



# Hugh Aly King Jr.

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## **Hugh Aly King Jr.**

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**H**ugh Aly King, Jr. passed away peacefully on January 12, 2026, at the age of 89.

Hugh is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dianne Rance King; his daughters Gail King Berntson (Eric) and Linda King Millen; his “bonus” son, Joseph McConnell Farley II (Ginny); his younger brother, William Hendrix King (Nita); and grandchildren, Cole Matthew Dubret, Olivia Anne Berntson, Andrew Ross Berntson, Benjamin Wallace Berntson, Joseph McConnell Farley, III, Virginia Farley Smith (Will).

Hugh was preceded in death by his parents, Ercell Weems King and Hugh Aly King, Sr.; his beloved daughter, Susan Elizabeth Weems King; and his son-in-law Eric Bryan Millen.

Born in Lake Providence, Louisiana on June 18, 1936, Hugh was a proud resident of Alexandria, Louisiana for over 25 years and Mandeville, Louisiana for the next 25 years. He graduated from Lake Providence High School in 1954. After high school he attended Louisiana Tech University and earned a B.S. degree. He graduated from LSU School of Medicine, New Orleans in 1961 and completed his General Practice residency at Lafayette Charity Hospital, Lafayette, LA in 1963. Hugh proudly served in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Antarctica and then Pensacola, FL where he met his dear sweet wife on a blind date. Hugh and Dianne returned to New Orleans where he completed a residency in psychiatry at LSU Medical School, New Orleans. His professional career as a psychiatrist extended from 1968 to 2016 where he served many at Central Louisiana State Hospital, Charity Hospital, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Pineville, LA, and numerous mental health clinics throughout the state of Louisiana.

Hugh’s passion for helping and serving others extended beyond his professional career. He dedicated his adult life to assisting others, serving as a mentor to those in need.

He enjoyed watching LSU and Saints football with his cats. He was an avid reader, golfer, and exerciser as well as a detailed note taker, using 3x5 cards to the fullest extent possible. He enjoyed



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the ministry of music and sang in his Church choir as a bass for 25 years. However, his true passion was spending time with his loving family and friends. Hugh was unique and irreplaceable, well respected and liked. Hugh's favorite saying "I'll leave it with ya" is fitting for those who knew and loved him and will surely miss him.

The King family expresses their deepest gratitude to the outstanding care provided by Christwood Skilled Nursing facility and St. Tammany Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Hugh A. King, Jr. to the Music Ministry at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mandeville, Louisiana.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at 10:30, Saturday, January 24, 2026 at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 W Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA. Interment will take place immediately following the service at St. Joseph's Abbey, 75376 River Road, Saint Benedict, LA.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. Please sign the guestbook at <https://www.ejfieldingfh.com>.




# Events


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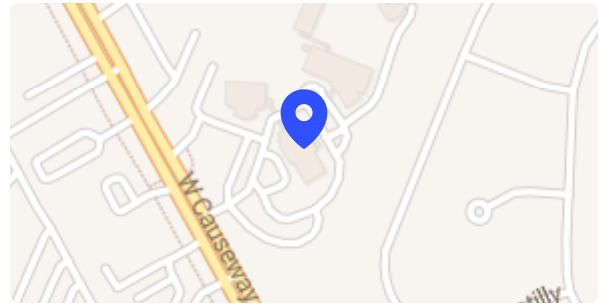
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## Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, January 24, 2026


 10:30 AM CT

 **Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church**  
1501 W Causeway Approach, Mandeville LA  
70471




## Interment

 **Saturday**, January 24, 2026

 **St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**  
75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA



## Cemetery Details

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**Nolan Barrios** posted:

Hugh was a great inspiration for me in the AA program and because I was a Navy Veteran like he was, we became more than friends and I was sorry to hear a month later that he passed away.

Nolan Barrios 🙏♂️ 🙏♂️ 🙏♂️

February 18 at 8:40 PM



**Lee Anne, Kristi, Sheena, And Sonya** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the King family.



January 23 at 1:56 PM



**The Romeos** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the King family.



January 22 at 4:49 PM



**Smita Prasad** posted:

I met Hugh at my first IDAA meeting. He was a huge inspiration to me & my sobriety! Hugh & Ms. Dianne are like my "recovery" parents. I have been blessed to spend a Christmas with them. They have always supported me in all my affairs & endeavors. I will always remember Hugh's little uplifting comments on my Facebook posts & the daily recovery emails that were so instrumental to me in my early sobriety. ❤️

January 20 at 9:58 AM



**Smita P.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hugh.



January 20 at 9:55 AM



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**Mary Hammons** sent a virtual gift in honor of Hugh.

I did not know Dr King but I know his daughter. Gail Berntson is a kind, caring and wise physician. From reading Dr King's memorials - it is clear Gail learned these wonderful attributes from her amazing Dad. Prayers for the family. Mary Hammons

January 19 at 3:00 PM



MH

**Mary H.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hugh.

January 19 at 2:50 PM



**Ezekiel Melquist** sent a virtual gift in honor of Hugh.

What a lived life, he put so much into that - symbol of our time here. A cherished memory is having lunch with him at the airport on our way out of Knoxville. He frequently closed his emails with " if hasn't anyone told you today that they love you, let me be the first."

January 17 at 8:06 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the King family.

January 16 at 3:10 PM



CD

**Cary Duncan** lit a candle in honor of Hugh.

Praying for your family. God bless.

January 16 at 11:00 AM



LS

**Lalainia S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hugh.

January 16 at 10:57 AM





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**Alexander M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hugh.



January 16 at 10:50 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Hugh by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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