



## Mr. Merle Robert King

July 23, 1938 - April 8, 2021

Merle Robert King, 82, of Salisbury, passed away Thursday, April 8, 2021 at his residence following a brief illness.

Born July 23, 1938 in Crawford County, PA, he was the son of the late Robert Lorenzo King and Evelyn May St. John King.

He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in animal science from West Virginia University in 1962 and attended N.C. State University. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1956-64.

Mr. King was a herdsman at Hart's Guernsey Farm in Bridgeport, WV , 1961-62, a field representative with the Ayrshire Breeders Association in Brandon, VT, 1962-66 and a dairy supervisor with NC State University, 1966-67 before joining the NC Department of Agriculture in 1967. Mr. King was Dairy Supervisor for Piedmont Research Station before retiring in 1997. He received the Superior Service Award by then NC Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham on March 30, 1992.

He was a member of the Wilkins Methodist Church, Union City, PA, and was a former member of the Piedmont-Virginia Milk Producers Association Board of Directors

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Henry Allen King.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 54 years, Rosa Ellis King; sons; Kenneth Wayne King (Tammy) of Denver, Stephen Merle King of Raleigh, Darryl Robert King of Salisbury; daughter, Crystal King Loman (Mark) of

Salisbury; brother, Dale Robert King; sisters, Mildred Lindsley, Yetivemarie McComas all of Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Gregory Hughes, Joshua King, Shannon King, Hope Loman, Kaitlyn King, Carrie Loman, Kayla King, Austin King, Brennan King; and great-grandchildren, Charlie Hughes and Sylvie Hughes.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at City Memorial Park with his son-in-law, Rev. Mark Loman, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Association, PO Box 61420, Staton Island, NY 10306.

# Cemetery Details

## City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Rosa lit a candle in memory of Merle King*



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**Rosa** - November 26, 2024 at 02:53 PM

RO

“ *I miss you each and every day, but you have left behind wonderful memories for us all !! I love you, Rosa*

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**Rosa** - August 29, 2021 at 09:17 AM

RO

“ *You were a special person !!!! I miss you terribly !!! You are loved eternally !!! Rosa*

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**Rosa** - August 29, 2021 at 08:37 AM

RK

“ *Rosa King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Merle Robert King*



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**Rosa king** - August 29, 2021 at 08:28 AM

RO

“ You celebrated your 83rd Birthday in Heaven !!! I can imagine you had quite a cheering section !!! I have missed you so much and my life will never be the same, because our love was something special !!! You said you were going up and now you are there. How beautiful are my memories of you and our life together !!!! You were one of a kind !!! Rosa



Rosa - August 29, 2021 at 07:24 AM

RK

“ I smile at the things that made us both smile and remember a moment that belonged to you and I then I look up to Heaven and you in the sky.!!! I love you !!!

Rosa King - August 05, 2021 at 07:31 PM

RK

“ He was a man that tried to make everyone happy !!! What a wonderful trait to leave behind !!!!

rosa king - June 26, 2021 at 10:56 AM

BS

“ I am saddened to learn of Merle's passing! He was such a kind and gentle person. I'll never forget riding in the back of the truck down to dairy farm to see the cows and play in the barns! Rosa, Al, Kenny, Crystal, Steve and Darryl... I am sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts!

Brian Short - May 12, 2021 at 07:41 PM

SS

“ I am so saddened to hear of Merle’s passing. He was a kind gentleman who always had a smile on his face and a soft chuckle.

He introduced my kids to farm animals. He always told the story of how my son put his finger in the little calf’s mouth. And of course there was that fun trip to Tweetsie railroad!

Uncle Roy always enjoyed his visits to Salisbury. He loved sitting on the porch, rocking, and watching the hummingbirds with Merle.

My thoughts and love are with the family.

Sylvia Ellis Short

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**sylvia short** - May 12, 2021 at 07:15 PM

RR

“ Merle hired me as summer help just before I entered PA school. He was a model of integrity & kindness, traits I have attempted to exemplify

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**Robert Ruhlman** - May 05, 2021 at 03:17 PM

AT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful picture of your dad Kenny. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



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**Abby Tyner** - April 13, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Merle Robert King.*



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April 12, 2021 at 12:15 PM