

RICHARD HARTWELL KING



Richard Hartwell King, 81, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, April 20, 2024, at the Douglas Center for Caring in Jacksonville. He was born on August 28, 1942, in Jacksonville, to Sam H. and Florence T. King. He graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 - 1967. He was a police officer with the Jacksonville Police Department, which later became the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, retiring in 1989, following 25 years of service. He later was employed at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, retiring in 2005 as Chief of the jail. He was president of the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5-30 for several years. He was chairman of the first contract negotiations committee on behalf of the police officers employed by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. He was also a member of the first Honor Guard for the Jacksonville Police Department.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carol; daughter Laurie King; son David (Christi) King; grandchildren Travis (Katrina) Foures, Ashley (Lance) Hetz, Kaylie (Samuel) Higginbotham and Macayla King; great-grandchildren Kyra, Tyson and Trent Foures, Ethen, Camryn, Aubryn and Haylen Hetz and Chloe, Ava and Luke Higginbotham.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 25 at 11 a.m. at River Road Baptist Church in Hilliard prior to the funeral service at 12 p.m. with Pastor Benjie Loyd officiating and a special message from Pastor Stephen Peeples. Interment will be held Wednesday, May 1 at Jacksonville National Cemetery.