



Ronald Ray King

November 2, 1930 - May 15, 2025

Ronald R. King was born November 2, 1930, in Creston, Nebraska to Bill and Luella (Collins) King. Ron grew up in Creston, NE, moving to Compton, CA for a short time during the depression. He moved back to Creston and graduated in 1946. Following graduation, he attended Midland College in Fremont. Growing up, Ron enjoyed cars, dancing, and music, even playing the guitar and piano.

Ron enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and was honorably discharged on June 1, 1952, serving as a radio operator and achieving the rank of Corporal.

Ron married Margaret "Peggy" Christensen in Fremont, Nebraska on February 28, 1953, and to this union, three daughters were born: Beth, Linda and Julie. Ron and Peggy settled in Valley, Nebraska to raise their family. Peggy preceded Ron in death in May 2000.

Ron worked his whole life as a bricklayer/mason. He even owned his own business for several years, Ron King Masonry, and was president of the Omaha Bricklayer's Union in the 1960's. In addition to his career, Ron was active in the Valley Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, the American Legion, and the Fremont Area Marine Corps League.

Ron was a smart, funny, and curious man who was open to new experiences, and was always the life of the party. He had a love of nature and being in the mountains or near the ocean. He was also an avid fisherman, especially fly fishing for trout. Ron enjoyed tending to his garden and was a voracious

reader. He was proud of the life he led, from moving to California during the Great Depression to his military service, his marriage and family, to running his own business, Ron lived an accomplished life. He loved his family and all the large get-togethers with lots of food, and the numerous vacations and road trips they were able to take. He was an avid Husker fan, enjoyed a wide variety of music, and looked forward to a good martini and a good steak dinner. Ron will most be remembered as the best dad, and a superb host who wanted to make everyone laugh.

Ron passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Valley Lakes Assisted Living in Valley, Nebraska at the age of 94 years, 6 months, and 13 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Luella, his beloved wife Peggy, and two sisters: Darlene Jones and Bonnie Schallitz. Ron is survived by his three daughters: Beth (Jeff) Milbrandt, Linda (Dave) Vencil, and Julie (Tomas) Negrete. Grandchildren: Nicole (Kevin) Olson, Josh Milbrandt, Melissa (Derek) Clary, Jaime (Willie) Hansen, Brett (Yumi) Danehey, Kellyn (Justin) Macon, Marci (Jim) Wiegand (and their children Jimmy, Laura, and David), Alex Negrete, and Marcel (Brooklyn) Negrete, and many nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Faith Community Church
218 West Gardiner Street
Valley, NE 68064

A Masonic service will be held as part of the funeral ceremony. A lunch reception will immediately follow the funeral service at The Campus

Graveside Service

MAY 19. 1:30 PM (CT)

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Graveside services with military honors will be held after the lunch reception

Tribute Wall

HE

“ Ron was hands down my favorite patient. I will carry him in my heart throughout my nursing career. My favorite memory will always be sitting on his bed, holding his hand, laughing and crying together for at least an hour. During that time he told me that he had read recently that there were millions of stars that we had never seen. He told me to look for new stars and the one shining brightest would be him. I will forever look at the stars and remember Ron. It was an honor to be his nurse. My deepest condolences to his family! All my love, Nurse Heather

Heather - May 20, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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“ The class mates of 1977. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald Ray King.



The class mates of 1977. - May 18, 2025 at 06:54 PM

MV

“ Michele V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Ray King.

Michele V. - May 18, 2025 at 03:10 PM

BJ

“ I have so many memories of Uncle Ron and Aunt Peg, but here are a few: Evenings of barbecue and homemade ice cream at their home. With luck, the fireflies would show up to keep the kids busy. Going out to the Platte with Uncle Ron to check his setlines on a hot afternoon. Aunt Peg driving a station wagon full of kids out to Fremont for a swim in the public pool and then buying us an ice cream at the Dairy Queen afterwards. My brother Rich and I stopping by Valley on a long road trip in 1976 and spending a day setting cinder block for a basement Uncle Ron was building. He brought us lunch and even paid us for our “skilled” labor. In recent years, he and I would talk for long minutes on the phone about family history, road trips past and present, Cornhusker sports, and what Beth, Linda, Julie and their families were up to. Those conversations will always be a cherished memory.

Bill Jones - May 18, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald Ray King.



May 17, 2025 at 06:02 PM



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SL

“ Ron King was the glue that held everyone together on Alexander Street. Don and I lived in Valley for eleven years and always enjoyed a chat with Ron. He was always busy in his garden or with his flowers in his backyard. He climbed a ladder to pick peaches and put up Christmas lights, age was only a number to Ron. I'm so happy that I pulled into his driveway in January and found him at home. We sat together in the garage and talked for over an hour. I will miss his wisdom and his wit and his contagious smile. Rest easy Mr. King, I know that you're enjoying being with your beloved wife in heaven. ☐❤️🙏



Susan Lerdahl - May 17, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KH

“ Where to begin, there are so many. When Sharon and I were little we were thrilled to ride around in his cool car with the little jump seats in back. About eleven years ago, he came out to visit mom in Sonoma. I remember walking down town, stopping in the local bookstore and then sharing a glass of wine. He was much loved and will be missed.

Karen Hirsimaki - May 17, 2025 at 04:32 PM

LF

“ Love from Tim Schallitz and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ronald Ray King.



Love from Tim Schallitz and family - May 17, 2025 at 02:57 AM

DB

“ *Danelle, Dave, Reagan, & Corbin Belau purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ronald Ray King.*



Danelle, Dave, Reagan, & Corbin Belau - May 16, 2025 at 10:35 PM

SH

“ *I have so many memories of Uncle Ron, for many years Karen and I thought he was just a more grown-up playmate. He always liked to tell the story of how he had to carry us for miles when his car ran out of gas and a little dog was following us. Maybe we were about 4 years old then. That same outing we got to meet his future wife Aunt Peggy. Very Happy memories. My love to you Beth, Linda and Julie and your families. Love Sharon*

Sharon Blessing Hawkins - May 16, 2025 at 08:00 PM

FD

“ *From Bill, Anne, and David purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald Ray King.*



From Bill, Anne, and David - May 16, 2025 at 01:03 PM

LB

“ Love Tina & Tony Bolte purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Ronald Ray King.



Love Tina & Tony Bolte - May 16, 2025 at 10:09 AM

RS

“ Ruth Sake purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald Ray King.



Ruth Sake - May 16, 2025 at 09:43 AM

BF

“ Bill & Karen Socha and Fred purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald Ray King.



Bill & Karen Socha and Fred - May 16, 2025 at 08:21 AM

CF

“ Connie F. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ronald Ray King.



Connie F. - May 16, 2025 at 08:10 AM