



## George E. King

March 18, 1935 - May 18, 2023

George King's epic adventure began on March 18th, 1935 in Pueblo, Colorado as the second of four children (brother of Bob, Arlene, and William). George's childhood built him into a self-made force that conquered and never surrendered – no matter the odds. To know him, even for a moment, was an unforgettable experience. For those lucky enough to love him, we were always in for the rides of our lives. George made his own way as a young teenager on the rodeo circuit riding broncos in Hollywood, Oregon. Whether a bronco, a mustang, a racing stallion, or a steel horse – he never met one wilder than him. He started his family young with his oldest son Bill arriving just before his 20th birthday, followed by daughters Debbie and Carol. Bill recalls his dad bringing home the other legendary George (Jones) of country music fame to sleep one off on the family sofa. Never one to judge, or to be judged, his legend is full of death-defying feats – no bullets, knives, speed boats, hot rods, or wild horses could drag him away. We never heard him go a day without proclaiming, "ROCK AND F\*\*\*\*\* ROLL!" all the way through his 88 years. George never met something that was more than he could handle. Even 202 miles an hour with his grandson was just not fast enough! The King Pin touched the lives of many as the only watering hole/bowling alley for miles for decades on 71 (now I49) south of Kansas City. His legend is full of love and loss, triumphs, and comebacks – all to live to build one more business, one more memory, thrown one more party. All of those one-mores add up to being the King; the legend that lives on through his kids, his grandkids, great

grandkids, great-great grandkids, and the love of his life (aka “best boat b\*\*\*\*”), Kristy Keeble.

George was preceded in death by sons-in-law Craig Brooks and Larry Arnold; mother of his children Alice King, sister Arlene Miller, brother Bob King, grandsons Brandon Arnold and Travis Arnold. George is survived by the love of his life, Kristy Keeble; brother William King; son William (Bill) King; daughters Debbie Arnold, and Carol King; grandchildren Misty Dyer (Kenny), Ryan Breit, Melissa Boyd (Daniel), Mandy Brooks, Stephanie Hilton (Andy), Jeremy Brooks, and Ashli West. Great grandchildren, Jacob Dyer (Devon), Jacoby Bogard, Aidan Freeman, Destinee Shehan, Tyler Dyer, Cole Hilton, EJ Parscale, Chase Hilton, DC Parscale, Lana Breit, Emma Hilton, Akayla West, Kynzlee West, Landon West, and Adele Boyd; great-great grandchildren Brandon Dyer, Levi Dyer, Quinley Dyer, and Juliet Dyer; the Keeble and Haas families who are honorary family.

George’s journey on this earth ended surrounded by his loving family and his loyal love, Kristy on May 18, 2023. To his last day, George was full of surprises, and he lives on through our stories of his legendary life. In lieu of flowers and tears, take George’s advice: take a boat ride and keep on hummin’!

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 25th from 2pm-4pm Central at Mi Ranchito (formerly the King Pin) at 17207 US Hwy 71, Belton, MO 64012. Please bring your favorite story about the Man, the Myth, the Legend, George King.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kristy, I'm so sorry to hear of George's passing. I still remember the first day you introduced him to me at the King Pin. And the many memories that followed at the Lake. Always remember love has no boundaries and he will be forever with you as you continue on with your life. I'm always a phone call away & you know if I need to come to the Lake just holler. Love you my longtime friend ((hugs))*

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**Janice Jones** - June 25, 2023 at 10:11 AM

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“ *Kristi  
Doc and I are sorry to hear about George's death! You are in our thoughts  
Doc & Patty Shemwell*

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**Dr Robert R Shemwell** - May 31, 2023 at 03:24 PM