



Iona Jean King

October 27, 1931 - February 28, 2026

Iona Jean King, affectionately known as "Jean" to her family and friends, passed away peacefully in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on February 28, 2026, at the age of 94.

Jean was born on October 27, 1931, in Egypt, Arkansas, to John Harmous Locke and Vera Audrey Kirby Locke, spending her formative years in Cash, Arkansas.

After graduating high school, she married Thomas R. "Rusty" King Jr and began a journey that eventually brought them to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where she resided for the next 71 years. She built a life centered on family and community service.

Jean was a woman who believed in giving back. Her commitment to her community was evident through her extensive volunteer work. She was an extremely involved member of the Washington County Home Extension, where she held various leadership offices over the years. Her passion for service also led her to the Salvation Army, where she held multiple offices, and the Bartlesville Hospital Auxiliary, where she served as a faithful volunteer for many years. Jean was the kind of person who didn't just join an organization, she led it with heart and dedication.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Rusty, and her parents, John and Vera Locke.

Jean is survived by her two sons, Tom King and his wife Jill, and John King and his wife Patti; Her brother Gary Locke and his wife Becky, and sister Donna Morris. Her legacy of kindness and strength lives on through her four grandchildren Jeffrey (Heather) King, Ryan (Brittany) King, Eric (Michelle) King, Matt Hinckley and seven great-grandchildren, who brought immense joy to her later years.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Michelle Mizell lit a candle in memory of Iona Jean King*



Michelle Mizell - March 10 at 06:18 AM

JS

“ *Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Iona Jean King*



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - March 07 at 10:53 AM

LM

“ *Jean was such a special lady. I always enjoyed her company and her sense of humor . She will be greatly missed.*

Lisa Moreland - March 05 at 09:26 PM

MS

“ *Mary Street lit a candle in memory of Iona Jean King*



Mary Street - March 05 at 06:41 PM

MS

I remember when she worked at the auxiliary, I also cared for her at her last residence. She was a very sweet lady ❤️ she will be missed.

Mary Street - March 05 at 06:43 PM

BW

*We had such fun growing up in Oak Park.
She was such a good bridge player and was so good in volunteering.
Beverly Williamson*

Beverly Williamson - March 06 at 09:53 AM