



## Sylvia Kane King

November 12, 1936 - December 17, 2022

### Sylvia Kane King - A Life Story

Sylvia Kane King of Bloomington, Indiana, died on Saturday, December 17, 2022. She was born November 12, 1936, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Her parents were Elias Kent Kane and Grace Larson Kane. She met recent sudden and rapid decline in her health with courage, grace, and equanimity.

The poem *When Death Comes* by Mary Oliver held great meaning for Sylvia. She would recommend you read the whole thing. It can be found on the internet. The final lines are these:

When it's over, I don't want to wonder  
If I have made my life something particular, and real.  
I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,  
or full of argument.  
I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Sylvia was married to Jack (John D.) King for sixty-three years. Their offspring are Diane King (Marion, Illinois), Deborah (Bob) Bridges (Chicago, Illinois), and James King (Carbondale, Illinois). Some of the words these four people use to describe their wife/mother are: independent, deeply empathetic, always considerate of others (particularly the "invisible"). Sylvia and Jack also have

five granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

Mrs. King was educated: an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and a graduate degree in Public Health from Indiana University. She was variously employed: recreational program management, home health aide, and office work. Favorite job: office manager for John D. King and Associates, providers of counseling and consulting services in career choice and employment change. She was creative and artistic, a lover of books and the piano. For several years she operated her own stained-glass studio. And she produced countless knitting projects, quilts, Zen tangles, haiku, and on and on. She was a good friend to many.

She loved the outdoors. Many of her best moments came walking in the woods, an almost daily activity in recent years.

The family will later announce a gathering to celebrate this remarkable person. If you wish to memorialize her life, consider making a gift in her memory to Sycamore Land Trust, a local organization dedicated to restoring and preserving the wild places of Indiana.

And if you want to take part in the flow that was her life, try this. Find a woodland path or forest trail. Early in the day is good but not necessary. Take your time. Listen so carefully you hear the trees. Inhale deeply. Pay attention to everything, even the far-off sounds of civilization. And remember a woman who lived a full life and was grateful, Sylvia Kane King.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencare.com](http://www.allencare.com)



# Tribute Wall

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**Jeanne LeBrell-Powers** - January 14, 2023 at 02:37 PM

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“ Dear Jack and family, I will miss seeing Sylvia on my trips to the Y and walking Winslow trail. Seems like only yesterday I just had a wonderful visit with her walking on the Jackson creek trail and I can't believe she is gone. May your hearts be filled with wonderful memories. I am so glad I knew her.  
Jeanne Powers

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**jeanne LeBrell-Powers** - January 14, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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“ I send condolences and warm wishes to all of Sylvia's family. I had the pleasure of being in a writing class with her -- what a fine writer she was -- and wished that I had been in other classes with her and got to know her better. She had such a sweetness about her

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**Antonia Matthew** - December 23, 2022 at 12:38 PM

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“ Sending love & light to the King family -Sylvia & Jack attended my Pilates class for years - always asking about my parents -kind gentle & loving woman -taking part in the flow that was her life -I'm walking in her honor today

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**Mary Lou Iauco-Bewley** - December 21, 2022 at 08:23 AM