

In Memorium

Ernest W. King

1959-2012

Ernest W. King was known to so many citizens of Hattiesburg and Oak Grove as a loving husband (to Kerri) and father (to Jessie and Wade). He was also a faithful member of Temple Baptist Church of Oak Grove, and a dedicated colleague to so many at the University of Southern Mississippi. Ernie had countless friends.

The heartfelt sympathies from those who signed the Guest Book set up for Ernie by *The Hattiesburg American* serves as a testament to the man that he was in the eyes of so many. A sampling of those entries is inserted below:

DR. ERNEST W. KING SR.



January 30, 2012

He was a fine man and a true professional in the classroom. But most of all he was a real person who understood what it was about to be in college. My prayers are with his family.

~ Justin Cockrell, *Hattiesburg, Mississippi*

January 30, 2012

It's hard to find the right words to pen. Please know that Eric and I will lift you up in prayer. Ernie was a wonderful Christian, husband, father, and teacher. My heart's very heavy and the world is minus a dear person. ~ Karen Reidenbach, *Hattiesburg, Mississippi*

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In our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Ernie was a true Christian and he will be missed. ~ Bandy Singh, *Hattiesburg, Mississippi*

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Kerri, Jessie, and Wade, Three things I know about Ernie, he is with our Lord now, the three of you were his whole world, he loved you with all he had, and he will be greatly missed. You are all in my prayers as you try to find your way. Asking for God's Blessings on you, Betty Dickerson ~ Betty Dickerson, *Purvis, Mississippi*

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Kerri, Jessie and Wade, I knew your father well - he was a great man who loved his faith and his family more so that anything else this life can offer. There are few real men in this world - men of faith who battle daily to protect and defend their families. Ernie was one of the few. I pray once you begin to heal the following words from C.S. Lewis will provide comfort: But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. --C.S. Lewis I am absolutely certain that God is using Ernie's death as a megaphone to show this world what a man devoted to his family and faith looks like. Ernie was a great friend and I will terribly miss him. I pray for your healing and your comfort. ~ Doug Foster, *Oxford, Mississippi*

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I knew Ernie from when I was his graduate assistant in the 2006-2007 school year. He was always kind and respectful to me, and with no doubt loved his family more than anything. The world has lost a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. ~ Matt Lawing

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I consider it an honor to have been one of his students. My sympathies to all who knew him. ~ Martha Resavy

David Tisdale's 30-Jan-2012 [USM presser](#) provides more about how Ernie's USM colleagues and students felt about him. Two excerpts are inserted below:

"We're deeply saddened at this loss," said Dr Lance Nail, dean of the Southern Miss College of Business. "Ernie was a devoted educator and a tremendous asset to his department and to the college, as well as our community. But above all, he was a dedicated husband and father who put his faith and family first in his life."

He served as a thesis advisor to Southern Miss senior business administration major Jasmine Allen of McComb, who said King's background as an attorney further motivated her to pursue a career in corporate law. "It was a blessing to have met him and have his guidance as a professor," she said. "He was a great teacher who had a real talent for connecting with his students."

Ernie will be greatly missed by so many.