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## Forrest L King

( December 12, 1928 - January 2, 2015 )

Forrest Lee King, son of Marvin H. and Florence (Baker) King, was born December 12, 1928 on the family farm north of Harper, Kansas. He moved with his family to Protection, Kansas as a young boy and the family later moved back to Harper, Kansas.



Forrest passed away on Friday, January 2, 2015, at Spring View Manor in Conway Springs, Kansas at the age of 86 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Lauri Ann King; his brother, Ellis King; and four sisters that died in infancy (two sets of twins girls); Ella, Ellen, Thelma, and Velma King.

During his youth, in order to get to school Forrest rode his beloved horse “Babe” to his one-room school house two miles north of his rural home. Forrest was allowed to attend school through the 9th grade, and then stayed home on the farm to work.

On April 8, 1955, he was united in marriage with Margaret Miller in her parent’s home northeast of Hydro, Oklahoma and this union was blessed with four children: Lamoine, Darwin, Gwendolyn, and Melanie.

The family made their home between Argonia and Danville. The children attended school in Argonia, and the family also attended the Argonia Friends Church. Forrest farmed and also had a dairy herd for over twenty years.

There are several things that were important to Forrest:

Faith and Family - Forrest was a Christian man, and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He shared his faith with everyone, always in actions and not just in words. Whether it was stopping to help a stranded motorist, giving gas to a passerby on the highway that had run out, or “turning the other cheek”, he practiced the Golden Rule “Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you”. He demanded Respect not just for himself but for everyone. He loved to watch his grandchildren and eventually, his great-grandchildren play. He loved life and his family.

Education - Forrest always wished that he could have finished high school with his cousins and friends. He became the World's biggest believer in higher education. He took great joy in enthusiastically attending all graduation ceremonies for his children and grandchildren. His instructions were always clear: “Get your education”. He once instructed one of his daughters to get her education, and wanted her to promise to never marry a farmer because he did not want her to spend her whole life “being broke.”

Hard Work - He taught us to work hard. There was always plenty of hard work on a dairy farm, but the family worked together to manage; even if the kids were always changing the radio in the milk barn to Rock and Roll stations instead of his favorite Country-Western AM radio. Growing up, we all knew the work had to be done first, then, we could play.

Fun - He loved to laugh and tell stories, and he was ornery too. You could frequently hear him say the phrase “You have got to have a little fun”. You could always tell when he had stopped by the COOP on the way home as he had lots of new jokes and stories. For play, not every home had a big slide, a merry-go-round, and a pony to ride. Many of the things we used for work, we also used for play as we grew up. On Sunday afternoons – the little Honda 90s motorcycles, our horse, and the 3-wheeler were for fun.

Forrest will be deeply missed by his wife, Margaret King of the home near Danville; his children: Lamoine and wife Becky King of Goddard, KS; Darwin and wife Diana King of Afton, OK; Gwendolyn and husband Dick Ziegler of Valley Center, KS; and Melanie and husband, David King of Andover, KS; Thirteen grandchildren: Lisa King (Thorsten Huth), Aaron (Megan) King, Amy (Garth) Moon, Ivory (Michael) Metz, Seth King, Isaac (Becky) King, Isaiah (Randi) King, Ben Forrest, Collin Forrest, Zachary Forrest, Josh Forrest, Sarah King, and Kirsten King; Eight great grandchildren: Julian King-Huth, Coralee Moon, Elias Moon, Scarlett King, Axel King, Zackary King, Lakoda King, and Kira Forrest, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at the Friends Church in Argonia, KS. Burial will follow in Danville Cemetery, Danville, KS.

Visitation will held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday.

Memorials in memory of Forrest may be made to the Friends Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Prairie Rose Funeral Home, 613 W. 14th; Harper, KS 67058.