



Billie Coley King

December 12, 1927 - April 12, 2017

Mrs. Don King passed away in the early hours of April 12, 2017, in Amarillo, Texas, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Born on December 12, 1927, Billie Marie Coley King was the daughter of Irvin Greenie (I.G.) and Minnie Denning Coley of Jacksboro, Texas. She was the delight of her older brother Irvin Stewart (Pete) Coley. The family enjoyed the pleasures of living in a small town. They belonged to First Methodist Church Jacksboro and Billie sang in the choir as a young girl. I.G. Coley was the building superintendent when the current church building was built and he and Minnie attended church there all their lives. Billie made lifelong friendships growing up in Jacksboro. In fact, she seldom ever met a stranger.

At Jacksboro High School Billie met Don Carter King, a transfer student from Jermyn. They married March 15, 1947, and first lived in Lubbock, Texas, where Don graduated from Texas Tech. The couple then returned to make their home on the family ranch in Jermyn. Billie loved country life and, though having been born a "city girl" became a wonderful "ranch wife". Two children, Sherry and Carter, were born while Billie and Don lived on the ranch.

In 1965, Don was promoted and (along with the family) moved to Fort Worth where the office of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association was located. Billie adapted to city life and became involved in different activities. She and Don became members first of the Meadowbrook Methodist

Church and later at First Methodist in downtown Fort Worth. They attended Sunday School there and Billie volunteered weekly at the First Street Methodist Mission which provides food and clothing to the needy. She served as president of the Texas Porcelain Art Club and became a certified teacher for the International Porcelain Artists. She traveled the state and taught many china painting classes and seminars for many years. She continued to sew incredibly beautiful clothing, painted Old West scenes in oils, and traveled the world with Don and the Cattle Raisers.

Often, Don attended meetings around the country. Billie followed along, going to the local library. She had fallen in love with family history, constantly chasing the Coley, Sampley, Denning, Hill, and other related families. Her love of genealogy led to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Billie enjoyed gardening and loved digging in the dirt. Working in the yard and watching the birds brought her lots of joy. Particularly, after Don passed away, her yard and koi pond helped to fill some of the void left by Don's death.

In 2009, Billie moved to Canyon to be near her son Carter and wife Rochelle. She joined the First Methodist Church in Canyon and was active there until she went into assisted living care. Her parents, brother, and husband preceded her in death. Billie Coley King is survived by daughter Sherry Cherryhomes of Jacksboro, and Dr. Don Carter King, Jr. and wife Rochelle of Canyon; 5 grandchildren and their spouses: Clinton Carter King and wife Julie of Lafayette, Colorado, Mandy Elizabeth, King Madden and husband Preston of Lubbock, Brett Trevor Loeffler and wife Kathy of Mason; Lacy King Loeffler Kozak and husband Terry of Alvin, and Brandon Todd Loeffler of Dallas; and 7 great-grandchildren. Known as "Gram", she was adored and is loved by all those family members around her.

The family would like to extended their thanks to Childers Place and BSA

Hospice of the Southwest in Amarillo, Texas for the loving care and support that staff members have provided for Billie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation

1600 Gendy Street

Fort Worth, TX 76107

or

First United Methodist Church

406 North Main Street

Jacksboro, Texas 76458

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

1669 FM 1191 North
Jermyn, TX 76459

Previous Events

Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
406 North Main Street
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Graveside Service

APR 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

Graceland Cemetery
1669 FM 1191 North
Jermyn, TX 76459

Tribute Wall



“ *Billie Coley King*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Billie Coley King*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your losing your sweet Billie. I just learned of the news yesterday. Billie was a cousin of my Mother, Mildred Denning Harrison. My Mother and Billie spent quite a bit of time together researching the Denning and Hill families. My husband and I took Billie to dinner several times just before she moved from Fort Worth to Canyon, Texas. We had also attended several of the Denning reunions Billie had at her home and we visited her several times after Don had passed away. What a sweet couple Billie and Don made. The video that you all put together is so sweet and she would have loved the fact that you will spent the time to put it together! I miss and love Billie but am so happy that she is with Don together again in heaven. God speed to the family ---*

Debra Harrison White

Debra Harrison White - May 27, 2018 at 06:40 PM

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Loretta martinez - June 27, 2017 at 09:44 PM

NN

“ *My sweet Friend Billie you where the one who gave me my first portrait paints and taught me how to use them what to do. You where an Awesome Artist and I know we will all meet again. Thank you for sharing your talent with me !*

Nita Keith Norman - May 23, 2017 at 08:04 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Ross Curd lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Lisa Ross Curd - May 04, 2017 at 11:54 AM

MW

“ *My memories of Billie are her beautiful spirit and delightful sense of humor. We shared so much laughter and so many good times. Billie was a woman of strong faith who dearly loved her family.*

