



Frederick W. King Sr.

March 14, 1929 - February 20, 2021

COLEBROOK – Frederick W. King, Sr., 91, of Colebrook died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at Angels Among Us care facility, following a long period of failing health.

Fred was born on March 14, 1929, in St. Albans, Vt., to Rupert and Marguerite (Snow) King. He graduated from Bellows Free Academy in Fairfax, Vt., in 1946 and the University of Vermont in 1950 with a degree in Education and an ROTC Army Commission. He was married to Betty Jean Drake in St. Albans in 1951. He taught science and coached sports at Hyde Park.

Fred was called to active duty as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Infantry in 1951 and served during the Korean Conflict in the 45th Division, where he earned a Bronze Star. After the war he returned to Vermont to begin a decades-long career in the automobile business. In 1957 he moved to Colebrook, NH, where he started a Ford dealership. His family would make Colebrook their “forever home.”

After 20 years as an entrepreneur, during which he served the town and state on multiple boards, he accepted the position of Coös County Administrator, moving to West Stewartstown to oversee all county operations, including the nursing home, House of Corrections and farm. After a decade at the county he retired, only to begin his final career serving his beloved North Country as a State Representative, State Senator, and Country Treasurer for another two decades. In 2018, the N.H. Legislature honored Fred by the naming of the Frederick W. King, Sr. Rest Area on Route 3 in Colebrook. Fred was a proud lifetime member of the George L. O’Neil Post 62 of the American Legion in Colebrook.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Betty King of Colebrook; two sons, Frederick W. King, Jr. and wife Debra, David King and wife Vickie, both of Loudon; four grandchildren, Christopher (Kate) of Milton, Vt., Michael of Somerville, Mass., Benjamin (Emily) of Lynden, Wash. and Nicholas of Oakland, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Baylee Silva and Campbell Frederick; and a nephew Charles King and his wife Sharon of Sebastian, Fla.

He was predeceased by a son, Robert and a brother, Rupert.

A graveside service with military honors and celebration of life will be held in the spring in the Colebrook Village Cemetery, officiated by The Reverend Tim Brooks, and of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Senator King may be made payable to the Robert King Memorial Award Fund, c/o Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, 103 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Additional tributes to Senator King's service to his state may be found at <https://www.wmur.com/article/longtime-influential-north-country-leader-former-state-sen-fred-king-passes-away-at-91/35577418>.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to <http://www.jenkinsnewman.com>.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3

Colebrook, NH,

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home - February 22 at 11:53 AM



“ Aunt Betty, Fred, David and Family - Sending love and our condolences.

Bill and Rae Lucas

Rae Lucas - March 01 at 01:29 PM



“ JANA SIERAD lit a candle in memory of Frederick W. King Sr.



JANA SIERAD - March 01 at 12:14 PM



“ My husband & I worked for Mr. King at CCNH & CCDOC until we moved to Florida. He was a very humble man & we respected him in all aspects. We send condolences to Betty & the family. He will be truly missed.

Frances & Leonard Davis

Frances Davis - February 28 at 07:25 PM



“ Betty, Fred, David and family , we extend our sympathies to all of you. I remember when you came to Colebrook we were seniors in High School and couldn't wait to go to Crest Auto and see the new Ford's. He served and represent the people of town, county and state in so many different capacities. He was a champion of the North Country causes. He will be missed but never forgotten, what a legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Lee & Monique Owen

Lee Owen - February 27 at 05:21 PM



“ My regards to Betty, Fred and David in respect for Fred Sr. . How proud you must all be to have shared in his successes. The loss is never okay even when it is expected. With sympathy for your loss, I offer my understanding. Thinking of you. Cindy Roy

Cindy Roy - February 25 at 06:22 PM



“ My condolences to you all for your loss.

Robert A. Noyes - February 25 at 06:29 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Mrs. King and family, Senator King was the best. He was an old fashioned gentleman with a king heart. I enjoyed working with him during his time in the NH Senate. Sending many blessings, Marlene Taylor

Marlene Taylor - February 24 at 07:42 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Fred's family. I am so very sorry for your loss.



Judy Hunt Budge - February 23 at 10:42 PM



“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.

Haven Haynes - February 23 at 09:28 PM



“ Prayers and gentle thoughts are with you and your family, Betty! It was an honor to know Fred.

Jolen Aubin - February 23 at 08:52 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Betty and the entire King family. Fred was a great friend to our family.

Randy Brungot - February 23 at 01:32 PM



“ Betty and family - you are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - February 23 at 11:21 AM



“ Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Frederick W. King Sr.



Eric Brungot - February 23 at 10:35 AM



“ Betty, Fred and Debbie, David and Vickie, I am so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I was just thinking about him the other day. I'm at a loss for words. He was a good and dear friend of Dad's and the memories I have of Fred are many. My love and sympathies to all of you.

Eric Brungot

Eric Brungot - February 23 at 10:35 AM



“ The North Country lost a much loved and respected icon with the passing of Fred. I got to know him when I worked at CCNH and thought of him as a very kind and thoughtful person. Always one to take time to stop and visit regardless of how busy he was. He did so much for Coos Co and the entire State of New Hampshire. My thoughts are with you Betty and all of his family. Connie Provencher

Connie Provencher - February 23 at 10:29 AM



“ Fred was a man who did so much for his family, community and state. He was admired by and will be missed by many. Thank you for all you did.



Mary and Buddy Trask - February 23 at 09:41 AM



“ Jan & Phil Corliss lit a candle in memory of Frederick W. King Sr.



Jan & Phil Corliss - February 23 at 09:15 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to all of the King family. May he rest in peace. God bless you all. Patty and Roland Hart

Patty Hart - February 22 at 08:11 PM



“ Calvin Crawford lit a candle in memory of Frederick W. King Sr.



Calvin Crawford - February 22 at 05:17 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. King.

Linda Yorke - February 22 at 02:56 PM



“ Mrs. King and Family,

So sorry to hear about Mr. King! Prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family during this difficult time!

Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard

LISA Bouchard - February 22 at 12:29 PM