



Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr

June 5, 1975 - April 14, 2024

Charles L. "Chad" King, Jr. passed away suddenly Sunday, April 14, 2024, at his home in Kingston, TN from a heart attack. He was born June 5, 1975, in Kingston, TN.

Chad was an avid fisherman and 6-8 months out of the year he worked for Samaritan's Purse in Port Alsworth, Alaska with OHOP (Operation Heal Our Patriots) as a Captain Merchant Mariner he served as the lead fishing guide and ministered to wounded veterans and their spouses. He also owned King Respiratory Services where he worked with local government and corporate fire departments to calibrate and service air packs and to fit-test respirators. Chad was saved on 9-11-2001. He was soon baptized at Higher Ground Baptist Church in Kingsport before moving back "home" to Kingston, TN, where he was a member of The Grove Church.

He is now reunited with his grandparents, Frank & Lorene Thacker, of Kingsport, and Paul King and Norma Jean (Robert A.) Harris of Kingston. Those left to miss him are: Mother, Sheila Sproles, (Step-Dad, Steve); Dad, Chuck King (Step-Mom, Brooke), Daughters, Isabella King and Gabriella King (Braxton MacDonald) and their mother, Heather Salyer King; Sisters: Amy Davis (Spencer), April Plemons (Stephen) Reagan Woody (David); Brother: Braden King; 1 special granddaughter, Ivy Fair Holm, who calls him "Big Daddy"; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews along with too many special friends to count from all over the world. One of those special friends shared what Chad had written to him in his Bible before leaving OHOP,

“I am passionate about fishing, but I am even more passionate about Jesus.”
Memories and condolences may be shared at www.kykerfuneralhomes.com.
The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2024 at The Grove Church in Kingston. Funeral at 7:00 p.m. with Reverend Phillip Martin officiating. Interment 10:00 a.m. Friday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. The care of Chad King and his family has been entrusted to the staff of Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Grove Church
2150 Kingston Highway
Kingston, TN 37763

Funeral Service

APR 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

The Grove Church
2150 Kingston Highway
Kingston, TN 37763

Interment

APR 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Grove Cemetery
405 Old Johnson Valley Road
Kingston,, TN 37763

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Rodney & I were so sad to get a call about Chad's sudden passing. !! He was larger than life and we will truly miss him. We have wonderful memories spent with him in Alaska. It was about 8 or 9 years ago that we sat with him in our home & he recruited us to join him at OHOP to serve on the medical with Samaritan's Purse. What a blessing to serve these veterans & their wives who literally gave up their "lives" for our country. We loved it & loved being with Chad . He was instrumental in touching their lives for Christ & he treated them with such kindness & respect. And Of Course always put them on the Fish!!! He made sure that they had the Best week of their lives, The staff there will All miss Chad, it will not be the same.....We will miss his hilarious takes on life one minute & his Love for Jesus the next!!! We both look forward to seeing him again & I know the Lord will have the waters stocked with fish for him!! Love to all his family ~ Robin and Rodney

Robin McMillin - April 28, 2024 at 09:33 PM

MC

“ Chad was such a great guy. He always made you feel like you were his best pal and I really appreciated that about him. He taught my wife and I how to fly fish while we were with him in Alaska. He was a good man and a fun guy to be around. I will always remember how kind he was and how excited he got when I told him about a big lake trout I caught.
Rest easy brother and save some fish for the rest of us up there!

Matt Cox - April 21, 2024 at 08:29 PM

LS

“ Chad was one of a kind! His love for the Lord drove his every action. He made everyone feel like they were the most important person on earth. His special love for Ivy and his daughters was unparalleled. I'll miss him greatly, as will my son, Michael Acree. He and Michael had some real adventures! I'm so glad I could attend his memorial service on 4/18, and to hear so many wonderful tributes to such a fine man. Rest In Peace, dear one.

Lynne Spires - April 20, 2024 at 09:33 AM

SS

Thank you so much!!

Sandra Salyer - April 22, 2024 at 11:35 PM

TD

“ Our hearts & prayers are with each of you. Tommy worked with Chad at Vallen in Kingsport. He has great memories of the time they worked together. We share your sadness.

Tommy & Cathy Dean - April 19, 2024 at 07:46 AM

SS

Thank you so much!

