



Elizabeth King Sullivan

May 4, 1926 - December 11, 2025

Elizabeth King Sullivan was born to the late Mr. Dock King and Mrs. Sallie Bell King, on May 4, 1926, in the Angelus Community of Chesterfield County, South Carolina. She transitioned to eternal rest on December 11, 2025, and was preceded in death by her husband, Esaw Sullivan.

Elizabeth was educated in the public schools of Chesterfield County and, as a child and young adult, was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church in McBee, SC. Since then and for many years she has been a member of Fifth Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. She was also a member of the Fannie Lewis Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia, having transferred her membership from the Bethune, SC, chapter.

Elizabeth and her husband relocated to Richmond, VA, more than 60 years ago. Her home was open and welcoming to all and served as a gathering place for her children's friends for many years. She loved to cook and served up many delicious meals. Her holiday "spreads" were particularly impressive, and she entertained family and friends who traveled from near and far.

Elizabeth's life was long and well-lived. She was a force of nature, and her 99 years of faith, love, and inspiration will be with us forever. A force of nature does not die; she lives on in her children and family, her friends, and even those who may have known her from afar.

Elizabeth joined Fifth Baptist Church in 1979 and was a proud and faithful member since then. She loved her church home and church family. And even after she was no longer able to attend regularly, her Sunday mornings were incomplete unless she connected virtually to the morning service.

At the time of her retirement, Elizabeth had worked as a waitress at the then-Skull and Bones Restaurant at 12th and Marshall Streets in Richmond for over 35 years, where she was a well-known fixture serving the Medical College of Virginia community. She was known variably as “Elizabeth” or “Liz,” or “Miss Elizabeth” or “Miss Liz” to customers and co-workers. She was once quoted that she loved to “meet people and fall in love with them ... and be part of their memories.”

In addition to her parents and husband, Elizabeth was preceded in death by three sisters: Naomi King Jowers, Geneva King, and Edell King Jowers; two brothers: J. D. King and Coyte Lee King, Sr.; four sisters-in-law: Aileen King (wife of Coyte), Helen Sullivan Ravenel, Katherine Sullivan, and Betty Sullivan; and six brothers-in-law: Maro Jowers (husband of Naomi), Kemp Jowers (husband of Edell), Herbert Ravenel (husband of Helen), Jacob Sullivan, Sr., Herman Wayne Sullivan, and Francis Sullivan, Sr. (husband of Betty).

Those left to cherish Elizabeth’s memory include four children: Donnie R. Sullivan (Karen) of Richmond, VA, E. Kenneth Sullivan of Dallas, TX, and Debra E. Sullivan and Angela L. Sullivan, both of Richmond, VA; one devoted sister: Beulah King James (Henry Sr.) of Philadelphia, PA; four grandchildren: Enjoli M. Freeman, Isiah K. Davis, and Devonte J. Winstead, all of Richmond, VA, and Adrianna D. Sullivan, of Norfolk, VA; one great-grandson: Kayden J. Winstead of Richmond, VA; one sister-in-law: Catherine Sullivan (wife of Jacob Sr.) of Philadelphia, PA; and a host of nieces (of note: Vera Drakeford, Mary Bristow, Ruby Lane, Clarine Pettis, and Joan Bell), nephews, and other

close relatives and friends.

“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’”

Proverbs 31:25-29

“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

19289 Highway 151
McBee, SC 29101

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 19. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

DEC 19. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fifth Baptist Church
1415 W. Cary St.
Richmond, VA 23220

Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elizabeth King Sullivan.



December 19, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ The Smoot Family - Mansfield, TX planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth King Sullivan.

The Smoot Family - Mansfield, TX - December 19, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Ms. Lizbeth has been a second Mom to me since I was a little girl, even more so after Irene and Relue (Sug) passed. The Jowers was family. I remember when Ms. Lizbeth moved to Richmond. Christmases and hunting season I knew we were going to McBee, S.C. I lived with Ms. Lizbeth when my Mom got on my nerves. Ms. Lizbeth allowed me to be a young adult with a good job and new car! Do not get it twisted you had her rules too, but in different and Loving way
Donnie Ray, Kenny, Debra, and Angie thank you for sharing your Mom and Aunt (Vera) with me. Ms. Lizbeth forever ❤️

Rita Y Anderson - December 19, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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“ Friend, Marjorie B purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth King Sullivan.



Friend, Marjorie B - December 19, 2025 at 06:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Drea King-Lee - December 18, 2025 at 11:49 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth King Sullivan.



December 18, 2025 at 12:40 PM

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“ Love, The Erskines, Jones and D planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth King Sullivan.

Love, The Erskines, Jones and D - December 18, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 17, 2025 at 01:50 PM