



Bruce D. King

December 29, 1950 - November 1, 2025

Bruce Dexter King, age 74 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born on Friday, December 29, 1950, in Savannah, GA, the son of Tholan and Carolyn (nee Fountain) King.

Bruce was born in Savannah, Georgia and grew up as part of a dear, loving, household, surrounded by his parents, brother Clay and extended family of very close aunts, uncles, grandmother and cousins. He graduated from Windsor Forest High School, where he was elected class president in his senior year. He graduated with a doctorate degree from the University of Georgia in Athens, where he acquired a lifelong love for UGA Bulldog football. After Georgia, he worked at the University of Missouri doing research, then went on to an agribusiness, Syntex in Springfield, Missouri. In 1986, he moved to Highland where he met Annette. Bruce and Annette loved to travel. Their adventures took them to China, a river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, an ocean cruise, Alaska, Hawaii and Yellowstone National Park. Bruce was known for his kindness, unselfishness, and compassion for others.

Survivors include:

Life Partner - Annette Sandberg, Highland, IL

Brother - Clay King, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Cousins - Many in Georgia

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Tholan King

Mother - Carolyn King (nee Fountain)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
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Tribute Wall

RL

“ Randy, Anita, Kjell and Kristi Lindgren purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bruce D. King.



Randy, Anita, Kjell and Kristi Lindgren - November 06, 2025 at 09:31 PM

JO

“ Joe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce D. King.

Joe - November 06, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce D. King.



November 06, 2025 at 03:19 PM

DR

“ Growing up as cousins, Bruce was always camera shy. He was quiet, but he had a playful side. Our last get together this past July had him facing off against me & my camera-I'll always treasure our 'dulling cameras' moment!

I'll miss him greatly, he was a marvelously brilliant and accomplished man but you'd never know it from him. I always had to find out through family about his degrees, his high level jobs, languages spoken, world travels, etc.

Growing up the cousins would get together on a regular basis; he was a little impish at times. I was very impish - I think that's why we continued to hit off together. To me, he was always just my cousin who I grew up with, whom I had fun with and loved.



Debbie Ramsey - November 04, 2025 at 07:17 PM

TW

“ I grew up with Bruce. He was my cousin and I have priceless memories of visiting his family home where we rode horses, ran wild and enjoyed nature. Bruce had a quiet, retiring personality. But, he was very witty and his smile could light up a room. As my brother says, we won the family lottery. Bruce will always be in our hearts and in our wonderful childhood reflections.

Theresa Weatherford - November 04, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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“ Theresa, Debbie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce D. King.

Theresa, Debbie and family - November 04, 2025 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Theresa, Debbie and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bruce D. King.*



Theresa, Debbie and family - November 04, 2025 at 10:17 AM