



John Thomas Long

May 3, 1950 - January 28, 2022

John Thomas Long – Godfrey

John Thomas “Tom” Long, 71, passed away on the morning of January 28, 2022, at home

surrounded by, and in the care of, his loving family. Born May 3, 1950, in Kankakee, Illinois, he was the oldest son of Virginia (Fransden) and John “Jack” D. Long. Tom married Robin L. (Barton) Long on March 10, 2001 and she survives. In addition to his wife, Tom is survived by daughters, Margaret Long Kohl (Mike Kohl and children Charlotte, Barrett and Louis), Erin Long Mays (Joe Mays and children Marion, Elsie and John) and Emma Long; former wife, Virginia M. Long; brothers, Mike (Suzanne) Long, Dennis (Anne) Long, and Jeff (Diane) Long; sisters, Mary Jo (John) Snyder and Mary Beth (Terry Siefert) Collier; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, brother-in-law, Ron (Cheryl) Barton and sister-in-law, Rhonda (Patrick) Linders. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Virginia; brother, Stephen Long; his niece and goddaughter, Jacqueline “Jackie” Long; brother-in-law, Michael Collier; his mother and father-in-law, Lawrence and Martha Barton; and nephew, Joshua Condellone. Tom earned his B.S. in Business and Accounting from Eastern Illinois University, his J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law and his C.P.A. from the University of Illinois. He proudly served in the United States Army. Tom served as a Law Clerk for the United States Dept. of Justice and Locke, Purnell, Laney & Neeley, P.C. He was a Tax Specialist with Coopers &

Lybrand, CPAs. He served as Madison County Assistant State's Attorney under both Don Weber and William Haine. He was C.E.O. & Vice Chairman of Argosy Gaming Company, Chairman of the Board & Principal Shareholder of First National Bank of Grant Park & First Community Bank of Godfrey. He was a member of the White House Advance Office, Member of the Presidential Inaugural Commission for 2001 Bush/Chaney Inauguration, Member of Bush-Cheney 2000 Advance Team, Site Representative for Bush-Cheney 2000 Victory Train Tour, selected as one of 22 electors of the Electoral College of the Republican Party for State of Illinois, served as Lead Advance Representative for former President George W. Bush to Principia College, Delegate to the 1988 Republican Convention – Hosted President George H. W. Bush in Madison County, Illinois, for 1988 Lincoln Day Dinner & September 1988 Campaign Rally in Alton, and served as Madison County Republican Chairman from 1986 to 1991. Tom was licensed to practice law in Illinois and Missouri. He was a partner with Farrell, Heil, Long & St. Peters, P.C., then Farrell and Long, P.C., Of Counsel with Farrell, Hunter, Hamilton & Julian P.C. and currently Of Counsel with Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, P.C. Tom was a founding member of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Eastern Illinois University (Significant Sig – 2017), Illinois State Bar Association, Madison County Bar Association, Alton-Wood River Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois CPA Society, Illinois Community Bankers Association, Southern Illinois Employers Association, OSF St. Anthony's Health Center Board of Directors, and Southwestern Illinois Growth Association. Tom was a member of Vaughn Hill Church of Christ. Graveside services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Sunset Hills Cemetery, 50 Fountain

Drive, Glen Carbon, IL with full military honors. Visitation and memorial service will follow at the Vaughn Hill Church of Christ, 662 South Bellwood Drive, East Alton, IL with visitation from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and memorial service beginning at 3:00 p.m. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jackie Long Foundation, c/o Dennis and Anne Long, 312 Indian Hills Court, Rantoul, Illinois 61866. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

50 Fountain Drive
Glen Carbon, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Vaughn Hill Church of Christ
662 South Bellwood Drive
East Alton, IL

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

Vaughn Hill Church of Christ
662 South Bellwood Drive
East Alton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *John Thomas Long*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John Thomas Long*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dear Robin, I am so sorry that we could not make it to Tom's wake. He was so good to us for so many years. We have been praying for him every day. It is hard on you and your family, but he is now out of pain and suffering and happy in the Father's House. We are here for anything you need. With prayers, Sr. M. Anastasia and the Sisters and Staff of OSF St. Anthony's*

Sr. M. Anastasia - February 05, 2022 at 02:42 PM



Thank you so very much. He loved you all and OSF St. Anthony's very much

Robin Long - April 11, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ *Robin & Emma*
I am deeply saddened of Tom's passing. He had a tremendous and positive impact on everyone he met. The community has lost a great one.

