



## Oswald King WATCH VISITATION LIVE CLICK VIDEO TAB IN TRIBUTE

August 13, 1943 - June 22, 2019

Oswald King was born August 13, 1943 in Bentonia, Mississippi. He was the 7th child of 10, born to Cleveland Sr. and Lula King.

Growing up in the south coming from a big family he maintained his calm and quiet spirit, that stayed with him throughout his life. Oswald, as a child attended Old Concord Missionary Baptist Church where he was strongly influenced by Lula to serve on the Usher Board. He attended Yazoo City High School where he started his love for public transportation; as a school bus driver. After graduating in 1962 he moved to Long Island, New York moving in with his brother Eugene.

While living in New York, Oswald worked as a CNA at Kings County Hospital. Living in New York he met his beloved soulmate Emma Jane Washington. Marrying her on March 14, 1970 they started their life together welcoming a baby boy in January of 1971. In 1978 they packed up and moved cross country to Gary, IN where he was employed at Blawknex Steel Mill located in East Chicago.

Oswald knowing his wife's love for desiring a big family he opened his heart as well as his doors to the many children Emma brought through them. Never once denying them his love and raising them as his own unconditionally. He managed the family working hard as a janitor at Roosevelt High School and then working for Calumet Bus Service contracted by the Gary Community School Bus. Finally in 1995 he started working at the Gary Public Transportation Corporation where he retired at the ripe age of 70 in 2013.

Raising a family in Gary, Oswald and his wife's mission was to steer their children in the teachings of the Lord. Attending New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church where he served in many auxiliaries of the church such as: The Men's Chorus, Trustee Board, and custodial work. He made sure his boys not excluding the girls were by his side helping along the way. Oswald's love for children and youth was on display again when he took on the assignment of driving the church bus "The Danville Rooster", in which he took on the responsibility of picking up the kids of the church whether it was for choir rehearsal or a youth trip to Six Flag. In 2004 he joined Mission For Christ COGIC where his faith and personal relationship with God was strengthened. Still staying to his roots Oswald

immediately went to work without being asked in the janitorial ministry. While still serving in the janitorial ministry Oswald was appointed President of the Mens Department under the leadership of Bishop Charles E. Black.

Oswald was a faithful prayer warrior as he joined his wife and others for Morning Prayer on Tuesday - Friday. Bishop Black called him one of the two balances of the church. He worked as a Trustee and was always behind the scene ready to serve, always committed, never complaining and loving the house of God.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers: Eddie, Cleveland II, Eugene, Richard, and Louis. 2 sisters: Cora and Emily. 4 sisters-in-love: Helen, Lucretia, Irene and Mildred. 1 Daughter-in-love: Chrissy King. 2 grandchildren: Daniel and Lakala King and 1 honorary daughter: Theresa Burns.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 49 years Emma Jane King the love of his life. 6 sons: Anthony (Chrissy) King, Edward King, Cordell King, Deshalawn King, Andrew King, Rai-Jai King, and Isaiah King. 5 daughters: Nicole King, LaKeysha King, Monique (Quentin) Lewis, Jalisha King, and Ashley King. 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. 3 honorary grandsons and 3 honorary great grandchildren. 2 brothers John Henry(Mary) King Sr. and Robert Lee King Sr. 3 sis-in-love: Sharon King, Lelia(David) Denard, Willie Mae Chandler. A host of nieces, nephews, family and friends that he loved and cherished.

# Cemetery

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## Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery

3815 West 39th Avenue

Hobart, IN, 46342

# Events

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**JUN 30** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Smith Bizzell & Warner Chapel  
4209 Grant Street, Gary, IN, US

**JUL 1** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Mission for Christ Church of God in Christ  
3101 W. 41st Ave., Gary, IN, US, 46408

# Comments

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**Smith, Bizzell, and Warner Funeral Home** - June 27 at 05:57 PM