



Rev. Donald Calvin King

May 30, 1968 - May 20, 2025

Donald Calvin King, a man whose life was a testament to his unwavering faith and deep love for others, passed away on May 20, 2025, at Lexington Medical Center, Lexington, SC. He was 56 years old. After a courageous six-year battle with cancer, he has now entered his eternal home.

Born and raised in Seneca, SC, Donald was the cherished son of the late Rev. Warren Calvin and Lillian Kate Treadaway King. The love of his family enriched his life, and he leaves behind his beloved wife of twenty-eight years, Robin Carol Eskew King, and their three children, who were his blessings from God: Andrew Donald King, Caleb Robert King, and Katelyn Elizabeth King, all of Lexington, SC. He is also survived by his loving sister, Michelle King McLane (Scott) of Seneca, SC, and his nephews, Hunter McLane and Landon McLane (Madison). Donald was predeceased by his parents and his stepmother, Abigail Davis King.

Donald's calling to the ministry was a profound part of his life's journey. Licensed and ordained as a Southern Baptist minister by Return Baptist Church, Seneca, SC, he dedicated himself to serving God and the church for thirty-nine years. His ministry touched countless lives through his roles at Reedy Fork Baptist Church, Seneca, SC; Scenic Height Baptist Church, West Union, SC; McCall Royal Ambassador Camp, Sunset, SC; First Baptist Church Warrior, AL; Double Springs Baptist Church, Taylors, SC; Calvary

Baptist Church, Florence, SC; the North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA; Morningside Baptist Church, Columbus, GA; and finally, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC, where he served as the Director of Leadership Development.

A lifelong learner, Donald graduated from Seneca High School, attended North Greenville College, and graduated from Samford University. He furthered his theological studies obtaining his Masters at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and where he most recently pursued a doctoral degree.

More than his titles and accomplishments, Donald will be remembered for his genuine desire to see others grow in their faith and understanding of Jesus Christ. He lived by the words of Ephesians 4:11-13, striving to equip others for service and building up the body of Christ.

A service celebrating Donald's life will be held at 12pm on Saturday, May 24th at Hepsibah Baptist Church, Seneca, SC. Reverends Jerry Sosebee, Keith Harrill, and Bryant Sims will officiate, with music by Rev. Scott McClellan and Mrs. Bernice Satterfield. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. A private interment with family will be held at Oconee Memorial Park in Seneca, SC.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorials be made to the Donald & Robin King Endowment through the South Carolina Baptist Foundation. This endowment will continue Donald's passion for supporting The Foothills Farmstead (www.foothillsfarmstead.org), Camp McCall (www.friendsofmccall.com), and North Greenville University (ngu.edu).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hepsibah Baptist Church
1304 Friendship Road
Seneca, SC 29678

Tribute Wall

RS

“*Sad to hear Donald's passing. I was over the DEdMin program at NOBTS. I admired his heart and persistence. I know he is home with our Savior, but he will be missed. My prayers for the family. May God grant you extraordinary peace and comfort.*
Randall Stone

Randall Stone - June 25, 2025 at 04:21 PM

MG

“*During his time in Columbus, Georgia, I was fortunate to call Donald King a friend as well as a minister. We shared a love of Royal Ambassador days from our boyhoods. Donald was a good listener and a wise man. I never heard an unkind word from him. May the LORD be with those who will miss him and remember him.*
Mark Graydon

Mark Graydon - May 25, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JD

“*Michelle, I'm so sorry. Donald was such a stand - up guy. He always walked the talk, even in high school when most of us were still immature dummies.*
JoAnn Aldridge Decossas

JoAnn Decossas - May 23, 2025 at 10:09 PM

LL

“*Lexington Women's Care- Lexington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Donald Calvin King.*

Lexington Women's Care- Lexington - May 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM

LL

“ *Lexington Women’s Care- Lexington purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Donald Calvin King.*



Lexington Women’s Care- Lexington - May 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM

SC

“ *I have been blessed to know Donald since his days studying at North Greenville University. He always had a smile on his face and was a real encouragement to me. His love for the Lord Jesus, his family, his colleagues, and people marked his life.*

Steve Crouse - May 23, 2025 at 04:52 PM

MS

“ *My sincerest Condolences to the family of Donald King. He was a man of God and I feel blessed to know him. Many prayers and love to all the family and friends. God bless You at this difficult time. May your cherished memories bring you peace and comfort.*

Mary Scarbrough - May 22, 2025 at 12:47 PM

GC

“ *Gussie B. Avant/Calvary Baptist Church lit a candle in memory of Donald King*



Gussie B. Avant/Calvary Baptist Church - May 22, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LL

“ Leonard Loudermilk sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald King



Leonard Loudermilk - May 21, 2025 at 06:56 PM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald King



Wayne F. Barton - May 21, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JF

“ Jackie Collins fowler lit a candle in memory of Donald King



Jackie Collins fowler - May 21, 2025 at 04:59 PM

SW

“ Stacy W lit a candle in memory of Donald King



Stacy W - May 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM

JR

“ I remember Donald as a true man of God when he was with us so many years ago at Reedy Fork—my thoughts and prayers with the Family at this time— God bless you all.

Jan Rice - May 21, 2025 at 11:56 AM

MJ

“ I taught Donald language arts in middle school. He was an excellent student. We also lived next door to his family. Prayers to his family.

Marya James - May 21, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SC

“ 3 files added to the album SCBaptist



South Carolina Baptist Convention - May 21, 2025 at 10:36 AM