



Mr. Glenn Arnold King

December 14, 1950 - May 11, 2021

Having no further need of his earthly body, Glenn Arnold King entered into heaven on May 11, 2021. Born in Sumter, SC, on December 14, 1950 to the late J. Willard and Frances Baker King, Glenn was a lifelong resident of Columbia, SC. He was predeceased by his first wife, Gayle Cantey King, and is survived by his loving wife, Cecile Sanderson King; daughter, Stacey King Howell (Adam) of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Cally, Jones, and Wright; step-son Jason Gough (Kristen) of Myrtle Beach, SC; and brother, C. Leon King (Angeline) of Sumter, more recently of Columbus, OH.

Glenn was a 1969 graduate of Edmunds High School in Sumter, SC, and a 1974 graduate of the University of South Carolina. He was retired from the SC Budget and Control Board, Retirement Division, as well as the SC Air National Guard. He remained active in the National Guard retiree group long after completing his service to his nation.

Glenn was a lifelong member and deacon of First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, where he was blessed with many dear friendships. He also spent more than 25 years coaching youth sports in the Irmo area, where he touched the lives of hundreds of young baseball players. Glenn never went out to dinner or to a ballgame without hearing “Hey! Coach King!” from a former ball player who wanted to shake his hand. Believing strongly in his responsibility to serve his community, Glenn was also a longtime volunteer for Special Olympics of SC, and past president of the Dutch Fork Civitan Club, where he was formerly recognized as Civitan of the Year. He also served as PTO president and booster club board member at Dutch Fork High School.

Glenn always considered himself to be a wealthy man, because of the wealth of friends and family he had during his life. He loved his grandchildren, his family, his church, his Gamecocks, and playing golf at the Wildewood Club.

The service for Glenn will be held at 11 o'clock, Friday, May 14th, at First Presbyterian Church, 1401 Marion Street, Columbia, SC, with Rev. David H. Lauten officiating. A visitation will follow the service in Jackson Hall. Burial in Bush River Memorial Gardens

with military honors will conclude the service and visitation. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. A livestream of the service may be seen by visiting <https://www.firstprescolumbia.org/live>

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Special Olympics, SC, 109 Oak Park Drive, Irmo, SC 29063, (803) 772-1555

Events

MAY **Service** 11:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church

1324 Marion St, Columbia, SC, US, 29201

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - May 13 at 09:38 PM



“ A wonderful man and leader. Playing for Coach King in Major A in the early 90s are some of my fondest sports memories. He had a real talent for teaching competition to kids at a crucial age. A true servant leader! Thank you Coach! Trey Gantt

Trey Gantt - May 19 at 09:27 PM



“ I would always smile everything I saw Mr. King and Hydro at Kennel Care. He was a delight to talk with and Hydro of course is the sweetest dog ever. Kennel Care will miss seeing his smiling face.

Holly Hughes - May 13 at 11:08 AM



“ Glenn was a great guy. He was part of 169 CF in SCANG with me. Enjoyed summer camps at Savannah with him playing sports and at work.. Saw him at USC baseball games regularly and at No Name Deli. Will miss his personality.

Jim Morris - May 13 at 09:48 AM



“ What a great man and a mainstay at Seven Oaks Park in the 80's when I was growing up! Please accept my condolences, RIP coach...

Ryan Luthren - May 13 at 08:44 AM



“ Amerson Children-----Kirk, Joey, Sherry, Pam,Hiram purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Glenn Arnold King.



Amerson Children-----Kirk, Joey, Sherry, Pam,Hiram - May 12 at 06:08 PM



“ I was honored to know and serve with Glenn at McEntire ANG Base, Years later we'd talk and chat at the USC basketball games. What a great person , RIP.

John Marshall - May 12 at 04:55 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Glenn Arnold King.



May 12 at 04:51 PM



“ I'll always remember Glenn by his sense of humor and smile. We worked together with SCANG in the Command Post for several years. There was never a dull moment. A CP reunion was being planned for this October and it just won't be the same. Kiss an angel for us, Glenn. My deepest sympathy for Cecile, Stacey and all the family.

Doris Wilkes Lamb - May 12 at 02:22 PM



“ Glenn King made a difference in so many lives! He worked hard, served well & played hard, too. We saw his fun & his faith in every interaction with him. He was a genuine person - loyal & faithful, kind & real, serious & funny. His heart & life were full whether serving his country, ministering through his church, interacting as your friend, or lovingly tending his family. He was a dear, big man had a gentle spirit & a big heart. He was a true blessing & will be missed.

Our whole family has everyone who loved Glenn in our prayers, especially dear Stacey who has a special place in our hearts. I wish we could be with you at the service, but I am tearfully praying hard.

May God minister to each of you at this difficult time of loss, comforting you with the knowledge that Glenn is healed & blessed with Jesus!

In Jesus' Love, Kathy Folks

Kathy Folks - May 14 at 10:18 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Glenn Arnold King.



May 12 at 02:12 PM



“ Glenn and I were both in the SCANG. One Saturday after drill, Glenn, Stacey, My daughter Christina and I went to the Carolina game. East Carolina was really putting it to SC. Glenn and I were talking, looked down where Stacey and Christina were sitting (WB was empty) and these 2 girls were hanging over the lower wall trying to touch or thump Steve Tanneyhill on the top of his helmet. Just a great memory of a great guy.

Tom Atwood - May 12 at 01:46 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to have known Glenn ever since we first met at USC in the fall of 1969. He and I had played basketball against each other in high school playoffs, but we formed a friendship for a lifetime after that. His daughter and mine were very good friends growing up, and I coached alongside him for several years while my son was playing ages for the teams he made sure got a strong dose of his wisdom and philosophy. Baseball was the sport, but life was the more important subject. There have been only a short list of personalities like that. He was unique and I will miss him.

Hank McMillan - May 12 at 01:44 PM



“ I will truly miss my talks and memories of our parents and our childhood with my cousin, Glenn. When I would come to Columbia I would always try to call, so we could go out to lunch. Glenn was a Carolina fan and I was a former player at Clemson, but we never let that be a problem because we both knew what was important in life was the love we had for family and the Lord. Glenn was a special person to me as is his brother, Leon. May God bless his family who loved him dearly. Lynn and I love you all and pray for you. Jack and Lynn King

Jack Herbert King - May 12 at 12:17 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Glenn Arnold King.



May 12 at 11:43 AM



“ My condolences to the family in this loss of a wonders man. Coach Glenn King. He loved that title. May Our Creators peace surround you during this time.
Henry Martin

Henry Martin - May 12 at 10:34 AM