Mary Whitworth

Mary Whitworth - April 23, 2017 at 10:30 PM

JD

“ *John & Juanita Damron lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



John & Juanita Damron - April 21, 2017 at 10:15 AM

BP

“ *Billy And Janice Pursley lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Billy and Janice Pursley - April 20, 2017 at 09:05 AM

GC

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Never met your mom but always heard such nice things about her from Pam. Know she was amazing because of the great son she raised. God bless you with mercy and grace during this time. Gail Reynolds Churman*

gail reynold churman - April 19, 2017 at 07:53 AM



“ *Such a wonderful lady. I always loved spending time with her, Don, & Alma as a child growing up. I have many fond memories of the King Ranch as that is where I spent the 1st 14 years of my life.*



Laramie Curd - April 18, 2017 at 04:31 PM

PM

Truly one of the most wonderful people I've ever known. Your mom impacted my life and made it better. I love you Siri I have Carte truly one of the most wonderful people I've ever known. Your mom impacted my life and made it better. I love you all and pray for comfort.

Pamela McElhaney - April 18, 2017 at 08:06 PM

MO

“ Mitchel & Lana Osteen lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King



Mitchel & Lana Osteen - April 18, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Coker Funeral Home - April 18, 2017 at 08:13 AM

DM

“ Darlene Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King



Darlene Maxwell - April 17, 2017 at 09:14 PM

AK

“ *Ann Yoder Kimbrough lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Ann Yoder Kimbrough - April 17, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LW

“ *Lilly May West lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Lilly May West - April 17, 2017 at 04:20 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Billie Coley King.*



April 17, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billie Coley King.*



April 17, 2017 at 09:57 AM

MC

“ Margaret Hendricks Collins lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King



Margaret Hendricks Collins - April 15, 2017 at 10:43 PM

AA

“ Ann Amburn lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King



Ann Amburn - April 15, 2017 at 08:14 PM

LM

“ Leo & Carla Marley lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King



Leo & Carla Marley - April 15, 2017 at 07:04 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Greg, Jenilynn, and Landon Lewis



Jenilynn Lewis - April 15, 2017 at 11:36 AM

NG

“ *Neoma Gwaltney lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Neoma Gwaltney - April 15, 2017 at 11:16 AM

DM

“ *David, Cheryl & Matt Matlock lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



David, Cheryl & Matt Matlock - April 14, 2017 at 09:48 PM

MC

“ *Martha Craft Clement lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Martha Craft Clement - April 14, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Billie Coley King.*



April 14, 2017 at 03:47 PM

YF

“ *Your Cactus family purchased the Lovely One Sp
athiphyllum Plant for the family of Billie Coley
King.*



Your Cactus family - April 14, 2017 at 01:21 PM

FF

“ *Frontier Feedyard purchased the Basket Full of
Wishes for the family of Billie Coley King.*



Frontier Feedyard - April 14, 2017 at 10:49 AM

LS

“ *Linda And Royce Stalcup lit a candle in
memory of Billie Coley King*



Linda and Royce Stalcup - April 13, 2017 at 08:17 PM

TW

“ *The Hendricks, Hornes & van der Woudes
purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the
family of Billie Coley King.*



The Hendricks, Hornes & van der Woudes - April 13, 2017 at
03:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Billie Coley King*.



April 13, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ *Sandra Pettis lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Sandra Pettis - April 13, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ *Keith And Tamara Martin lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Keith and Tamara Martin - April 13, 2017 at 07:14 AM



“ *Nolan And Lee Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*




Nolan and Lee Dunlap - April 13, 2017 at 07:06 AM

JK

“ *Jim And Gayla Kinder lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Jim and Gayla Kinder - April 13, 2017 at 04:40 AM


Heather
Carter
Simpson

“ *Heather Carter Simpson lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



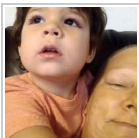
Heather Carter Simpson - April 12, 2017 at 04:55 PM

JW

“ *Judy Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Judy Wolfe - April 12, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Tracey Cowden lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Tracey Cowden - April 12, 2017 at 04:06 PM

JR

“ *Jan Robinson lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Jan Robinson - April 12, 2017 at 03:54 PM

MS

“ *Martha And Jim Salmon lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Martha and Jim Salmon - April 12, 2017 at 03:54 PM

RM

“ *Roxanna Maddox lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



Roxanna Maddox - April 12, 2017 at 03:52 PM

JR

“ *James & JaneAnn Rhoten lit a candle in memory of Billie Coley King*



James & JaneAnn Rhoten - April 12, 2017 at 03:49 PM

JM

“ *John & Debbie Ferguson Mitchell lit a candle
in memory of Billie Coley King*



John & Debbie Ferguson Mitchell - April 12, 2017 at 02:29 PM

RM

“ *Robert Lee & Virginia Martin lit a candle in
memory of Billie Coley King*



Robert Lee & Virginia Martin - April 12, 2017 at 02:07 PM