



Charles King

February 3, 1925 - February 21, 2016

Charles “Jim” King passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2016, at the age of 91.

Born Charles James “Jimmy” Shields February 3, 1925 in Atlanta, Georgia, he lived in the American Children’s Home in Miami, Florida until, as a teenager, he was adopted by Miami attorney Lewis King and his wife Mary Helen King.

Jimmy Shields attended Silver Bluff and Orange Glade Elementary schools, Shenandoah Junior High, Miami Senior High (Class of '42) and was a member of Orange Glade and Central Baptist Churches in Downtown Miami during the 1930’s. He loved to fish and sail his daysailer moored at Dinner Key, Miami, and was a dedicated member of the Boy Scouts of America eventually earning the rank of Life Scout.

From 1942 through 1946, Jim proudly served in the US Marine Corps as a hydraulics specialist for the Vought F4U Corsairs operating in the Pacific theatre out of Air Station Ewa in Oahu, Hawaii and, upon discharge, had earned the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In 1948, he enlisted in the US Army achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant. While stationed in Augsburg, Germany as a Counter Intelligence Officer, he met and fell in love with Lydia Schuster. They married in 1950, returned to the

U.S. to begin their life together and welcomed their first child Janet.

After discharging from the Army, Jim returned to Miami to attend the University of Miami on the G.I bill earning his Juris Doctor degree in 1955. He began his legal career in the Trust Department of Broward National Bank in downtown Ft. Lauderdale and later established a successful private practice. During his long career he served as a Municipal Prosecutor and Assistant Municipal Judge for the City of Oakland Park, was legal counsel for the Broward County Transportation Authority and the Tyndall Hammock Irrigation & Soil Conservation District, served on various Boards and Committees, and in 1967 was elected for two-terms to the Florida House of Representatives where he was Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands.

Jim and Lydia built their first home in the 1950s in the brand new subdivision of "Melrose Park" in Ft. Lauderdale and added to their family tree with the births of Annette and James Reed. In the '60's they moved to Plantation Gardens on the westernmost fringes of Broward County and shortly thereafter welcomed daughter Elaine to the family.

Jim retired from his law practice in the 1990s but never retired from life. He earned his private pilot license and enjoyed many happy years as our "Sky King". As an avid outdoorsman, he passed on his knowledge of fishing, sailing, camping, gardening and all-around love of nature to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He always said if he had a "do over," he would have become a National Park Ranger. He was always eager and willing to spend whatever time and energy he had for our benefit – taking us camping, boating, showing us the rich Florida landscape, teaching us to be self-sufficient – and we had many happy and carefree times enjoying Dad's company throughout these many years. He was many things to many people, but to us he is our irreplaceable Dad and Grandpa.

He is survived by his loving children Janet, Annette, James, Elaine and husband Tim, his cherished grandchildren Michelle and husband Dan, Christie, Logan, Kent and Bryce, and his adored great-grandchildren Ethan and Hayden. Inurnment will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Lauderdale Memorial Park with a Celebration of Life to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Jim's honor to the Humane Society of Broward County <http://humanebroward.com> and/or to the National Park Foundation <http://nationalparks.org/support-parks#memory>

Cemetery Details

Lauderdale Memorial Park

2001 S.W. 4th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Previous Events

Inurnment

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles King*

October 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM



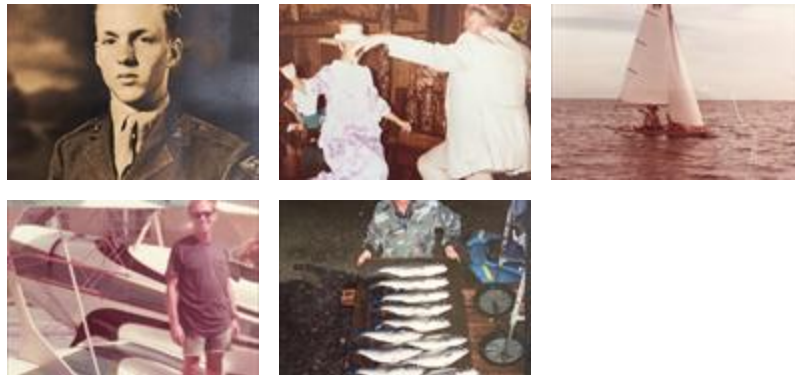
“ *My name was Sharon Phillips. I worked for Jim as his legislative secretary at his law office on Commercial Blvd. I was secretary to Richard Bird but he lost the primary election on 9/3/70 the day my dad (42 years old) passed away in upstate New York. I was transferred to Jim and the day of the general election 11/3/70 my mom died in a car accident (she was 40) I left for her funeral & never saw Jim again 😞*

So sorry for your family but happy he lived a long life

Sharon Ramirez - October 15, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Jim's Photos*



Janet - April 11, 2016 at 02:30 PM

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“ *TONY CERVANTES lit a candle in memory of Charles King*



TONY CERVANTES - March 05, 2016 at 07:49 PM

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“ *Dear King Family,*

My most sincere condolences go out to you all. Words cannot fully express the sadness I felt after hearing about the loss of Mr. King.

He was a good friend to me.

No one can truly prepare for the loss of a loved one; it comes in a blink of an eye. May fond memories bring you strength and comfort during this hard time. Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were able to share these before he passed away.

My deepest condolences to the King Family.

*Tony Cervantes
La Ceiba, Honduras. C.A.*

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