Sandra Salyer - April 22, 2024 at 11:36 PM

DO

“ Chad was a shining light in our stay in Alaska ...we were part of his first group of Canadians through and we connected well as he had been fishing on our island and he new our home ❤️
Every reunion he always reached out and made us feel tremendously loved .
Thankful you are with Him your presence this side of heaven however leaves many including Brett and I with some sorrow filled hearts .
Praying for your precious girls who you always shared about with a big Daddy's heart full of pride ❤️
Till we meet again Chad

Dale Olmstead - April 18, 2024 at 01:35 PM

SS

Thank you so much for the prayers and for sharing your memories. We love hearing your story about him.

Sandra Salyer - April 22, 2024 at 11:42 PM

DD

“ Chad was one of a kind. He loved his family so much especially his granddaughter. He would always show me pictures of her and how proud he was of the different little things she was getting into or doing. I am glad to have known Chad for the 3 years that I did while I worked in Alaska during the OHOP season. He always had his specific order in the food truck and I always made it just for him. It was never a dull moment with him. The room was always filled with laughter and smiles if you were ever around him. He was everyone's favorite guide. I am so thankful for the memories that we have together and I will forever cherish those. I know he is now with Jesus rejoicing up there and that one day we will reunite again in heaven. Forever will keep on to what he would say as he would walk out of a room "Love ya later, whatever." ❤️

Danielle Diaz - April 18, 2024 at 12:55 PM

SS

*Thank you for sharing your memories with us. Means a lot!
(his mother in law)*

Sandra Salyer - April 22, 2024 at 11:43 PM

SS

“ *Sally S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.*

Sally S. - April 18, 2024 at 07:53 AM

MB

“ *Chad was an amazing man of God! He was such a wonderful example to my husband of a Godly man that still loved the outdoors. The fly-tying class meant so much to my husband. You were so proud of your daughters and grandbaby! You will be so missed; see you in Heaven!*

Michelle Black - April 17, 2024 at 06:57 PM



Metrela
Brown

“ I will never forget that day in 2014, my first season working with OHOP, I stepped off the plane for the first time in Port Alsworth AK and there he was, the first person I met face to face there with that big smile and an even bigger hug welcoming me to be a part of it all. I later realized I had a kindred spirit in Chad and we shared our love of fishing, tying flies, and praying for each other, friends and our veteran friends we were so lucky to spend time with. I was lucky enough to work with Chad from 2014 through 2017 and what precious memories I'm so lucky to have. Some Saturday's we loved to go to Chilitna Bay and try new techniques and lures and couldn't wait to share them with the couples the following week. I also remember when we all were through guiding for the day he could not wait to call his family and share talk to them, sharing his day. He said daily how much he loved and missed them while he was there.

I'm so grateful for such a precious soul I was blessed to spend time with. I rejoice that he is in heaven, but I am heartbroken for the loss of his earthly body. To his family, your in my prayers and I want to thank you for sharing such a wonderful man of God with so many. Please know how loved he was and what a great impact he had on so many souls.

Metrela Brown - April 17, 2024 at 06:06 PM

SS

Thank you Metrela.
From Chad's Mama

Sheila Sproles - April 17, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JC

“ Jon, Karen and Jemima Cress purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.



Jon, Karen and Jemima Cress - April 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM

JC

“ Jon, Karen and Jemima Cress planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.

Jon, Karen and Jemima Cress - April 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM

HF

“ We loved our conversations with Chad. He always made us feel like we were part of his family. He made it a point to keep up with our lives and knew what was going on in our little corner of the world. When we saw each other at the reunions we would always pick right back up where we left off and never skipped a beat. We want to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time. We have no doubt we will continue our conversations with him on the streets of gold one day in Heaven. From the Frasure Family

Holly and Jeramie Frasure - April 17, 2024 at 01:45 AM

SS

Thank you so much Holly & Jeramie.
From Chad's Mama

Sheila Sproles - April 17, 2024 at 09:50 PM

JH

“ We fished with Chad in Alaska with OHOP. What wonderful memories. Sending our sympathy to his family and friends.

Jennifer Herkner - April 16, 2024 at 10:26 PM

SS

Thank you Jennifer!
From Chad's Mama

Sheila Sproles - April 17, 2024 at 09:51 PM

PF

“ Paul & Tiffany Fritzsche
We were blessed to meet Chad in Alaska with OHOP he was so kind. He was truly one guy that could connect with anyone. He had to get a hook out of Paul's lip still one of the funniest fishing stories ever. Our hearts go out to the family he shared many stories with us about you we could feel the love he emulated for you all.

