



Col. Richard McLaury King

September 25, 2004

Colonel Richard McLaury King of Easton, MD died at his home on Saturday, September 25, 2004. He was 92.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, July 1, 1912, he was the only child of the late Fred Menzo and Mary Edith McLaury King. He attended primary and secondary schools in Webster Grove, Missouri and Kewanee, Illinois. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and in 1934 was commissioned 2nd Lt. Signal Corps Reserve. He was a member of Eta Kappa Nu honorary Electrical Engineering fraternity and Kappa Delta Rho social fraternity. After graduation he worked as Radio Officer, SS "Steel Trader", for Isthmian Steamship Co. In April 1937 he joined the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, as a Test Engineer and in September of that year, he married the former Sue Elliott Klingelhofer of Towson, MD.

In April 1941, he was called to active duty under his reserve commission and detailed to the 3rd Infantry Division Signal Company at Ft. Lewis, Washington and participated in large-scale maneuvers on the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation (the Hearst Ranch) in California and on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington. Later that same year he was ordered to the newly formed Armored Force School at Ft. Knox, KY, for duty as instructor in the Radio Operators Division of the Communications Department, and later as Officer-

In-Charge. In 1943 he was assigned to the soon to be activated 16th Armored Division as Division Signal Officer. In 1944 he was transferred to the 12th Armored Division in the same capacity and served throughout the campaign in France and Germany until shortly after VE Day when he was ordered to return to the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, as instructor in Armored Division Communications. He opted to revert to inactive status and return to the General Electric Company in Chicago in early 1946. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and various unit commendation and campaign medals and in 1947 was promoted to Colonel.

At General Electric he was assigned as Sales Engineer, first in Rockford, Illinois and Peoria, Illinois and later as manager of the Peoria Office. In 1952 he was made district manager of Metals and Process Industry Sales in Chicago, a position he held until his retirement in 1972. Upon retirement he and his wife moved from their home in La Grange, Illinois to property that they purchased on Irish Creek, Talbot County near Royal Oak, where they lived until Mrs. King's death in 1987. In 1995 he married Arianna Roberts Porter and moved to Easton.

Col. King had enjoyed boating since his student days crewing as sailor and radio operator on yachts out of Chicago, and particularly his time at sea on the "Steel Trader", so he immediately became involved in boating activities on the Bay. He was active in the Miles River Power Squadron as teacher, Squadron Education Officer and Squadron Commander. He participated in Squadron and District Navigation contests for more than 20 years. He cruised his 28' Cape Dory from the Florida Keys and Georgetown in the Bahamas to Bar Harbor, Maine, and through the Great Lakes to Green Bay, Wisconsin. His other memberships included Edge Creek Boat Club, Poplar Island Yacht Club, Miles River Yacht Club, Izaak Walton League, Retired Officers Association, the 12th Armored Division Association and the Presbyterian Church of Easton.

In addition to his wife, Col. King is survived by a daughter, Barbara Dohrman of Hinsdale, Illinois; a son, Richard M. King, Jr. of Great Falls, VA; three grandchildren, Caroline Dohrman Gau of Downers Grove, IL, Steven Dohrman of California and Alexander King of Great Falls, VA; and two great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Peter Gau.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 15, 2004 at 11:00 AM at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Easton, MD.

Private burial will be at the Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery, Hurlock, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD.

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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