



John E. King, Jr.

October 19, 1945-July 6, 2020

John E. King, Jr. passed away at home in St. Michaels, Arizona on July 6, 2020 at the age of 75 from complications of Parkinson's disease after taking a fall. He leaves behind his cherished family and countless friends and colleagues who loved and admired him. John lived a full and productive life, was devoted to his family, and was always looking forward, helping others, making new friends, and enjoying life to the fullest.

Born in Peru, Indiana on October 19, 1945, John was the eldest of John and Bette King's five children. A graduate of Peru High School and Butler University in Indianapolis, John went on to earn an MBA from the University of Las Vegas. John was a proud veteran who served in the United States Air Force, as did his father and uncle. While stationed in Nevada, John's love affair with the American West was born.

John retired as the CEO of the St Michael's Clinic in St. Michaels, Arizona after ten years of service. His passion for healthcare and service to others led him to be recognized as a Certified Fundraising Executive by the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy

John was a motorcycle enthusiast who loved touring the country with his wife Ela Yazzie-King, who survives him. He participated regularly in the cross-county "Run For The Wall" (RFTW), joining many other riders in the annual journey to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. John volunteered extensively for the RFTW organization and served on its board of directors.

In addition to Ela, his loving wife of 41 years, John is survived by his daughter Jessica Yazzie-King and her husband, Alva Anglin, III, and their two children Syndal Anglin and Alvin Jaxson of Mesa, AZ. John and Ela's son, Michael Yazzie-King, died far too soon, in 2016, in a car crash. John is survived by Michael's two sons Aiden and Urijah of Glendale, AZ. Also surviving are his sisters, Judith King and Linda Nelson (Ken), and his brothers Jeffrey King (Pattie) and Douglas King (Tricia), as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. In addition to his son, Michael, John was preceded in death by his parents, John E. King, Sr. & Elizabeth L. (Newman) King.

A private burial was held, with arrangements entrusted to Silver Creek Mortuary (Tse Bonito, NM), and a memorial service will be planned for the spring of 2022. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that those considering a memorial donation might choose to benefit the scholarship established by John and Ela in memory of their son. The Michael G. Yazzie-King Scholarship Fund, which benefits Navajo youth who desire to pursue vocational training, is administered by Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives. Donations may be made through the Eve's Fund website, <https://evcrowellsfund.org>. Gifts by check should be made out to Eve's Fund and sent to Eve's Fund, PO Box 3592, Newport, RI 02840.