



Vincent Mervin King

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Big Rapids - Dr. Vincent M. King, 80, of Big Rapids, passed away Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital.

He was born March 23, 1942, in Charlotte, the son of H. Ivan and Winifred (Sanford) King, and graduated from Charlotte High School in 1959. Vincent attended Central Michigan University for his pre-optometry degree, and earned his PhD in Optometry from The Ohio State University.

For several years, Dr. King taught at the Pennsylvania School of Optometry. In 1975, he moved to Big Rapids, and was one of the original three professors to begin instructing at the newly created Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. His passion for teaching continued after his retirement in 2002, by guiding his children and grandchildren into lifelong learning. In his spare time, Dr. King enjoyed camping and flying model airplanes, and later in life he took up golfing.

On September 2, 1961, he married Shirley Ann Miller, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Steve (Luella) of Big Rapids, and Kevin (Cheryl) of Oxford; four grandchildren, Brianna, Marissa (Mary), Alexander, and Christopher; two great-grandchildren, Ellery and Jude; his brother Thomas (Sharon); and several nieces and nephews. Dr. King was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Ivan, Richard, and Robert.

Private family services will take place at this time, and his remains will be laid to rest in the Pine Plains Cemetery in Big Rapids. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Michigan College of Optometry. Care and arrangements are entrusted to the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Share a memory or express condolences at mohnkefuneralhome.com



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M

Marie Walters lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

You will always be loved...

November 18 at 10:54 AM



SM

Sarah Montgomery posted:

Sending our condolences to the family of Vince King from the Colladay family. Vince was a close friend of my our dad, Tom. When we heard of his passing we were so saddened by the news. He will be missed.

October 18 at 8:00 PM

NK

Nancy Peterson-Klein posted:

Like so many of Dr. King's past students and colleagues, I will miss him for his ability to bring understanding to the science of vision and color vision. He too helped me when I was a student at Ohio State School of Optometry to appreciate physiological

October 17 at 8:00 PM

MS

Mark Swan lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

Dr. King was one of my instructors, but I remember him best as a colleague who welcomed me back to MCO as a young faculty. He shared his notes and slides and was always willing to answer questions and get me back on track. He was always in a good mood and

October 16 at 8:00 PM



DA

Dan Adams posted:

Dr. King was truly a guiding light for me as I struggled during my first year of optometry school. His reassurances that I would be fine helped me to keep trying. I wish I had thanked him for all his assistance. He will truly be missed by his optometric

October 16 at 8:00 PM



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John P Hemming posted:

Assessment of the Visual Stimulus! This class was over our heads. Dr. King continued to patiently instruct in class and demonstrate in lab. Somewhere along the line it "clicked." We we're happy. I'm sure Dr. King was happier. Dr. King was one of 3 initia

October 16 at 8:00 PM



Bob Carter posted:

I was one of the other 2 faculty members who started the Michigan College of Optometry in 1975. We were colleagues until he retired in 2002. Although we lost touch since his retirement, he was a great friend and colleague. We shared some troubling time

October 14 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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