Paul & Tiffany Fritzsche - April 16, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DD

“ Chad was such a blessing to us during our week in Alaska, and was always one of the first faces that we looked for during the reunions. We still have the fly fishing lures that he taught us how to make. He was kind and genuine, and it was obvious that the love of Jesus poured out of him and onto those around him. He will be missed by many. Our hearts are grieving but we are assured that he is rejoicing. We will be praying for his family, friends, and all the OHOP family.

Darin and Amanda Dowdy - April 16, 2024 at 05:28 PM

WC

“Chad, was so uplifting to be around. I remember laughing on lake Clark when we were “slamming salmon on the the mighty Jay Hammond” he’d stop to show us rainbows. Such a great memory and hard loss for not only his family but the many he touched through his encounter. Erika and I will miss you dearly and know you’re showing us every rainbow we see. We love you amigo, rest in heaven!

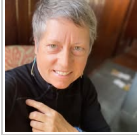


William Crane - April 16, 2024 at 04:26 PM

JM

“Chad was one of the nices men i knew. We were going to go fishing together when he came up to florida but alas, he is fishing with jesus now. God bless you brother. Thank you for giving me and my wife your time and your prayers. We miss you. This world just got smaller with out you in it.

justin mascolo - April 16, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ Chad and I worked together for many years at OHOP as guides. When I moved over to Mystic Lake to guide, he made sure I had everything I needed. If I had a gear request, it was on the next plane. His great passion was his family and he talked about them all the time. He LOVED being a father and being a “Big Daddy” to Ivy changed his life. Though he adored fly- fishing, the ministry of OHOP, and getting to love on warriors and their spouses, his very first and wildest love was for Jesus. He once drove from Tennessee to Maine to ask forgiveness of someone he thought he had offended. In winter. I will miss his great heart. I know he bounded into heaven and threw his arms right around Jesus! But oh, I’m sad for his family, his daughters and granddaughters and for his OHOP family. Elizabeth Jones

Elizabeth Jones - April 16, 2024 at 03:25 PM

CM

Thanks Elizabeth. I got to come to Port Alswrth and got to spend a week with Chad, Ellen & Matt Libby with their daughter and granddaughter.

Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ My girls and I worked the food truck for many years at Samaritans Purse in Port Alsworth. Chad was always one our favorites! He made a point to talk with us at meal time and was constantly making us laugh with his goofy sense of humor. He consistently talked about his beautiful daughters and showed us pictures of his granddaughter. He loved his family so much! He would always put a smile on our face and let us know we were loved. In fact when I think of Chad the word love comes to mind. He loved well and was never afraid to show it. I’m so thankful to have known this wonderful man. He will be greatly missed by our family.❤️

Amber Bena - April 16, 2024 at 03:13 PM

CM

Thank you so much!

Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:34 PM

KG

“ *Chad was a one of a kind. His work in Alaska with us Warriors was amazing. His passion for fishing and Christ was shared with many!!! I'm going to miss you brother...*



Kevin Gabert - April 16, 2024 at 02:29 PM

CM

Thank you Kevin.

Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:34 PM

SS

“ *Soldotna Alaska Samaritan's Purse Staff purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.*



Soldotna Alaska Samaritan's Purse Staff - April 16, 2024 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ *Chad,*

Thanks for the reminders to love Jesus, love strangers, and to go fishing. One week with this man had a tremendous impact on my life.

This 60th day of sobriety is for you.

Michael Scoggin - April 16, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SS

Thank you for your kind words!! We celebrate with you on your 60th of sobriety!! God Bless you!!

Sandra Salyer - April 16, 2024 at 04:57 PM

CM

What a wonderful testimony! Praying you will stay focused on Jesus. James 1:1-4 tells us to persevere and let it have its perfect and entire, lacking nothing!

Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:37 PM

CM

...Let it have its perfect work...

Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:38 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.*



April 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM

TS

“ *The Swaders purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.*



The Swaders - April 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM

TS

“ The Swaders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.

The Swaders - April 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM

LI

“There is a Fountain”. Traveling that last sweet mile.

Lisha - April 16, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CM



Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:39 PM

BH

“ This breaks my heart. Chad was one of the guides that I connected with in Alaska for Operation Heal Our Patriots. Each morning I was one of the first to be up and grab coffee. I would sit in the lodge and watch the sun come up. Chad was always there to chat, check in and tell jokes. He was one of the first I told when I had my moment with God on the dock before baptism. He was a genuine soul. At the reunion he was one of the first staff we saw after we got off the airplane, welcomed with a hug. Prayers to his daughters and all those who loved him.

