Larry Gordon King Sr.

Larry Gordon King Sr. was born on Jan. 23, 1934, in Westlake, La. 
Surrounded by loving family, he bid a peaceful farewell as he was called home to be with the Lord on June 3, 2019, after battling a lengthy illness. He was a loyal 
and faithful member of Houston River Baptist Church. He was 
preceded in death by his parents, George and Katie King; his siblings, Vera Koontz, Ed, Chester (Ched), Lester (Tubby), Dean, Harold 
(Tex), and Robert King, and Viv Morgan; his first wife and mother of his children, Shirley L. King; his second wife, Myrtle M. King; and a 
grandson, Lance Daniel King. He was the last remaining survivor of George and Katie King.

Larry met and married his high school sweetheart, Shirley L. King, on June 26, 1954. He is survived by their four children, Gordon 
(Katherine) King, Gary (Rhonda) King, Gyn (Sharon) King, Deborah (Gary) Coppes. Shirley passed away in 1981.

He later married Myrtle Abdala in 1984. He is survived by her children, Julia (Harry) Henry and Cathy (Ross) Trahan. Myrtle passed away 
in 2008.

“PawPaw King” is also survived by his loving grandchildren, Lauren King, Abby Bourgeois, Katie Welch, Cody King, Clayton King, 
Christopher King, Darren King, Leslie Hind, Carl Coppes, Garrett Coppes, Lelin Frey, Landon Henry, Shayna Istrate and Colton Trahan; along with 18 great-grandchildren with 3 more expected soon.

Larry was a graduate of Sulphur High School, Class of 1953. Immediately following graduation he served in the Louisiana National Guard 
for 8 years. He retired from Cit-Con after working 34 years, most of which was at the Duo-Sol Unit and retired as a Shift Supervisor.

Larry loved to deer hunt at Possum Bayou Hunting Camp, follow his quail dogs, white perch fishing off his wheel at Burdick’s Lake. His 
greatest joys were to cook, play dominos, and spend time with his family and friends around the coffee table. For many years, he was 
very active in coaching Ward Four Recreation sports — including football, basketball and baseball — where many young athletes grew to 
love and respect him. Beyond his coaching years, he was an avid sports spectator — watching countless kids on their “field of dreams,” 
as not only their cheerleader, but also their very own “PawPaw King.” He was an accomplished gardener who loved to share his bountiful 
harvest with others — He Never Met a Stranger! Larry will be greatly missed by his friends of over 75 years. “Houston River Buddies,” 
Harry Montgomery, Bill Managan and Bob Loomis.

There was absolutely nothing more important to him than family and friends, and he spent his lifetime building that legacy. While he will 
be painfully missed, his memory and legacy will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know and love Larry.

A Celebration of Larry’s life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 6, 2019, in Houston River Baptist Church. The Rev. Lonnie Gothrop will 
officiate. Burial will follow in Mimosa Pines Cemetery of Carlyss, under the direction of Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Visitation 
will be from 3-6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the church and resume at 12:30 p.m. until time of service Thursday.

Words of comfort and memories may be shared with the family at www.hixsonfuneralhomes.com.