

A portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a red top and a necklace. The background is a soft, pinkish-purple floral pattern with large, light-colored roses in the foreground.

Arcenia
MARIE KING

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026
12:30 P.M.

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FAMILY LIFE CENTER
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THE LIFE STORY OF

Arcenia

MARIE KING

Arcenia Marie King (82), a beloved resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in Charlotte, North Carolina, surrounded by her loving family. Born on August 4, 1943, in Hertford, North Carolina, to Allen and Nora Downing, Arcenia spent her formative years in Washington, D.C., where she attended and graduated from Eastern High School.

Arcenia's life took a meaningful turn when she met and married Harry King. Due to Harry's service in the Air Force, the couple embarked on a journey of relocation, eventually welcoming their two sons, Harry and Larry, in Goldsboro, North Carolina and later settled in Las Vegas, Nevada, where they established their permanent home and created lasting memories.

Arcenia Marie King, affectionately known as Cenie, built a distinguished and dedicated career in Housekeeping at Nellis Air Force Base, where her exceptional work ethic and commitment to excellence left a lasting impact. Over the course of 44 years, she became a respected and integral part of the base community, known for her meticulous attention to detail and unwavering dedication to maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and order. Her tireless efforts not only ensured a pristine environment for service members and staff but also fostered a sense of pride and comfort for all who encountered her work. Cenie's legacy at Nellis is a testament to her professionalism and the profound difference one individual can make through consistent, high-quality service. She retired in 2017, leaving behind a remarkable career that continues to inspire those who follow in her footsteps.

Arcenia's vibrant spirit shined through when she participated in her favorite activities, which included playing bingo, bowling, shopping, and traveling. She approached each pastime with enthusiasm and joy, often bringing friends and family together to share in the fun. Her love for travel took her to diverse destinations, where she embraced new cultures and created cherished memories. Whether she was strategizing her next bingo win, perfecting her bowling technique, or exploring new places, her infectious laughter and zest for life were always at the forefront. She had a unique ability to light up any room with her warmth and positivity, making everyone feel valued and loved. Arcenia's legacy is one of joy, strength, and selflessness, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew her.

Arcenia is preceded in death by her father, Allen Downing, her mother, Nora Downing, her husband, Harry Lee King, her son, Harry Jerome King (Tanya), and her siblings, Queenie Hammond, Diane Gordon, Anthony Downing, Roland Gordon, Michael Brown, Allen Downing and Richard Downing. She is survived by her son Larry Maurice King (Trinicia), her mother in law, Rebecca King and her siblings Ruby Downing, Deborah Gilchrist, Jackie Brown (Joanne), George Downing, Bruce Brown and Reginald Brown.

She is also survived by her five grandchildren: Harry King Jr. (Gladys), Ashley King, Joshua King (Juanita), LaBria King, and Landen King. Additionally, she leaves behind four great-grandchildren. Her extended family includes a cherished network of aunts, uncles, nieces, cousins, and nephews, who will honor her

THE LIFE CELEBRATION OF

Ardenia
MARIE KING

PROCESSIONAL
Music Playing

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 23

SONG
“Amazing Grace”

SILENT READING OF OBITUARY

MEMORIAL VIDEO

WORDS OF EXPRESSION
Two Minutes, Please
Family and Friends

SONG
“I Won’t Complain”

EULOGY

RECESSIONAL
“Going Up Yonder”

INTERMENT

Three thousand miles could never part
The bond of this beloved heart.
From east coast shores to the desert glow,
You were the light we were proud to know.
Sophisticated, funny, and bold,
With a million-dollar smile and a heart of gold.
Dressed in the jewels you loved to wear,
But your kindness was the gem most rare.
We looked up to you through all the years,
The brightest spirit through the tears.
Though you’ve found your rest in a far-off place,
We’ll always carry your light and grace.
We Love you, Your family



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Arcenia Marie King would like to express our sincere appreciation, and gratitude, for your thoughts, outpouring of love, acts of kindness and prayers we received during this exceedingly difficult time.

Thank you so much!



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