Brittney Hamilton - April 16, 2024 at 11:27 AM

CM

I'm so glad you met him. Thanks for your story!❤️

Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:40 PM

MZ

“ I met Chad when I was in Alaska working with OHOP a few years back. I remember his sense of humor and his smile. He was such a joy to be around. Praying for your family as you grieve the loss this side of heaven. May you feel the Lord's loving arms.

Matt Zimmerman - April 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM

CM

Thank you!

Chad's Mama - April 22, 2024 at 11:41 PM

JG

“ I had the privilege of working alongside Chad in Alaska for the past 5+ years. He made me laugh constantly. I work with OHOP year-round, and we received this survey feedback after the Colorado event in February. What an impact he made on our veteran couples!

"My husband was able to talk with Chad and I truly appreciate his modeling for my husband. He told him about a Proverbs study he had done with his family and encouraged my husband to do it with his in March. He told him March has 31 days and there at 31 proverbs and that resonated with him. As a family we have begun the study and just finished chapter 9. I am so thankful that he told my husband that."

I will miss him but am so thankful that his eternity with Jesus has begun. I look forward to the day we are reunited. Praying for all of his family as you grieve this immense loss.

Julia Graybeal - April 16, 2024 at 10:14 AM

CM

Thank you for your beautiful words about my son. ❤️

Chad's Mama - April 26, 2024 at 09:08 PM

SM

“ My husband and I were one of the lucky ones to meet Chad in Alaska at OHOP. His bright personality was instantly contagious. We enjoyed being around him and listening to his stories and hearing about his family. My husband and I were both happy to catch up with him in February.
Continuing to say many prayers for his friend and family.

Sarah & Ian Mikolajczak - April 16, 2024 at 07:03 AM

WS

“ Heather and girls our hearts are broken for each of you ~ please know that you will be in our prayers in the days ahead.

Wayne and Jean Starnes - April 16, 2024 at 06:35 AM

PM

“ I first met Chad at Higher Ground Baptist Church, but really got to know him while working with Heather. The girls were in the church nursery with my grandson, and the greatest memory I have are those girls running to daddy after church services and wrapping those little arms around their daddy. My heart breaks for those little girls who are grown now, but still are daddys little girls. May you find peace in the knowledge, this isn't goodbye just so long for now. Prayers going up for the entire family. Love and much sympathy.
Pamela Minor



Pamela Minor - April 16, 2024 at 02:22 AM

SS

Thank you Pam!!

Sandra Salyer - April 16, 2024 at 05:01 PM

SS

“ Our lives were forever changed yesterday. He was at our home last weekend celebrating Ivy Fair's 4 th Birthday. Chad had "Little Jesus" figures and gave us all one. He told us several stories of how he got to use these as a Witness tool.. asking people he met if they wanted a "Little Jesus". Then he would give them one of the Little Jesus figures. Never thought a week later he would be meeting the Big Jesus face to face!!

So rest Chad, your work on earth is done. Till we meet again!! You done good honey! We are proud of you and I know Our Lord is!!

Sandra Salyer - April 16, 2024 at 01:58 AM

DP

“ Chad was a very special person. He will be greatly missed. He was not family by blood but by marriage. Loved him from the first day I met him and that love grew over the years. So many memories.



Debbie Powers - April 15, 2024 at 11:32 PM

SS

From his Mama, thank you so much!

Sheila Sproles - April 16, 2024 at 06:36 AM

AR

“ Chad was one of the most encouraging person I have ever met. My husband and I met him on our trip to OHOP in Alaska. We will miss him.



Autumn and Jeremy Rogers - April 15, 2024 at 10:10 PM

SS

Thank you! He loved his Ohop friends !!

Sandra Salyer - April 16, 2024 at 01:30 AM

NM

Chad...who can sum up His life? Gave Chad MANY talents. Love for life, Love for GOD and tremendous love for everyone he met! The King Family has wonderful memories of prayer, laughter and joy while in his company. God gave us a dedication man who loved God! I pray all of us remember Chad. Nancybeth (King) McNeill

Nancybeth McNeill - April 16, 2024 at 03:32 AM

LD

“ Limestone Volunteer Fire Dept. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.



Limestone Volunteer Fire Dept. - April 15, 2024 at 09:47 PM

MS

“ Michael & Dawn Sayne purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.



