



David W. King

November 16, 1963 - September 30, 2019

David W. King. Beloved husband of Sharon Hershberger King for 36 years. Adored father of Matthew (Chelsea) King and Erin King. Loving grandfather of Maddox King. Devoted son of Lillie and the late Lester King and son in law of Ruth and the late James Hershberger. Dear brother of Wayne King, Lester “Chick” (Sophia) King and the late James Ingram and brother in law of Wayne and Elaine Hershberger, Linda and Bob Adams, Barbie and Lynn Bender and Connie and Kevin Holman. Also survived by nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Passed away suddenly on Monday, September 30, 2019. Age 55 years. To know Dave was to know his kind and gentle spirit. His unassuming nature and listening presence drew others in. His love of learning and study made him a wise teacher while still displaying humility. Dave was known for his quick wit and engaging manner, welcoming to all. His first love is Jesus Christ, which was easily seen by all as it poured out of him. Dave was happiest when spending time with his family. Visitation will be held at The Vineyard Church-Northwest, 9165 Round Top Road (45251) on Saturday, October 5 from 11 AM until time of funeral service at 2 PM. Burial will take place in Wellman, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to Cancer Family Care, 4790 Red Bank Rd., Suite 128 (45227) www.cancerfamilycare.org

Events

OCT **Visitation** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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Vineyard Church Northwest

9165 Round Top Rd., Colerain Twp., OH, US, 45251

OCT **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Sending prayers. Sharon and family so sorry to hear of David's passing. Mom has been trying to locate Him for several months. I remember you all coming out to mom's(Pat Hovel) farm when my kids were little. Sitting on the front porch watching the boys play. I believe Mathew and my oldest are close in age. Mom sends her love and prayers for you and family. Helen Foster and Pat Hovel

Helen Hovel Fostet - November 12, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ Sharon & family, so sorry to hear about Dave's sudden passing. I have such fond memories of the lunches Dave and I would have at a little Chinese restaurant we called the "Ho-Ho Inn". In addition to his humor, Dave and I would share our struggles with discerning where God would have each of us in ministry. Dave was used of the Lord to lead me into pastoral and chaplaincy work. Dave stayed faithful to God's calling. This is a difficult time for each of you. It hurts so much. I pray that from time to time the fog of grief will lift so that you can sense Dave's love and smile over you. John Burroughs

John Burroughs - October 06, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ Dear Sharon and family,
I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. Although I had not seen him for 30 years, I will always treasure my memories of him. May God bless and comfort you and your family. Mike Braunlin and Susan Stites.

mike braunlin - October 05, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ Sharon, Matthew, and Erin - I am so sorry and weep with you because of your husband and dad's sudden passing. It came as a shock to me when I heard. I can't imagine how you must feel.

Dave was a spiritual mentor to me, a professional colleague, and a good friend. I would not counsel others in the manner I do if I had not worked alongside him. I loved his sense of humor. He even made me and my husband laugh at my own mother's visitation. He visited me in my grief then just 5 months ago and now he is gone too. I do and will miss him but look forward to the day of seeing him again in heaven. I'm sure he's there making Jesus laugh even now.

Bettie - October 05, 2019 at 07:20 AM



“ Sharon, Erin, and Matthew, I continually pray for you as I consider your loss. Dave leaves a huge hole in many people's lives but we all can only imagine your loss. A man like Dave is one in a million. I never knew anyone like him, before or since. He was one of us “refugees.” A small group of us all used to work together and after leaving there would all go out to lunch occasionally. Dave was always the only man among a bunch of women. He kept us laughing of course. We all shared stories about our families and prayed for each other's concerns. Dave always spoke so lovingly and reverently about his family. We were all so blessed to have him as a friend and colleague. What a truly wonderful man your husband and father was and I will keep his family in my prayers always. Thank you for sharing him with the world. Sandy Morgenthal

Sandy Morgenthal - October 05, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ I treasure the memory of how God healed our newborn son, Ben, after he had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was having uncontrolled seizures. That was 33 years ago this month, and Dave was a young 22 year old member of the New Beginnings pastoral team. Our pediatrician, a Christian friend, had urged us to ask the elders in our church to come to the newborn intensive care unit to lay hands on Ben and pray for him.

Dave and Laverne came late in the evening with a small Tupperware container of oil. They scrubbed in, and then anointed our baby with oil and prayed for his healing. In spite of medication, Ben had experienced a seizure a few minutes before they arrived for prayer. But after the time of prayer, he never had another seizure, and he rapidly improved till he could go home to grow and develop normally. As a young Christian man, Dave was a humble, but willing part of the healing God bestowed on our son.

