miss you. RIP Love Tangela Owens &
Family.

Tangela Owens - April 15, 2023 at 01:28 AM

CB

“ Uncle I will miss your funny laugh. I will miss you asking, how is
everyone down there? I'm glad you were able to visit a couple of
time. See you on the other side.

Christine clark Bell - April 14, 2023 at 03:19 PM

GP

“ *Geraldine Phifer lit a candle in memory of Thomas C King*



Geraldine Phifer - April 14, 2023 at 01:44 PM

C-

“ *My condolences n prayers to the King family and friends may God give you all the strength and peace at this time. Love you all from Osie Daniels and Charlotte McCoy -King*



Charlotte McCoy -King - April 14, 2023 at 03:59 AM

AK

“ *To my Dear family My condolences to you all, I wish I was there to share the love of his memories. May he rest in heaven with my Aunt Clara Arcurtis King*

Arcurtis king - April 13, 2023 at 10:36 PM

AK

“ *Arcurtis King lit a candle in memory of Thomas C King*



Arcurtis king - April 13, 2023 at 10:33 PM

AW

“ *Rest in heaven Uncle Thomas. The family will continue to honor you and your beautiful energy.*

Aphrodite Woodard - April 13, 2023 at 10:11 AM

SW

“ *Sureatha Humphries Summerville Wilson lit a candle in memory of Thomas C King*



Sureatha Humphries Summerville Wilson - April 13, 2023 at 02:45 AM