Michael & Dawn Sayne - April 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM

MS

“ Michael & Dawn Sayne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.

Michael & Dawn Sayne - April 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BJ

“Big Daddy” was one of our fishing guides while we were blessed with the opportunity to visit Port Alsworth, Alaska. He spent the entire week we were with him pouring his heart and his faith out to wounded veterans and their spouses. He truly had a calling to help others and to bring nature and faith together. I pray his family finds peace in knowing he made such a huge impact in his short time ❤️ we extend our love and prayers to all of his family and friends.

Bethany Jagers - April 15, 2024 at 09:18 PM

SS

Thank you so much for sharing this memory of Chad. We grave to know these stories of Chad from your side of the story. Chad came home and loved telling us about the many people he met. You all made an impact on him too!! Thank you again!!

Sandra Salyer - April 16, 2024 at 01:35 AM

SS

Thank you, Bethany, from his Mama. He loved his "job."

Sheila Sproles - April 16, 2024 at 06:35 AM

KP

“ Blessings to your family, Chad, and comfort that only our Lord can give during your passing from this life into your eternity with Him. Their loss is heaven's gain. My heart grieves for them. You were a precious Dad, granddad, son and brother.



Karen Patrick - April 15, 2024 at 09:09 PM

DR

“ *Dana Puckett Roman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr*



Dana Puckett Roman - April 15, 2024 at 08:54 PM

PB

“ *Patty Burton lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr*



Patty Burton - April 15, 2024 at 08:43 PM

WJ

“ *I was honored to serve with Chad last summer at OHOP. Loved his passion for the Lord, our veterans, and fishing. He will be greatly missed. Praying for the family and hope loving memories will comfort you. Woody Johnson, Jonesborough TN*

Woody Johnson - April 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM

SS

Thank you so much from Chad's Mama.

Sheila Sproles - April 16, 2024 at 11:51 PM

CH

“ *Chad you will truly be missed. I will forever miss our chats sunday morning about your recent trip to Alaska. Love ya brother*

Christoper - April 15, 2024 at 08:26 PM

SS

Thanks Christopher from Chad's Mama.

Sheila Sproles - April 16, 2024 at 11:52 PM

AB

“ *Chad, you were such a light in so many people's lives. Thank you for calming my fears when I was in Alaska, but most of all thank you for being a light in mine and Arthur's lives. We cherish the moments we got to spend just talking with you about Jesus and life. Many prayers to your family. Rest Easy we will miss you so very much!* ”



Arthur amd Honey Bonjour - April 15, 2024 at 08:02 PM

SS

Thank you so much!

Sandra Salyer - April 16, 2024 at 01:40 AM

SS

Wow! Thank you so much for loving my son!

Sheila Sproles - April 16, 2024 at 11:52 PM

KA

“ *The last time I heard his voice on the speaker phone with his Mom was while he was telling us that the service he was just in (Colorado), there were 100 people saved. He was so excited! He had the greatest smile and best personality! He will be greatly missed.* ”



Kim Anderson - April 15, 2024 at 08:01 PM

SS

Thanks my special friend!❤️

Sheila Sproles - April 16, 2024 at 11:53 PM

DS

“ *Deloris And Tom Stacy lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr*



Deloris and Tom Stacy - April 15, 2024 at 07:56 PM

JB

“ *Jackie Broadwater lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr*



Jackie Broadwater - April 15, 2024 at 07:49 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.*



April 15, 2024 at 07:40 PM

BK

“ *Believers Church of Kingsport planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr.*

Believers Church of Kingsport - April 15, 2024 at 07:40 PM

PT

“Pete And Lori Tackett lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr



Pete and Lori Tackett - April 15, 2024 at 06:28 PM

GS

“Chad did great work as he served with Samaritan's Purse and at his church. I know this was a blessing to Sheila. Surely the river of life is well stocked for those with passion of fishing for fish. Chad also had a passion to fish for the souls of men, women, boys, and girls.



Gail Scheffers - April 15, 2024 at 05:31 PM

SS

You are so special to me, Gail! I love you. ❤️

Sheila Sproles - April 16, 2024 at 11:59 PM

LW

“Larry And Rebecca Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr



Larry and Rebecca Wolfe - April 15, 2024 at 05:16 PM

PH

“ *Phil & Brenda Hoskins lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chad" Lewis King Jr*



Phil & Brenda Hoskins - April 15, 2024 at 04:46 PM