



## Joseph John King, II M.D.

December 27, 1946 - March 1, 2019

Joseph John King, II, M.D. passed away peacefully on Friday March 1, 2019 in Gainesville, FL surrounded by his loving family.

Big Jay lived his life with boundless energy and ideas to make things better and move his children to success. He was born December 27, 1946 in Philadelphia, PA to Francis and Joseph J King Sr and moved to Runnemede, NJ in early childhood. He graduated from Triton High School where as a youth, he was active in basketball and track. His basketball team had an undefeated season and made it to state finals his senior year. His team was recently inducted into the Triton High School Hall of Fame. He kept a lifelong love for the game and even played in a church league in Monroe, NC and took his children to countless Charlotte Hornets games. He participated in scouting with his father, attaining Eagle Scout rank. He was also in the Sea Scouts and visited Guantanamo Bay Military Base as a teenager.

He spent summers at his family's home on Barnegat Bay in Ocean Gate, NJ, racing sailboats and doing water sports with his three brothers. His love for sailing continued throughout his life. He raced M-scow, E-Scow and Lasers in the Great Lakes and the East coast regattas. He and his oldest son competed in the 1996 Olympic trials in Florida, and he sailed in the 2003 and 2004 North and South Carolina State Laser Championships with his daughter and youngest son. He captained his boat to a third-place finish in the catamaran class at the Sint Maarten Heineken Regatta in 2016.

He attended the Naval Academy for a year, finished college at Muhlenberg College, then went on to Jefferson Medical College and an orthopedic residency at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In 1978, he moved to Monroe, NC with his wife, Dr. Sandra Abda, who was his colleague, love and partner in crime. They started a private practice to serve the local community as its first orthopedic surgeons. As their practice grew, so did their family. Dr. King served as medical staff president, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Union County, a member of the Union County Health Department and president of Union Orthopedic and Carolina Bone & Joint, all while in active clinical

practice. He brought vision, tenacity and diligence to each endeavor, and still had time for annual epic road-trip vacations with his family and friends.

In retirement, he and his wife volunteered through Health Volunteers Overseas. They worked alongside Doctors from Montserrat and St Lucia in the Caribbean to provide orthopedic care and learn how other health care systems worked. They lived on their catamaran Long Reach six months a year, sailing from Trinidad to the Dominican Republic and throughout the Caribbean, volunteering where they could, meeting some wonderful people along the way, and getting a new sense of appreciation for our beautiful planet and the resilience of the human spirit.

No matter how far Jay traveled from home, Ocean Gate, NJ on Barnegat Bay was always close to his heart and where he felt best. With friends, neighbors and family, summer there was always a celebration of the seaside life. Clamming and sailing on the Bay, happy hours at the Ocean Gate Yacht Club or just floating with friends made for peace and contentment not found anywhere else.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Abda King MD, oldest son Joseph K King III MD (Joanne Lagmay MD) and beloved grandson Andreas of Gainesville, FL, daughter Melanie King, attorney, of Silver Spring, MD and son Adam King, pilot, (Chambry King) of Deland, FL. Also surviving are daughters Courtney Feeny and Lisa King, grandchildren Christian and Addie Colciaghi, his mother Frances "Oma" Perry, brothers John King (Eileen) of Mt Laurel NJ, Robert King (Debbie) of Hatfield, PA and Richard King DPM of Elizabeth City, NC. He is also survived by beloved nephews, nieces and beloved cousins.

His family will hold a private celebration of his life in Florida. A gathering of family and friends will be announced for a later date in Ocean Gate, NJ.

The family would also like to thank Fredrick Kaye MD and Robert Amdur MD of the University of Florida Shands oncology team for their superior care and concern.

We ask in lieu of flowers and in remembrance of our beloved husband, father and friend, memorial contributions can be made to the UF Health Cancer Center to support head and neck cancer research or to Save Barnegat Bay to protect the waters that meant so much to him.

To donate to the UF Cancer Center, checks should be made payable to the UF Foundation, include "In Memory of Joseph King" in the memo line, and be mailed to:  
UF Health Cancer Center

Office of Development  
PO Box 103633  
Gainesville, FL 32610

Credit card gifts can be made by calling (877) 351-2377.

To donate to Save Barnegat Bay, checks should be made payable to Save Barnegat Bay, include "In Memory of Joseph King" in the memo line, and be mailed to:

Save Barnegat Bay  
117 Haines Road  
Toms River, NJ 08753

Credit card gifts can be made by visiting [www.savebarnegatbay.org](http://www.savebarnegatbay.org) and clicking donate.

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of Jay's passing...He was my fellow resident at Penn and deeply respected by all..He was also a heck of a basketball player...I always smile at the memory of Jay converting 2 free throws, after time had run out in regulation to beat the team from the Penn Law School..Underhanded, just like Rick Barry or Wilt used to make them..Talk about pressure! Jay was smooth as silk and he made them both to secure the win.

