



John Phillip King

October 2, 1932 - May 18, 2018

John Phillip King, 85, of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away May 18, 2018 at the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House.

John was born in Kansas City, Missouri to William and Thelma (Parke) King. He attended McCallie School (College Prep) in Chattanooga, TN where he graduated with honors in 1950. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, TX Magna Cum Laude in 1958. John graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC in 1961 with a ThM (Masters in Theology). He then pastored at Starkey Baptist Church in Roanoke, VA from 1961-1963. John also studied Theology and Biblical studies at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, earning his PhD with honors in 1974. He was also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

John serviced in the U.S. Army from 1953-1956. He was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant and Recon Unit Commander.

John and his wife moved to Corvallis, OR in 1967 where he worked at Oregon State University as an Associate Professor of Religious Studies and later as the Associate Dean of Continuing Education. He left Oregon State University in 1987 to pursue other work opportunities.

John enjoyed working crossword puzzles, traveling, being a sports fan, and

was faithfully involved with Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, OR.

John is survived by his wife, Maxine King of Corvallis; his son, Phillip (and wife Judy) of Kings Valley; his daughter, Alex of Springfield; his Grandson, Cody (and wife Sarah) of Albany; his Granddaughter, Kymberly of Philomath; and his two Great Grandkids, Parker and Hannah of Albany.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, Oregon on Wednesday, May 23rd at 2:30 pm. Please send thoughts and condolences to www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 2:30 AM (PT)

Grace Lutheran Church
435 NW 21st St
Corvallis, OR 97330

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“ John always had a good word for me when ever I sang in church. It seemed he thought those songs were for him. They were. Maxine and I would work on a new song and I knew it was good if it brought John to tears. He always told me I sang like a Baptist, knowing I was raised in the Baptist Church in Iowa. He was the best choir groupie too!

We are very sorry we missed Johns service. Our best memories of Grace Lutheran involve Maxine and John. We are thinking of your family and wish you Gods peace.

Ron and Barb Manbeck

Ron & Barb Manbeck - June 24, 2018 at 03:05 PM

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“ I read the obituary with a return of very clear memories and great thankfulness for having known Professor King. He was an important influence on my life of ministry. I am deeply grateful for his inspiration.

I studied the Bible with Prof. King when he was on the faculty of the Religion Dept at OSU, and also took his course on death and dying. His passion for the subjects was, I think, the real beginning place of my own passion for Hebrew and Christian scriptures, a passion that I hope I have in some measure further conveyed to the many congregations I have served as an ordained UCC minister these past 35 years.

I am a bit chagrined to admit that I never did submit a final paper for the death and dying class, but perhaps it's fair to think that the many bedtimes I've attended and funerals I've led would fulfill that. Those occasions have certainly been touched by the thoughtful and compassionate introduction to end of life issues that I received in Prof. King's class.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

David Zaworski

David Zaworski - May 26, 2018 at 02:34 PM