John & Kelly Shortal

john - February 05, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.

February 04, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ Robin , Words can't express the sympathy for your loss. Tom was truly a remarkable man and he leaves a lasting legacy in his family and his work. I feel honored to have known him. I hope that your loving memories will be a comfort to you all during this difficult time.

Martha Morse

Martha Morse - February 04, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.



February 04, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Chris and I are out of town and unable to attend the services. We are so sorry for your loss and loss to his friends and the community. His place in this world will be missed. Chris and Regina Hollars*

Regina Hollars - February 04, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ Emma and Robin, so very sorry for the loss of your dear husband and father. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I will forever be inspired by your strength, love, commitment, grace and courage while facing such adversity!

Linda Italiano - February 04, 2022 at 01:28 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.



February 03, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ The Weder Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Thomas Long.



The Weder Family - February 03, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ I knew the Long family when they lived in Monee, IL. We were neighbors.. Tom and I were the same age. Alot of fond memories of Tom and his family.
My sympathy goes out to his family. RIP, Tom.

Sandy Eickmann Schultz - February 03, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.*



February 03, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Mary Albert lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Long*



Mary Albert - February 03, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.*



February 02, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Tom and I went to High School at Manteno. We were on several sports team. I have lots of memories of those days. Tom was one of the good guys. RIP Tom*
Bob Burns

Bob Burns - February 02, 2022 at 06:30 PM

JG

“ *Our Harvest View Senior Living Family sends our sympathies - Tom will be greatly missed -*

Janet Glazar - February 02, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.*



February 02, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.*



February 02, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.*



February 02, 2022 at 04:01 PM

FH

“ I'm sorry to learn of Tom's passing. Tom and I worked a few advance trips back in the days of Senator Dole & President Bush in Illinois. Great memories and a true gentlemen. Tom will be missed. My condolences to family members and friends close to Tom. -
Frank Hartmann

Frank Hartmann - February 02, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.



February 01, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.



February 01, 2022 at 10:43 AM

MB

“ We are so sorry to hear that Tom has passed. He improved the careers of many people in different industries and served as a great mentor to everyone. Our condolences to his entire family.
Mary and Arnold Block

Mary and Arnold Block - January 31, 2022 at 07:45 PM

JO

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my best friend. Tom was one of my first law firms clients back in 1984 and we have been close friends ever since. Tom was a great man with a heart and willing to do anything he could to help others. He had a major positive impact upon our lives over the years. We will miss Tom very much as will the community. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Robin, Emma, and the Long Family.

John and Deborah Olmstead

John and Deborah Olmstead - January 31, 2022 at 12:17 PM

RL

Thank you so much.

Robin Long - April 11, 2022 at 07:49 PM

LM

“ Another respected contemporary gone too soon. We were young lawyers in the 70's and 80's here. I enjoyed his company, wit and intelligence. Condolences to all who knew and loved him

Lola Maddox - January 31, 2022 at 10:39 AM

GB

“ I am saddened to learn of the passing of my good friend and fellow attorney. He was the man behind bringing The Alton Belle to Madison County and steering it through the formative years. I have great memories of those early days with he and Robin and the management crew at the Alton Belle. In those days we were all at the top of our game and we enjoyed the challenges and the excitement of it all. My sympathies to Robin and the Long family. Please know that you are in my thoughts. Tom may be gone but the memories of the good times we had together will not go away.
Gordy Broom

gordon broom - January 30, 2022 at 07:14 AM

IH

“ I was a student in the CEO Program in 2018. I was always so eager to hear anything Tom had to say, as I knew it was always something that would be helpful down the line. He is and will always be one of the smartest and most respectable men I've come to meet.
Thoughts and Prayers to the Long Family.

Izzie Halleemann - January 29, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.



January 29, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.*



January 29, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of John Thomas Long.*



January 29, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was such a nice gentleman and will be missed by many! My thoughts and prayers for Robin, Emma and family💔.*

Nancy Stewart - January 29, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Tom. He was a wonderful man, so kind, honest and genuine. My deepest sympathies are with the family in this difficult time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*

Nadia Kambarian - January 29, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Rest in peace Tom. You will be missed. You were a good man.*
Bob Hertz

Bob Hertz - January 29, 2022 at 04:25 AM

DW

“ Tom was a good man and friend and my sympathies to the family.

He will be missed.

Dennis Wooff

Dennis Wooff - January 28, 2022 at 09:09 PM