



Felix King Jr

April 15, 1946 - October 19, 2023

Felix King Jr. was born April 15, 1946, to Mary Frances and Felix King, the seventh oldest of ten children, 5 sons and 5 daughters. He was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, but left his home town at an early age to join the military. He passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at his home in Louisville, Kentucky, surrounded by his wife and his children.

He has gone to another home to join his family who preceded in death, his mother and father, his 3 oldest brothers, Willie James, affectionately known as “Buddy”, Cleo, and Richard, and his two oldest sisters, Sallie Lee and Annie Bell.

Felix attended Maynard and Cansler Elementary school, Beardsley Junior High School and briefly attended Austin High School before joining the Air Force, where he served his term of service in Vietnam, after which he returned to his home in Knoxville. He worked for the TVA in Knoxville, before becoming a student in the SGPO (Student Generator Plant Operator) Program at the TVA Shawnee Steam Plant in Paducah, Kentucky. The SGPO Program then transferred him to the Paradise Steam Plant in Drakesboro, Kentucky. Felix realized that he could not be away from his family so he quit the program and returned to Knoxville and became a journeyman electrician with IBEW Local 270 working at various locations. He moved to Louisville, Kentucky, continuing to work as an electrician. After a period of time he transitioned into the trade of

brick masonry. Felix loved working with bricks and it gave him a way to show his true artistic talent.

Felix loved children and was the proud father of eight children, four sons and four daughters. He was married for 52 years to the love of his life, Wilma Glore of Paducah, Kentucky.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Wilma; his four sons: William (Sandra) Johnson of Oxford, GA, Mario (Arlinda) Johnson of White Plains, MD, Felix King III of Oxon Hill, MD, and Michael King of Louisville, KY; his four daughters: Deanna (Ovie) Otarigho of Troy, OH, Debra Johnson (Mark) of Knoxville, TN, Felecia King of Knoxville, TN, and Colonel Mary (Greg) King of Arlington, VA; his 16 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; his sisters: Barbara Jene King Johnson, Franciena King and Carolyn (Earl) King White of Kansas City, MO; his brother James Lewis King of Knoxville, TN; and nieces, nephews and cousins located across the United States.

Felix was always on the move, active, always busy, in constant motion, tinkering, building, creating “things”, and had a special way of thinking and building “outside the box”. He enjoyed life, his family, and loved children. He had an uncanny knack of “disappearing” and doing the unexpected. He was mischievous as a child and as an adult. When his children were young, he was known to load his truck with his kids, his nephews, and any neighborhood kids, brave enough to go on his many adventures. He touched the lives of many people.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 25, 2023 from 5pm-6pm at Unity Mortuary, 1425 McCalla Ave..

Knoxville, TN 37915. with the funeral to start at 6pm.

Burial will be held 10am Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Tennessee

Veterans Cemetery, Knoxville, TN.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Unity Mortuary
1425 McCalla Ave
Knoxville, TN 37915

Tribute Wall



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Felix King Jr.* ”



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