Sharon, Matthew, Erin and family,

My heart goes out to you in your loss. May God surround you with His love and comfort.

Barbara Harper

Barbara Harper - October 04, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ Sharon I am absolutely stunned to hear of Dave's passing. He is one of the main mentors who lead me to Christ and then helped baptize me into the family of Christ. He will forever be in my heart as will you and your family. Much Love and Many Prayers. Love, Rayne Dabney

Rayne Dabney - October 04, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ I remember Dave teaching me to be a volunteer chaplain. I was shadowing him on my first day. In the very first 5 minutes of my experience in chaplaincy, Dave responded to a code, with me following him. Before I knew it, Dave and I were looking down at the body of a dead young man who had OD'd on heroin. Dave had such a caring presence about him, to the friend and the father of this man. It was easy to see the Lord Jesus working through him that evening.

Dave was a man that I had wanted to get to know. I'm comforted now only by the truth that I will get that chance one day when we are both standing in the mercy of our Lord.

We will miss you, Dave!! -Erin Page

Erin - October 04, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ Dave really was a big help to me & reenie at a time when we needed spiritual guidance he shared a lot of wisdom with us it truly was a real blessing.

joe sayre - October 04, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ David and I go all the way back to grade school there at LBJ. Though we have lost track of one another over the years, he will always have a place in my heart as a kind and gentle soul.

His impact on others will never be forgotten.

Get up in the mornin slavin for bread Sir
So that every mouth can be fed.....

Dont worry, he'll understand what Im talking about.

David Leeander Brown
Breathitt High School class of '81

David L. Brown - October 04, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 04, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 04, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 04, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ Mercy Health East Market Volunteer Services purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of David W. King.



Mercy Health East Market Volunteer Services - October 04, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 03, 2019 at 10:03 PM



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October 03, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Treesa "Francis" Begley lit a candle in memory of David W. King



Treesa "Francis" Begley - October 03, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ David was a great man. I enjoyed going to school with him. Prayers for the Family.
Treesa "Francis" Begley

Treesa "Francis" Begley - October 03, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 03, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 03, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ I am saddened by the sudden death of a close friend and colleague from our early years of pastoral ministry in Cincinnati (1983-93). Dave King died Monday while working out at a gym, age 55. Our prayers go out to his wife of 36 years, Sharon, two children, Matthew and Erin, and extended family. We plan to attend the funeral Saturday along with other friends from that era.

Dave served faithfully as an associate pastor with us at New Beginnings Fellowship in Finneytown/Cincinnati, helping to reach and serve the community. He had a gentle, compassionate personality as well as a quick wit and killer sense of humor. He and I used to launch into spontaneous Hanz and Franz routines (from SNL), always ending with "We're here to pump you up!"

He also wrote the lyrics for a clever rap on Mennonites called the Anabap Rap. I developed it into a video version that you can watch (and hopefully enjoy).

Farewell, my dear friend! You helped shape and encourage my own leadership and ministry. Thanks for your faithfulness! Well done! #ICanOnlyImagine #AsCloseAsABrother



Lavern Nissley - October 03, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ I feel all of the love Dave sprinkled across this world in these moments. It is beautiful to see the web of love that he cast. I know in my tender heart he humbly arrived at his new life with the words, "Well done faithful servant" basking his spirit. I am also sure in my heart he will continue to love and care about all of us. That comforts me in my grief. It feels so present and eternal. I don't think I have ever met a gentler soul. Dave was such an inspiration to me. I will always be connected to his big heart. May that huge love continue to sustain all of us through the sorrow. Peace to all as we walk the road.

Sue Motz
Mercy Chaplain/coworker

Sue Motz - October 03, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ Pausing in the exhale, holding the emptiness, believing in the Eternal One who is as close as our breath and who now is face to face with Dave. And yet we experience the void, a grace space Dave filled with kindness and goodness and peace and joy. Grateful for the years at VCNW with Dave and Sharon, and then the two years knowing and growing with him at The Springs through School of Spiritual Direction. His humor, sensitivity and wisdom, such a gift to all. May the Spirit breathe life and strength for the journey forward for his beloved family.