Sorry we havent kept up after residency as our path's diverged and we never saw each other at meetings or events.. Sounds like he had a life well lived- just too short. Kind thoughts and prayers for his memory

S Daniel Seltzer, MD

s daniel seltzer md - July 20, 2019 at 04:47 PM

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“ Dear Sandy,

I am so sorry to hear about Jay. I always have such good memories of him. He was always so good to me growing up. My best memory is when he surprised me and came all the way to Pa for my wedding. It was my big surprise. I will miss talking to him about the genealogy of our family and the boat rides he would give us in Ocean Gate. Amanda and I are heart broken. I am glad Jay went peacefully and he can sail for eternity. Love Ron, Dawn, and Amanda Immel

Dawn Immel - April 04, 2019 at 01:50 PM

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“ Dear Sandra and family, We have been praying for Jay and were very saddened to hear of his passing. Jay was a great friend, classmate and athlete and will be missed by all of our graduating class especially at our reunions! May your memories sustain you through this difficult time. May God Bless you all !! Bill and Diane(Mount) Bush, Triton Regional High School Class of 1965

Diane M Bush - March 26, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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“ Sandra and Family,

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Jay was such a wonderful friend and admired by all who knew him. Class reunions will not be the same without him.

The Triton Class of 1965



**Triton Class of 1965** - March 23, 2019 at 06:10 PM

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“ Jay, my fondest memories are of childhood summers at Ocean Gate and the wonderful times we had growing up together. You will be missed terribly. My love to Sandra and the kids, Aunt Fran, John, Rob and Rich. I share your grief.

Cynthia (Cindy) Knapp

**Cynthia Knapp** - March 12, 2019 at 09:35 AM

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“ We're going to miss you, Jay, It only took a few memorable times together to make an undying bond with you and Sandra. Wish we could have had one more--or rather, a lot more.

John and Barbara Askins

**John Askins** - March 09, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of working with Jay and Sandra. I am saddened to hear of his passing. Love to Sandra and prayers for all the family.

**Linda Hilton** - March 08, 2019 at 09:55 PM

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“ Dr.Abda, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dr.King was very special, indeed, and between the two of you , y'all fixed quite a few of my broken bones. Dad thought the world of you both. May your memories comfort you.~Elizabeth Evans Hargett

**Elizabeth Hargett** - March 08, 2019 at 09:24 PM

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“ Dr.Sandra and family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you .So sorry for your loss Dr King was a very special man! Vickie Rabanus

**Evelyn Vickie Rabanus Aldridge** - March 08, 2019 at 07:23 PM

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“ I was so saddened to hear about Dr King. You two looked like you lived life to the fullest in your home on Barnegat Bay in Ocean Gate and with all your travels. A truly great tribute was written on his life. Prayers with you and your family.

**Holly Attutis** - March 08, 2019 at 01:03 PM

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“ I worked with Sandra and Jay at the hospital forever ago! Jay was a kind and talented surgeon. Praying for you all as this is huge loss.

Paula McKinney

**paula mckinney** - March 08, 2019 at 10:01 AM

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“ Dear Dr. Abda my heart is heavy. Sending prayers and love to you and your family. RIP Dr. King. I always will remember the "traction" he brought to "2nd Surgery". Love you Dr. Sandra. Always Jewel.

**Jewel Gause** - March 08, 2019 at 02:02 AM

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“ We always enjoyed being around Jay- sailing on his boat in Ocean Gate, playing cards, discussions about our ancestors ( which he really liked to do), and being with him at our family functions. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandra and his beautiful family.

**Jim and Alexis** - March 07, 2019 at 07:46 PM

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“ So Sorry for the loss of Your Loved One ! He was a Great Dr and will be remembered for that. Condolence to the King Family ! Prayers !



**Patricia Davis and Family** - March 07, 2019 at 05:03 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful man. My mom loves him and his wife. We are praying for you all. Hugs

**Kimberly O'Connell** - March 07, 2019 at 02:17 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May God give you peace and comfort. Lee & Lisa Oakley

**Lee & Lisa Oakley** - March 07, 2019 at 07:25 AM

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“ Deepest condolences for Dr. Kings family. Many good memories from years ago when we were neighbors on New Salem Road. My mother, Velma Baucom, loved and appreciated all you did for her, personally and professionally. Thank you for your care.

**Marci Baucom** - March 07, 2019 at 06:05 AM

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“ He was a Great Man RIP SIR

**Eddie Patricia Wallace** - March 07, 2019 at 05:52 AM

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“ So sorry for the loss of Dr Jay King .. what a memorable time our family had gathering in the home of the Kings in ocean gate New Jersey ... my mom Lorraine Francis and Bill spent several months a year for the summer vacationing in their lovely home ... my mom still speaks with Fran and we give our sincere condolences to the entire family , may you find peace at this very sad time .. may you find comfort

and healing . Fondly Roxanne Babson from Toms River and my mom Lorraine Francis from brick N.J.

**Roxanne Babson** - March 06, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ Sandra and family, Richard and I are so sad to hear about Jay. I sure remember all our work years together at Union and our social times. Praying for you and your family. Sincere condolences, Carol and Richard Hunter.. Lancaster, SC

**Carol Hunter** - March 06, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Sandra so sorry to hear of Dr.Kings passing. He will never be forgotten. Praying for you and family as you go thru this sad time.

**Judy Aldred** - March 07, 2019 at 11:09 PM



“ Sandra, our hearts ache deeply thinking about you losing Jay. He was an incredible man, and he had such a love for life. We will continue to lift your family up in prayer knowing God is able to bring you peace even in these dark days.

**Kelby and Connie Brown** - March 08, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Jay.....I went to grade school and high school with him....he was a great man...

**Aluce Bowers Maloney** - May 03, 2019 at 02:05 PM