



## Robert Kingma

February 28, 1930 - June 12, 2020

### Robert F. Kingma

Robert (Bob) F. Kingma, age 90 of Lafayette, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Franciscan East Hospital. He was born February 28, 1930 in Lafayette, Indiana, the son of John F. and Mary M. (Brown) Kingma. Bob was a 1948 graduate of Klondike High School in Tippecanoe County, and then honorably served in the Indiana National Guard from 1948-1957.

Bob married Patricia A. (Slifer) Burdine in 1951 and they had four daughters. They divorced in 1969. In 1979 he married Lois (Fritter) Johnson who died in 1983. In 1988 he married Jeanette (Overstreet) Kendrick Kingma and they recently celebrated their 32<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

Bob worked for Egyptian Lacquer in Lafayette for 13 years before 43 years of service with the Lafayette Post Office. He retired in 2007. His many interests included music, drama, woodworking, horse shoe pitching, and mushroom hunting. In his younger years he played piano with "The Ridge Runners" Square Dance Band, and over the years provided piano and organ entertainment for many local events. He was a devoted past member of the Tippecanotes Men's Chorus (the Lafayette Chapter of SPEBSQSA), was awarded "Barbershopper of the Year" titles in both 1975 and 1978, and sang in several Barbershop Quartets. In the 1970's and 80's, he was cast in leading roles for several Lafayette Civic Theatre productions. In 1988 he was awarded 1st Place in the Fraternal Order of Eagles City Horse Shoe Pitching Tournament. He gifted friends with his ability to produce miniature replicas of their houses, ornate bird houses and other wood crafts. In his 80's, he assisted Riverside Covenant Church's "Brew Crew" in making and bottling laundry detergent for the area's homeless agencies.

Bob is survived by his wife, brother Wayne Kingma, daughters Peggy Kingma, Bonnie (Dale) O'Brien Best, Linda (Randy) Bogan, Carol Dulin-Treece, Stepdaughter Julie (Rusty) Uselman, and Stepson Jim (Shawna) Kendrick; Grandchildren Tony (Wendy) Dulin, Wesley (Heather) Bogan, Leif (Amanda) O'Brien, Keavy (Ryan) McCoy West, Cristy

(Kory) Arvin, Kyle and Claire Kendrick; Great Grandchildren Nick Dulin, Mason and Ean Bogan, Noah and Zach O'Brien, Ryne McCoy, Gabe West and Caroline Arvin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Leonora Wiggins, Eileen Taylor Titus, James Kingma, Joanne Irwin and Grandson Matthew Bogan.

Visitation will take place from 10:00am-11:00am Wednesday, June 17, 2020 with a funeral service following at Hippensteel Funeral Home, 822 N.9th St., Lafayette. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Lafayette Transitional Housing Center to help the homeless. Please share your condolences online at

[www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com)

<http://videos.lifetributes.com/1072818>

Watch the webcast for Robert (Bob) F. Kingma.

<https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1072818>

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hippensteel Funeral Home

822 North Ninth Street, Lafayette, IN, US, 47904

**JUN** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ It was a beautiful service to honor a very special man, my Uncle Bob. I only wish GL and I could have been there in person with you all. Even in the depths of my sorrow, I can't help but also smile when I think of Uncle Bob. All of my memories of him as a child and as an adult are filled with love and happiness.

He was funny, kind, compassionate, insightful, enthusiastic, inspiring, and optimistic. Even in the face of hardships and losses he retained his dignity and positive life outlook. Yes he was a great entertainer and actor, but he genuinely loved people and was interested in their lives. Even as a small child, unlike some grown-ups who ignored or tolerated children, I always felt his love, respect and interest in me as a person.

He valued his connections with those he loved and would find creative ways to communicate his regard. It always brought a smile to see the little messages he would slip onto our mail if he happened upon them at the post office.

I am very grateful for the lifelong connection that he maintained with my parents. He was always so considerate and thoughtful in his cards, visits and telephone cards with them. He was one of the best of the greatest generation. I loved him very much and will miss him always.

Rita Kingma

Rita Kingma - June 19 at 10:33 AM

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“ Jeff & Monique Hensley purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Robert Kingma.



Jeff & Monique Hensley - June 16 at 10:22 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss.

connie aveline - June 14 at 01:01 PM

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“ I'm sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a good friend and I have fond memories of him. I knew him in the barbershop world and the Postal Service where I worked a few years in Lafayette. He was always supportive of my quartet, Cabaret. He even made us props for one of our Sweet Adeline shows. He also had parts in our shows. He was a kind man. My prayers for comfort are with his family and friends (and he had many).

May he rest in peace.

Judy Scherschel

**Judy** - June 14 at 08:31 AM