

# Willis King

## BORN

January 12, 1905

## ENTERED INTO REST

September 5, 2002

## AGE

97 years ~ 7 months ~ 25 days

## SERVICES

Saturday, September 14, 2002 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Ritchie Funeral Home  
Bedford, Iowa

## OFFICIATING

Pastor Ted DeHass

## MUSIC

Pianist & Vocalist ~ Martha Dukes

"In The Garden"

"Does Jesus Care"

## CASKETBEARERS

Frank King

Duane King

David King

Harold Beadel

Kenneth Ackley

Larry Hern

## INTERMENT

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa

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Willis Perry King was born January 12, 1905 on a farm near Blockton, Iowa, the son of Art King and Clara Frederick King. The family lived on several area farms. Willis attended grade school in Grant City, Missouri and graduated from Bedford High School in 1926. On October 23, 1930 he was united in marriage to Frances Stewart of Bedford in Troy, Kansas. The couple farmed at various places in Taylor County before making their home on a farm on the Ringgold-Taylor County line in 1940. In 1973 Willis and Frances retired to Shenandoah, Iowa where Frances died in 1982. Willis married Fern Overman on September 17, 1983 in Grant City, Missouri. They made their home first in Shenandoah, then moved to Blockton in 1984. Ill health forced them both to move to Clearview Home in Clearfield, Iowa in 1992 where Fern preceded him in death in 1999.

Willis was a member of the Christian Church. Willis was always very handy, and completely renovated the homes on the farm and in Shenandoah. While farming, Willis did carpentry work in the winter and continued to do carpentry work after moving to Shenandoah. He enjoyed woodworking and spent many hours upholstering, refinishing and rebuilding wooden furniture, making knick-knacks and refurbishing clocks. He enjoyed traveling to visit his family, see relatives and attend family reunions. Willis enjoyed the farm life and being outdoors.

Willis is survived by a son, Gary King and wife Carolyn of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Frank King and wife Opal of Bedford; three sisters, Bessie Reed of Russellville, Missouri; Mary Carson and husband Herb of Bedford, Iowa; and Doris Hopson of Sacramento, California; three grandchildren, Elinor King of Oxford, Iowa; John King of Havertown, PA; and Mary King Bradley and husband Michael of Jenkintown, PA; one great-granddaughter, Grace Kimes of Oxford, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

Willis was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Max and Ted; and five sisters, Oacle Mees, Opal Mees, Althea Larson, Evelyn Marley and Nina Coleson.