



HONORARY PALLBEARERS
 Charles D. King • James Merriweather Jr.
 James Merriweather III • Aaron Sanders
 Leroy Price Jr. • Benjamin Hooks
 Kenneth Hall

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The family of Loretta Louise King would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the kindness, compassion, and support shown during this time of loss. Your thoughtful messages, cards, prayers, flowers, and comforting presence have meant more to us than words can express. Each gesture of sympathy has brought strength and reassurance, reminding us that we are surrounded by care and love.

*With sincere appreciation and gratitude,
 ~The King and Lawless Families*

FINAL RESTING PLACE:
 Kansas Veterans' Cemetery
 1208 N. College St. - Winfield, KS 67156



ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO



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Obituary

Loretta Louise King was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 12, 1942, to the loving parents of James Merriweather Sr. and Mary L. Merriweather. Growing up, she loved to play with her older brother, James Merriweather Jr. She accepted Christ at a young age and attended First Baptist Church of Mountain Park. She loved visiting her aunts and grandmother on their family farm. She graduated from Immaculate Catholic High School in 1959 and then attended Booker T. Washington Business School in Birmingham, Alabama.

At just 19, she set her sights on the West and moved to San Francisco, California. During her time in San Francisco, she met her loving husband, Charles King, and they were wed on May 12, 1962. Together they had two children, Charles Derrick and Carla Renee. Loretta had a love for singing and was a member of the choir at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Later, she joined Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, where she was able to pour into her passions by being the Youth Director and Choir Director while also being a member of the Adult Choir. During this time in 1976, she opened Loretta King Daycare in San Francisco, California. She was proud of her childcare program that highlighted homemade meals, a preschool learning curriculum, and several special field trips, including the parks and beaches. She poured countless hours of time and effort into her business, which led to it being a premier daycare in the city. The daycare association would use her site to train and educate other providers on best practices. She went on to graduate from San Francisco City College in 1985 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. With her children, Charles Derrick and Carla Renee, she supported all of their passions and kept them involved in several activities, including football and piano lessons.

Once she retired in California, she decided to move to Wichita, Kansas, to be closer to her three granddaughters, Dolce, Catherine, and Jovan. During her time in Wichita, she reopened Loretta King's Daycare, continued working with children, and attended Saint Mark United Methodist Church. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren grow up, taught them how to cook and many life lessons, and ensured they knew about their black history! She was so full of life and always made sure those around her stayed filled with her delicious food! She touched so many children's lives and believed in giving kids a headstart in life by focusing on education and the cultures of the world. She had an amazing fashion sense and loved spoiling her granddaughters with shopping trips and teaching them the importance of taking care of themselves. She mastered any challenge that came her way and focused on health and wealth by walking daily and eating Whole Foods! She will be missed and remembered for always making you laugh and feeling love in her presence.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her son, Charles D. King of Dixon, CA (Sherry); her daughter, Carla Lawless of Wichita, KS; her brother, James Merriweather Jr. of Los Angeles, CA (Cleo); her granddaughters, Dolce Sanders (Aaron), Jovan Hooks (Benjamin), Catherine Lawless; her great-grandson, Braxton Hooks; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends.

FUNERAL SERVICE
Friday, September 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Jackson Mortuary Chapel
1125 E. 13th St. – Wichita, Kansas 67214

BURIAL
Friday, September 25, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Winfield Veterans Cemetery
1208 N. College St. – Winfield, Kansas 67156



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Remarks Pastor Ronda Kingwood
Scripture Reading Pastor Yolanda White-Oliver
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
Prayer Pastor Ronda Kingwood
Song: "How Great Thou Art" Trina Jones
Acknowledgments Brooke Burrough
Family Remarks: Dolce, Catherine, and Jovan (Granddaughters)
Video Presentation
Song: "My Redeemer Lives" Austin Renfroe & Mitchelene Thomas
Eulogy Pastor Ronda Kingwood
Recessional



Precious Memories