



Jill Susan King

February 9, 1948 - August 24, 2024

Jill Susan (Featherstone) King, 76, of Sarasota, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on Friday morning, August 24, 2024. She was born on February 9, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois, to James Robson Featherstone and Jean (Curtis) Featherstone, and she was their second of three children.

As the daughter of an immigrant father from England, she grew up with many traditional English customs taught to her by both her mother and father. Her father being a big band leader in Chicago in the 1930s–1940s, Jill was involved in the entertainment world as a child model. She graduated from Main South High School in Park Ridge in 1966, and in the late 1960s worked with the Congress On Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.). For most of her career, Jill was a professional interior designer, working predominantly in the San Francisco Bay area of California, as well as in Dayton, Ohio, and in Sarasota. Throughout her career, she also regularly wrote articles on interior design for the local newspapers where she lived.

She was known for her outgoing personality, self-sacrificial spirit, and steadfast perseverance through many trials throughout her life, including her contraction of polio when she was a child, resulting in her having a bad back all of her life. She was a tremendous cook, pianist, painter (with watercolor), and entrepreneur. Whenever the need arose, she would start a business to help make ends meet for her family. In whatever situation she was, she would always be the first one to serve and help, to make someone feel welcome, and to defend and stand up for the defenseless and hurting.

Jill was the mother of three children, with her former husband Roy Ned Parsons (1924–1992), and the loving grandmother of six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her younger brother and sister-in-law, John and Linda Featherstone. Having recently been widowed by her husband of thirty-five years, Robert Lee King, she leaves behind her older sister Joyce Nash (Ron), children Burk Hiram Parsons (Amber), Margaret Blair Garner (Andrew), and Callie Brooke Parsons (Corey), and grandchildren Claire, Elizabeth, and Everett Parsons and Maggie, Jane, and Andrew “Drew” Garner, as well as her loving nephew, Chris Nash, and niece, Abigail (Featherstone) King.

There will be a memorial service on August 27th 2024 at Bethel Mennonite Church in Sarasota at 11:30am.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.MFHcares.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church
2985 Bethel Lane
Sarasota, FL 34240

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Blair and King Family, just found this online. So sorry to hear. A snow day in Kentucky, a day off work. Thinking of happy memories and old friends. Jill was a burst of energy. My goodness, she thought me to hit the ol' boys at the VFW up for money for the Sarasota Middle School 4-H program! She could make something out of nothing, and turn an empty week into a full and productive life. What a wonderful person. Thanks for the memories! RIP Jill King Sincerely, Carolyn, Steve, Emily, Jessica Roehrig

Carolyn Woodard Roehrig - January 28 at 03:24 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jill Susan King.



August 26, 2024 at 07:50 PM

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“ Chris Walters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jill Susan King.



Chris Walters - August 26, 2024 at 05:02 PM

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“ *Jill and I served together in student ministry for several years. She was so kind and thoughtful. She loved her family fiercely. She will be greatly missed.*

Teresa Colson - August 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

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“ *We have such fun memories of times together with Jill and Bob, playing games, going to church functions. Jill was so much fun to be around, and always with a hug and a smile. Our condolences to the family. Craig & Laurie McAllister*

Craig and Laurie McAllister - August 26, 2024 at 10:29 AM