



## Mr. Roosevelt King, Sr.

April 15, 1936 - February 26, 2017

Roosevelt was born April 15, 1936 to the late Evelyn Simmons and Walter King in Wadley, GA.

At an early age, he joined Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Winter Park, FL under the leadership of Rev. K. S. Wilson. He later became a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. In later years he and his late wife joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando, FL.

Roosevelt attended Hannibal Elementary School and graduated from Hungerford High School, class of 1956. During his tenure at Hungerford, he excelled at football under the late Coach Clark and basketball under Coach Charles Miller. He was recognized as Most Valuable Athlete in the State of Florida for the class of '56 and after High school he attended South Carolina State College with a scholarship to play football and basketball.

In 1959 he was drafted into the US Army and served his first tour of duty. He received the opportunity to play professional football with the Boston Patriots and during the training camp, he was called back into service because of the "Cuban Missile Crisis". He served as Chief of Police for the Town of Eatonville for several years under the leadership of Mayor Nathaniel Vereen. Roosevelt was self-employed for many years as a drywall and ceiling contractor until his retirement years.

As a young man Roosevelt was united in marriage to Vera Pitts King. To this union four children were born. He later married Katherine Ross King who preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing- sons: Roosevelt, Jr. (Georgia), Noland Sr. (Angela) and Todd (Tammy), Orlando; daughter: LaKia Church (Kervin) Georgia; siblings: Lester (Lillian) and Burnestine (Jack); grandchildren: Shara, Tonnier, LaTosha, Heath (Jamie), Michael, N. Christopher Jr., Ryan, Scott, Brittany and Gabrielle; goddaughter: Donna Carter and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Baptist Church  
30 N. Fred L. Maxwell Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32805

## Florida National Cemetery Burial

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Roosevelt King, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *We only meet once there will always be a empty place in my heart that never was filled while you were living..i regret to hear of your passing R.I.P Love your Daughter Ashley Woods*



**Ashley Woods** - March 06, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Seays and family members, my prayers are with you doing the passing of your brother ,Mr. King.*

*Mary Maxwell*

**Mary Maxwell** - March 04, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Roosevelt King, Sr..*



March 02, 2017 at 07:15 AM