



Lawrence Elvin King

June 16, 1927 - November 27, 2010

Lawrence Elvin King was born in Selma, LA on June 16, 1927. He was the seventh of eight children born to Jesse Melton King and Nettie May Smith. His father, Jesse, was born 1885 in Arkansas and came to Grant Parish in the early 1900s, following his older brothers, Will & Ed Red King to the rapidly growing Sawmill Town of Selma, LA. Jesse was an early pioneering Pentecostal Preacher, Founding Churches in Jena, Beda, Selma, and Shady Grove, LA. Jesse's Gravestone in the Georgetown Cemetery is inscribed "Daddy was a Preacher". This was the influence that provided Lawrence King with the direction toward his ministry in the church. Young Lawrence served in the Navy from 1944-46. Returning home following the end of the war, he attended a Theological College in San Antonio, Texas, International Bible College from 1947-49. It was there that Lawrence and Billie Jessica Stevens of Orange, Texas, met in 1948. They soon were married, on June 4, 1949. In 1950, Lawrence was hospitalized at the veterans hospital in Alexandria with service connected Tuberculosis. By Divine Providence, he recovered completely and returned to his wife and his ministry. Retiring in 1989 after celebrating fifty years as a United Pentecostal Minister, he was able to look back at his career with much pride. Lawrence founded churches in Conway, South Carolina, and Junction City, Kansas. But his main effort was his work in San Antonio, Texas at the First United Pentecostal Church starting in the year 1955. He was thankful that he was able to pay off the construction cost of their new sanctuary complex at 350 Utopia St. prior to his retirement in

1989. After retirement, he continued his preaching ministry and his service as a commission as Lt. Colonel serving as a Chaplain at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. Lawrence is preceded in death by his wife, Billie J. King, on January 10, 2007. They have three sons, Larry King, Timothy King and Nathan King, Nine grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, one great great grandchild and a host of nephews, nieces, and a host of wonderful friends. Of the eight children born to Jesse and Nettie May King, the only one that survives today is his baby sister, Helen Carter, of Pasadena, Texas. He served his generation well.

Services

Visitation will begin at 6:00 pm Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at First United Pentecostal Church of San Antonio, 350 Utopia, with a Service of Remembrance to begin at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be at 1:00 pm Thursday, December 2, 2010 at First United Pentecostal Church of San Antonio, with interment to follow in Mission Burial Park South.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jim & I have wonderful memories of BRO. King, HE was the very best, a GREAT PASTOR HE was,a true Apostolic BRO. in the Lord,we love the King family,with much prayers, Jim & Ann

JIM & ANN HOWTON POULTER

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JIM & ANNE POULTER HOWTON - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My heart and tears go out to the entire King Family. At age 16, I was privileged to spend my summer of 1968 in San Antonio enjoying their fellowship. I have fond memories of a wonderful, loving family filled with God's spirit. My prayers are with you.

Alice Drobshoff Gatz - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM