



Pat King

March 13, 1978 - September 21, 2023

PATRICK MICHAEL KING, AGE 45

Fell asleep Thursday evening September 21, 2023. He was a graduate of Bowling Green High School Class of 1996, where he played on the Buccaneer basketball team. Pat competed with his teammates in the playoffs many times and was voted All-Tournament, All-District and an All-Star on several occasions. His #5 Jersey was retired by the school and hangs honorably in the school gymnasium. Post-high school, he played basketball at Mississippi College and kept his love of basketball for his entire life. Pat soon began a coaching career that lasted for over 20 years at Bowling Green School, Oak Forest Academy and most recently with Pontchartrain Christian Athletics. As the leader of the Lady Bucs and Buccaneers, Coach Pat led the teams to numerous playoff seasons, South State Championships, State Finals appearances and a State Championship in 2013 for the Lady Buccaneers. The lessons learned and memories shared amongst the countless young people he coached will live on forever. Throughout all of Pat's accomplishments in athletics, his goal was to glorify God and point everyone he taught, coached, and led, to his savior Jesus Christ.

For the last 8 years, Pat has lived his life for the Glory of God and the sake of the Gospel, including a call to ministry, which he faithfully did until his last days on Earth. Along with others, he established Grace Heritage Baptist Church in

Franklinton in the summer of 2020, serving as pastor, and his Christian legacy will continue to thrive amongst his beloved church family. His love for his savior Jesus Christ shined through a competitive yet humble spirit that allowed him to mentor countless young men and women into adulthood. Pat will forever be remembered as a loving father, husband, son, brother and friend to so many and he will be sadly missed by all that knew him. A thorough expositor of God's Word, at the beginning of his pastorate at GHBC Pat preached 25 sermons on the Attributes of God, and most recently preached 50 sermons through the book of 1 Corinthians. Providentially, Pat's last sermon was on 1 Cor. 15:3-11. This is the Gospel Pat loved and was eternally thankful for:

1 Corinthians 15; 3-11

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Survived by:

Wife: Mandy Sessions King of Franklinton

2 Daughters: Anna Reese King,
Rylie Mikenzie King

Parents: Mickey King and Patricia "Patty" Edwards King of Franklinton

Sister and Brother in law: Kristy and Randy Dykes

Mother in law and Step-father in law: Sylvia and Winston Stogner of Tylertown

Brother in law and Sister in law: Matt and Brittany Sessions

Nieces and Nephews: Megan and Daniel Martin,
Samantha and Jared Newman,
Mackayla Dykes,
Jaxton Sessions,
Jaelyn Sessions,
Jennings Sessions

Great-nieces and great-nephews: Haydin Grace, Kyler Mack, Anniston, Alec,
Creed

Also numerous beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends

He was preceded in death by his brother Warren Mack King, grandparents Charles Mack and Nancy Isabel King, John Alfred and Ruby Lee Edwards, father in law Mike Sessions. uncles Butch Edwards, Rusty Edwards, cousin Jack Todd Edwards and other family members.

Visitation will be at the Bowling Green School Gymnasium (700 Varnado Street, Franklinton) on Sunday September 24th from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm

and after 8:00 am on Monday. A Celebration of Pat's Life will be held at the school at 11:00 am Monday with Rev. Shadd Pittman, Rev. Jimmy Oalman and Rev. Tony Hicks officiating. Burial will follow in the Hays Creek Southern Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to Grace Heritage Baptist Church (mailing address 21067 Hwy. 25, Franklinton, LA 70438).

Pallbearers are Randy Dykes, Matt Sessions, Clint Casanova, Casey Casanova, James Bellanger, Auston Jones

Honorary Pallbearers are Daniel Martin, Jared Newman, Aaron King, Kevin Bond, Dusty Rogers, Curtis Matherne

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Pat King*



Juanita Luper - October 03, 2023 at 11:10 PM

DH

“ *I had the privilege of coaching against Pat's teams for many years. He was a competitor and great leader of young people, it was a privilege to know him! No matter the circumstance he was kind, honorable, and positive. I'm sad to hear this news, but am rejoicing to know he is in our Savior's presence!* - David Horner, Hartfield Academy

David Horner - September 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM

SS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sending our condolences. Billy & Sharon Simmons*

Sharon Simmons - September 24, 2023 at 02:51 PM

PC

“ My favorite memory of Pat was when we were in the Clifton Baptist youth group together. We were at camp and in charge of a devotion. We made this really cheesy skit about how heat and pressure turns coal into diamonds. Pat was the “coal” wrapped in a black T-shirt. We borrowed his mom’s diamond ring, and I was supposed to push him down behind a sheet while he whined and complained. He would then “come back up” as the diamond. After I pushed him down he looked up and said “I lost the ring!” Fortunately we found it quickly! Who knew that simple devotion would be such a representation of his life. He didn’t whine and complain or allow the heat and pressure to destroy his faith. Rather he allowed Christ to use these hard circumstances to mold his faith into something of such great value to so many people. It has been a joy to watch that faith grow over the years and to see him shine like a diamond for God! - Preston Clay Crowe

Preston Clay Crowe - September 23, 2023 at 08:47 PM

EM

“ I am so sorry to read about Pat. May God bless the family in your grief .

Elane Martin - September 23, 2023 at 06:56 PM

LJ

“ Pat was a great person , we have great softball and basketball family memories with him and his family . When Reese was born Morgan came home n said we gotta get coach pats baby something . Morgan loved Pat . We all did. May God heal your broken hearts . Prayers to all Mandy, the girls, Ms. Patty and Mr. Mickey , Kristy and the girls , as I know yall will miss Pat. Wonderful Memories !

LaRissa Jordan - September 23, 2023 at 09:21 AM

DB

“ *One of the best men that ever lived.*

Denise Bischoff - September 23, 2023 at 12:06 AM

SW

So sorry for your loss, Mandy. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. May the good Lord comfort your family during this time.

Sharon Williams - September 23, 2023 at 01:53 AM

RC

You ran the race the Lord set upon you, you ran it well, you have crossed the finish line and into the arms of the Savior, rest in peace my brother. Prayers to Mandy and the girls.

Ronnie Chiasson - September 23, 2023 at 05:12 AM

AL

“ *Mandy. I am so sorry to heard this. Just wanting you to know I will continue praying for you and the rest of the family. Love you. Sending big hugs*

Alisa Leggett - September 22, 2023 at 09:48 PM

TH

“ There are so many memories I hold of Pat, including his ordination services, first as a deacon and then as a minister. But many of my memories are of stories from my son Matthew during the years Pat coached him as a BGS Buccaneer Varsity Basketball player. One that stands out was being in the stands at BGS at the end of a game when the players would gather at center court to pray. I loved to listen to Pat pray after each game because it was not simply routine or rote. That particular night as he prayed, I noticed that the entire gym had gone silent and you could hear his voice clearly. Later I told him that whether he realized it or not, he was ministering to so many more people than just the boys surrounding him at center court, and that God’s word was going forth and may reach people who might not have heard it otherwise. Pat was unashamed of the Gospel, and I am thankful for him and the wonderful model of a godly man he has been to my sons and so many others. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Terryl Hicks - September 22, 2023 at 06:50 PM