



**John Reed King, age 69, of Frazee, MN,
passed away unexpectedly at home on December 7, 2017.**

John was born June 4, 1948, in Detroit Lakes, MN, to Willman and Mary B. (Stutzman) King. John grew up in rural Detroit Lakes, where he attended Frazee High School, graduating with the class of 1966. Following high school, John attended vocational school where he studied boiler operations. John then went to work driving truck for the Daggett Truck Line before starting his own business, John's Mill and Logging which he owned and operated in Frazee for many years. John married Diane Oelfke April 5, 1975, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. The couple made their home in rural Detroit Lakes and raised two children: David and Janet.

John later purchased his own semi-truck and drove for Bergen's and Alex Bishop, which he continued to do until the time of his passing.

John kept immaculate gardens and he loved to share the produce he harvested each year. He was a great neighbor and enjoyed playing cards and visiting with his many friends. John loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events and was their biggest fan. John enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing and was also an avid wood worker. He served on the Height of Land Township board for more than 40 years. He was a faithful member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church where he enjoyed attending worship. John will be dearly missed by his many friends and his family.

John is survived by his wife, Diane King; children: David (Amy) King and their daughter, Sophie; and Janet (Dean) Mace and their children: Reed, Evan, and Karlee; siblings: Joe (Carol) King of Hayward, CA, Del King of Detroit Lakes, Rollie (Luann) King of Frazee, Tom (Sharon) King of Frazee, Rena (Burl) Buhr of Detroit Lakes, Marci (Li) Kuan of Corpus Christi, TX, and Michelle (Steve) Nordmark of Detroit Lakes; mother-in-law, Elaine Oelfke of Detroit Lakes; uncle, Rudy Stutzman of Fargo, ND; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jane (Pat) Gerdes of Detroit Lakes, Larry (Karen) Oelfke of Frazee, and Arlin Oelfke of Detroit Lakes, MN, Dan Oelfke of Frazee, Nancy (Tony) Stenger; Evie Fowler of Park Rapids; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding John in death were his parents, Willman and Mary King; brother, Mark King; father-in-law, William Oelfke; and nephew, Joshua Oelfke.

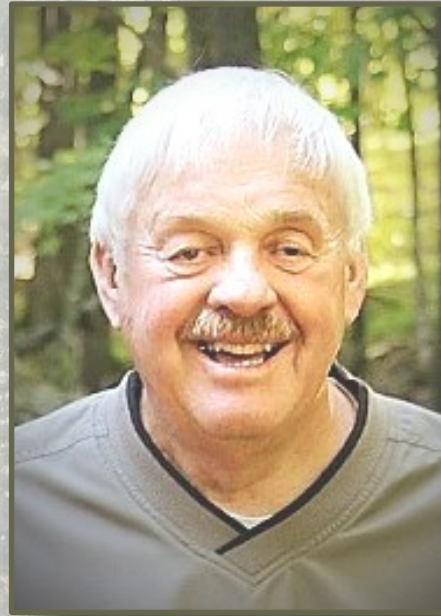
A Life
WELL-LIVED

John Reed King



*I farmed the land,
I tramped the wood.
These are the things I understood.
No grand schemes, they passed me by ...*

*I knew the lake,
the hills, the sky.
To hunt a deer, to wet a line,
Gifts from God,
so good and fine.
Friends and Kin, I loved them so,
altho I'm gone, I'm sure they know
I'm now at peace, life's battles done,
I've faced the foe and I have won.*



Date of Birth
June 4, 1948

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Date of Death
December 7, 2017

Funeral Service

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 ~ 11 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor John M. Johannes

Special Music

April Spaeth, *Accompanist*
"How Great Thou Art"
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
"Heaven Is My Home"

Interment

Mount Olive Lutheran Cemetery
Rural Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Casket Bearers

Joe King
Rollie King
Tom King
Del King
Kenny Erb
Larry Oelfke

Honorary Casket Bearers

Li Kuan
Tony Stenger
Pat Gerdes
Arlin Oelfke
Dan Oelfke
Burl Buhr
Steve Nordmark

