



## James "Jim" Quinten King

September 30, 1929 - February 17, 2010

James Q. King, born September 30, 1929 in Seattle, Washington, was the second of three children of James E. and Eulalie M. King. His parents and two sisters, Frances and Carole, as well as his step-brother, Bill Monger, preceded him death. He grew up in the north end of Seattle, Washington and attended Lincoln High School. In 1946, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and served two years. One of the rare people who didn't go to work for Boeing during the era, he worked as an auto mechanic until entering the Seattle Fire Department in 1950. He earned promotions through the years to Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and Deputy Chief, and was Assistant Chief of the Department at the time he was retired in 1975, due to cardiovascular disease. He had the rare opportunity to serve in all divisions of the Department; administration, combat, alarm, fire prevention, and training, as well as being part of the creation of the Medic One Program. While still active, he was elected as the first president of the SFD Officers Association, formed to address the concerns of the various supervisory ranks within the Department. Upon retirement, he joined the Retired Firefighters of Washington. Elected president of the RFFOW in 1991, he served almost ten years, working with members of the fire service throughout the State of Washington. Contact with state officials and legislators, plus service as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Department of Retirement Systems kept him active throughout the 90's.

As a member of the Seattle Retired Firefighters' Travel Club, and with a career army officer for a son, he and Betty had many opportunities to travel and see the marvels of this country, as well as exciting foreign lands. Jim was also a member of the Doric Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Maltese Club of Masonic Firefighters.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Betty (Mary Elizabeth Yatsunoff); son, Dion Joseph; daughter-in-law, Noreen and three grandchildren, Jamie Marie, Jacob Joseph and Joshua Michael. Jim is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He marveled often, in his senior years, at the rare good fortune of having a beautiful family, a great career and a life that made each and every day such a remarkable pleasure for him. In addition to Jim's funeral service in Michigan, a memorial service will be held in Seattle, Washington at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dion,*

*We are so sorry about your dad. Mary has heard all the old stories about Schofield Barracks, including those of your parents visiting. When we went to Honolulu for our 1st anniversary; I took her to the quad. Doesn't have the same character, but will remain a time I will always remember.*

*On a lighter note, Adam is doing fine at 10th mountain. Up to his butt in snow, but is enjoying it. He leaves April 1 on his first deployment. Life remains quiet in Lumberton.*

*Take care. If there is anything you or Noreen need all you have to do is pick up the phone.*

*Chris##imported-begin##Chris and Mary Courtney##imported-end##*

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February 25, 2010 at 08:13 AM



“ *WHEN YOU MOVED TO WALTONWOD IT WAS OUR GOOD FORTUNE TO MEET FELLOW HOLIDAY RAMBLER CAMPERS. WE ENJOYED THE SECOND SERVING DINNERS WE HAD WITH YOU.*

*BETTY WE ARE SO SORRY.*

*FONDLY ELAINE##imported-begin##JOE AND ELAINE EWING##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2010 at 11:18 AM



“ Dear Friends, we are so sad to hear of Jim's passing. We hope that time, God's Grace and great memories will help you through this difficult time. Dion, you look a lot like your dad and the tribute that was written here was a beautiful summary of a no doubt, wonderful man.

We send you our love & prayers###imported-begin##Scott, Mare & Miranda Smith###imported-end##

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February 22, 2010 at 10:20 AM



“ Auntie Betty,  
Sharing in your sorrow...although words cannot begin to ease the sorrow of your loss. Please know that you are in the prayers of so many who care.

with love,  
Annette, Tom, Thomas and Christina###imported-begin##Annette Dougherty###imported-end##

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February 20, 2010 at 11:23 PM



“ I had the good fortune of knowing Jim. I helped him with computer issues over the years and appreciated his humor. My best and warmest wishes go out to Betty. I'll look forward to visiting with him again in 30 or 40 Years. Semper Fi!###imported-begin##David Dewey###imported-end##

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February 20, 2010 at 01:27 PM



“ Aunt Betty, Dion, Noreen and Family,  
Our love is with you...God bless you.  
Wayne, Jane, Jess & Dan Burke##imported-begin##Jane  
Burke##imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 11:30 PM



“ Betty and family,

*Our thoughts are with you. We will miss Jim very much. As you all know, he was a very special person and a very special friend. He was an important person for a long time in the RFFOW and SRFFTC too and did a lot for both organizations.*

*Betty, take care of yourself. We miss you too!*

*With love, Ken and Audrey##imported-begin##Ken and Audrey  
Sharp##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 08:30 PM



“ To the King Family -- Our thoughts are with you for your loss of beloved husband, father, and grandfather as well as all that he meant to you and the community. His service to his country and community will live beyond him. Neither Mark nor I can be there in person, but we are with you in spirit.##imported-begin##Colonel Cindy Bedell##imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 07:18 PM



“ We will miss Jim he was a good friend and neighbor. Our condolences to Betty##imported-begin##Don & Fern Thompson##imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ Dion, Noreen, Jamie, Jake and Josh, Our thoughts and prayers are with you!##imported-begin##The Schumitz Family##imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 03:40 PM



“ COL King -

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family on the loss of a beloved father. A man of service to his country in many ways - his legacy will live on through those he touched throughout his life, and through his family.##imported-begin##Valerie Edwards##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 02:16 PM



“ We are so very saddened by Jim's passing, but do feel honored to have known him and had him as a dear friend. He was an exceptional man, bright, intelligent and above all, so very caring. I'll miss him checking my spelling and grammar, but will always spell and pronounce February correctly!! That word was a pet peeve of his when the first "r" was dropped. Our love to Betty, we miss her.##imported-begin##George and Margaret Artim##imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ Col King

*My prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. God's word says that He will comfort those who mourn; therefore, mourn if you must, but rest assured that this too shall pass. God is faithful and keeps watch over His word. His word will do just what He said it would.*

*In Sympathy and Prayer*

*Juanita##imported-begin##Juanita Williams##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 01:40 PM



“ Dion,

*Condolances on the lost of your father. Our prayers go with him and all your family.*

*Nathan & Robin##imported-begin##Nathan Stephenson##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 01:29 PM



“ *Our most sincere sympathy is extended to Colonel Dion King and family for the passing of your beloved father and grandfather.*

*Our prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##NDIA Michigan Chapter##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 01:03 PM



“ Dear Betty,  
My prayers are with you! You know how much we all miss our FF  
get togethers! Know Jim is watching over you. Love to you and all  
your family. Gloria###imported-begin###gloria gray###imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 11:27 AM



“ Sir,  
We share in your loss. Obviously he was a dynamic person who  
affected many people in many good ways and will be missed.

Mike###imported-begin###Michael Schmotzer###imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 10:29 AM



“ Colonel King;

Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your father.  
My all of your memories of the wonderful time you had together be  
of comfort to you and your family.

God Bless You and Your Family.

Nancy Shelby

DCMA Detroit###imported-begin###Nancy Shelby###imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 10:26 AM



“ Uncle Jim was an amazing person, and will always remain in my  
heart.###imported-begin###Marie Doll###imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 03:16 AM



“ Remembering Uncle Jim's storytelling and jokes, time at the "Lake" and family Christmases at Grandma's.##imported-begin##Gay and Gary##imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 01:57 AM



“ My sweet, loving, and favorite Uncle Jim.  
May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace in Heaven.

*We will miss you.*

*Eternal Love, Aileen and Jay##imported-begin##Aileen (Anderson) Soden##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 01:12 AM