Linda Holmes - October 03, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 03, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Tyler Brown - October 03, 2019 at 12:16 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Tyler Brown - October 03, 2019 at 12:15 AM



“ Dave, I can't believe this earth doesn't get to know more of your childlike faith, joy, wonder, truth, honesty... your wisdom, compassion, hope, straight from your Father God's heart. Thank you for loving without condition. Thank you for listening without judgment. Thank you for being available. Thank you for being unafraid to sit in the uncomfortable - the sadness, confusion, discouragement, waiting for God to make good on His truths... Thank you for on-purpose seeing the best and trusting God's heart for the people near you. Thank you for laughing out loud. Thank you for wearing the birthday hat we made for you, for not taking yourself too seriously, for letting us honor you. Thank you for having a tissue box on your window ledge and for not offering me a tissue but letting me empty it one tissue at a time as I attempted to process through my life season. And you listened. Thank you for challenging me to see and love myself, to see and love Andrew, like God sees us. Thank you for living a life of simplicity. Thank you for walking to and from VCNW. Thank you for believing that what God put in you is how God wants to love through you. He loves on through you through us. Though we are not able to get to Cinci to mourn your death, celebrate your life at VCNW this weekend, you are near. You would love this little postage stamp spot where God has us in Maine. It has some heaven-like qualities to it. :0) As our little Wyatt said yesterday when we prayed for your family and he was processing death, "I'm glad I will get to see you again... up there." The tears won't stop falling yet, but I need to get some rest. We love you King Dave.

Sharon, Erin, Matt, and family - We hold you close in our hearts as you walk together, taking all the space and grace you need to step, one at a time, or just stop until it's time to step again.



Cheryl Pfeiffer - October 02, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ David was such a caring and wonderful member of our Mercy Clermont Spiritual Care team. His dedication to the job, and his contribution to the Outpatient outreach program made a huge difference in the lives of so many. I shared so many conversations with him about that program, and what an amazing asset it was to our patients. He was always there, with no time to spare, when called to help a patient in need. He will be missed, but his impact on our hospital and our community will be felt for a long long time. I feel blessed to have known and worked with him. Many prayers for his family and your loss. God bless you all at this sad time.

Cathy Scheffter, Supervisor of Rehab Services at MHC

Cathleen Scheffter - October 02, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ It was so comforting to me to see Dave running through the neighborhood. All seemed well whenever i would see him and Sharon..such wise and kind man...we Will all miss him...praying för the family..love Linda Lewis

Linda lewis - October 02, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of David W. King.



October 02, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Dennis & Charlene Osterfeld purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of David W. King.



Dennis & Charlene Osterfeld - October 02, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ Sharon, Matthew and Erin,
What a shock to see that Dave passed on. My prayers and sympathy to all of you. Death hurts so much but especially when it is someone who was so loved and full of life as Dave was.
Monica Miller

Moniuca - October 02, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Where were you this morning when we Skyped for morning huddle? Where will you be when I want to show you pictures of my grand daughters and you share those of your grandson? Where will you be when we could wish each other Happy Birthday in November? I know where you'll be, Dave....in the loving arms of Jesus. Sharon, Matthew, Erin, and all of Dave's family, my heart breaks for you. In deepest sympathy, Rita (Mercy Chaplain).



Rita Balcom - October 02, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ Sharon: I am SO SORRY and surprised to hear of the loss of Dave. When I think of him I think of a man with a big stature, a big smile and especially a BIG loving servant heart. He radiated LOVE for you and your family. My prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

Kathy Noble - October 02, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ Sharon, Matt, Erin and Chelsea I will continue my prayer vigil for you all in the days and weeks ahead. Our broken hearts join yours -Laura parsons and Sam Sergent

laura parsons - October 02, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ My gratitude for the gift of Dave's presence in my life is as deep as my profound grief at his loss. May Dave's memory be as a blessing. Surely, his life has been, in his humor, his care for others, and in his faithful witness to the Gospel. St. Francis of Assisi is thought to have said, "Preach the gospel with your life. If necessary, use words." Dave preached the Gospel with his life. No other words were necessary. Sharon, Erin, Matt, Chelsea and Maddox, I am so sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing Dave with his work family. He was deeply loved. Bea Broder-Oldach

Bea Broder-Oldach - October 02, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ I was blessed to know Dave for just a short time but he touched my life in many big ways! I enjoyed having lunch with him at our new Eastgate location and loved watching a new team form among the different organizations housed in the new space. Dave was a HUGE part of helping everyone feel welcome and a part of the team. His generous spirit will live on!

Jill Settlemyre - October 02, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ To Sharon and your precious family..our hearts hurt for you at this news; this is much too soon to have to say goodbye! We have such great memories of Dave when he first came to Iowa, then married you, then your lives took a different track...all good. Dave was always seeking God whole-heartedly,...enjoyed his wacko sense of humor and such.! We send love and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Eldon & Judy

Judy Gingerich - October 03, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ To Sharon and family. So sorry to hear about Dave. He was such a nice neighbor as with all of you for the last 10 years. You all are in our prayers. Sandra and Geneva

Sandra - October 03, 2019 at 10:21 PM