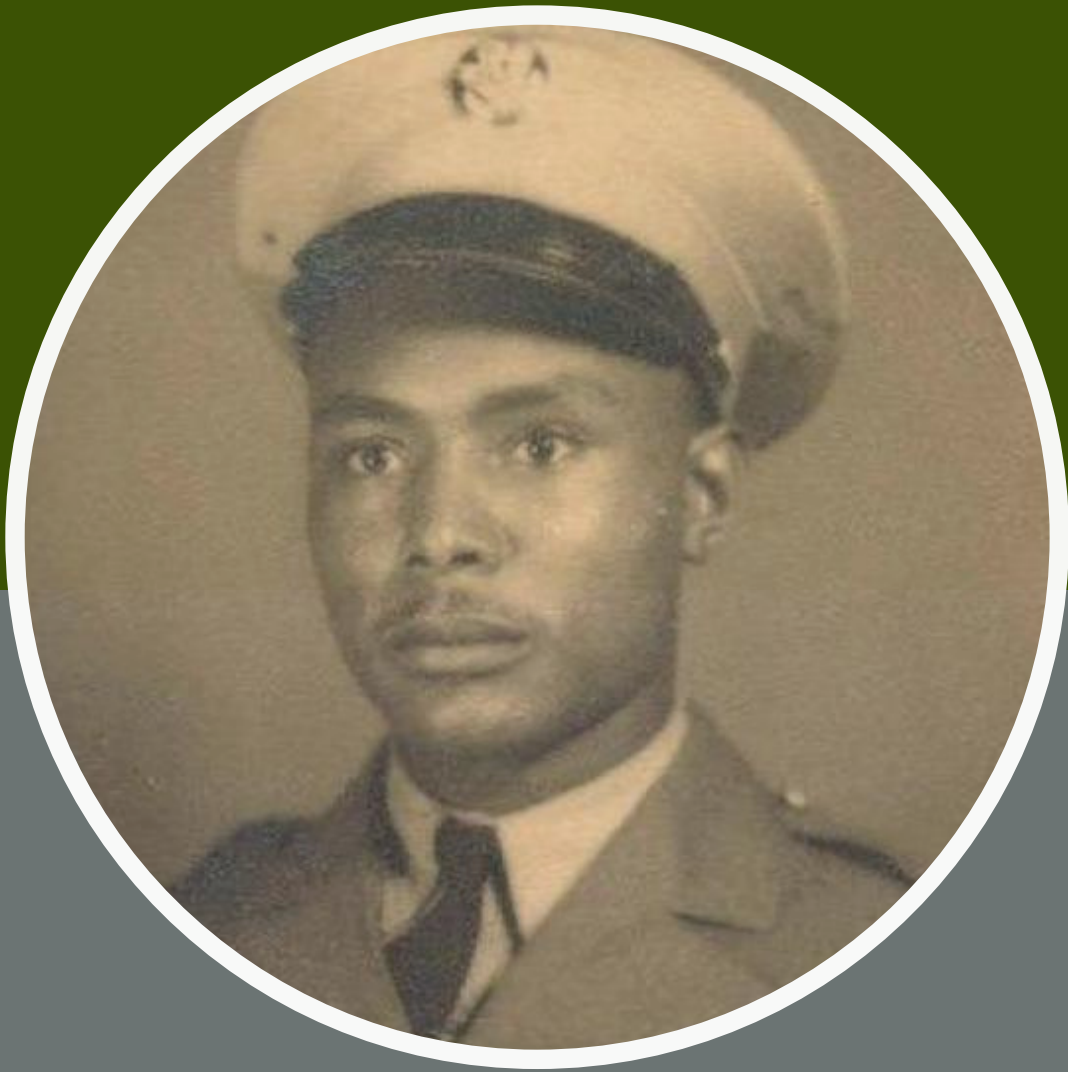




CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Mr. Ester James King

PFC Ester J. King, WWII Veteran

1920-2020

ROSEBORO CEMETERY

ROSEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 1:30PM

OFFICIANT: DR. BISHOP WILLIAM EARL JONES

JONES TABERNACLE, KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR

Mr. Ester James King

SCRIPTURE
OLD TESTAMENT

Mr. Bud Gilmore, Jr.
Community Leader

SCRIPTURE
NEW TESTAMENT

Miss Dariel McLean
Great Neice

PRAYER

Mr. Tex Howard
Cousin & Veteran

OBITUARY

Mrs. Querranda Royster-Herring
Niece-In-Law

REMARKS

Mrs. Ann Knowles, Director
Sampson County Veteran Services

VOCAL SOLO

Mr. Roberto(Peanut) Herring
Great Nephew & Caretaker

WORDS OF COMFORT

Dr. Bishop William Earl Jones
Former Pastor at Union Grove
Freewill Baptist Church

COMMITAL

Dr. Bishop William Earl Jones
Butler & Son Funeral Home

"The Family of Mr. Ester King appreciates each of you celebrating the life of our brother, uncle, cousin, devoted church member, neighbor, friend and military hero, with us. The family is eternally grateful for all acts of kindness and words of comfort. The family is grateful for Mrs. Ann Knowles for her commitment to Uncle Ester's well-being for over 40 years. Our sincere appreciation to the HEROES at Carrolton of Dunn Nursing Home in Dunn, NC for their care of Uncle Ester."

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OBITUARY FOR

Mr. Ester James King

Private First Class(PFC) Ester James King, affectionately known as “The Man on the Roof” peacefully departed this life, at the age of 100 years old, Monday, December 14, 2020 at The Carrolton of Dunn Nursing Home in Dunn, NC.

Ester James King was the oldest child born, May 21, 1920, in Sampson County to the late Needham(Ruben) and the late Bertha McLamb King. Ester was the oldest brother to 3 boys and 3 girls. He was preceded in death by his brother Reddie King and his sisters Rossie K. Herring and Lucille Darden. Ester received his education at the Keener School, in Sampson County from 1928-1933, leaving school in the fifth grade to start working in the fields.

PFC King was one of the oldest World War II Veterans in Sampson County, drafted in 1942 to serve in the United States Army. He served in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Dix, NJ, North Africa and Italy until 1945. PFC King proudly served in the United States Army's 907th Air Base Security. He was excited to share his experiences as a United States Army Soldier.

After serving his country, Ester married the love of his life, the late Alease Monk on November 12, 1946 and to this union Suella and James Starling were born, both who preceded him in death. Ester was a faithful member at Union Grove Freewill Baptist Church, Clinton, NC, sometimes walking on Sunday's down 701 Highway to attend church.

Ester became an entrepreneur as a skilled brick mason and carpenter. His skilled craftsmanship helped with building 5 major structures in Sampson County: his house on 701 Highway, the Newton Grove Post Office, the Sampson County Courthouse, Bethlehem Disciples of Christ Church and White Oak Disciples of Christ Church.

Ester leaves to cherish his memory: his sister - Mrs. Sudie Mae Darden of Randallstown, PA; two brothers - Mr. Silas King of Brentwood, NY and Mr. Mitchell King of Lawton, OK; his caretakers and nephew Mr. Anthony Herring(Alina) of Clinton, NC; great-nephew Mr. Roberto(Peanut) Herring of Clinton, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many community friends.

***"We will never forget Ester James King's favorite phrases,
"Good Gracious Alive!" & "Good God Almighty"***

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. ESTER J. KING

May 21, 1920 - December 14, 2020

PFC ESTER J. KING: 1942-1945
WORLD WAR II VETERAN

