



Norman Edd Long

January 31, 1933 - April 28, 2025

Norman Edd Long, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on April 28, 2025, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his son, William (Bill) Long, his brothers Naymon Long and Travis Long, his sister Darlene McKinley, and his half-brother Billy Long.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 10th at 1:00 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, followed by a memorial service starting at 2:00 pm.

Norm was born in East Texas and lived a life full of dedication and service. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1971 as Chief Master Sergeant. A Vietnam War veteran, he was deeply committed to his military service, and his sense of duty never wavered. After retiring from the Air Force, Norm continued to serve his community, becoming an active member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Whitehouse.

In addition to his military career, Norm was a successful entrepreneur. He worked with Southland Corporation for more than 20 years, retired, and then went on to own and manage a number of duplexes and a large mobile home park. He had a passion for real estate and development, flipping houses and developing an 18-lot housing project in the area.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 72 years, Shirley Lesmeister Long of

Whitehouse, TX; his daughter, Bobbie Goines Persinger of Whitehouse, TX; and his son, Don Long (Sheila) of Whitehouse, TX. He also leaves behind a legacy of love through his grandchildren Crockett Gambrel Long (Camaryn) of Dallas, TX; Benita Goines Tomlinson (Zach) of Pittsburg, TX; Bethany Goines Sutton (Trae) of Salado, TX; Jason Long (Tracy) of Liberty Hill, TX and great grandchildren Hayden, Rylie, Madison, and Aaron Tomlinson; Bekah and Avery Sutton; and Rider and Charley Long.

Norm was a man of quiet strength, compassion, and a deep love for his family. He was always ready with a kind word, a helping hand, and a generous heart. His life's journey will be remembered with great love by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Tunnels to Towers, Heart to Heart Hospice or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Norman Edd Long



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 10, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman Edd Long



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 09, 2025 at 04:57 PM

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Norman Long was a wonderful man who lit up a room with his smile. He was a kind man who always had time for everybody. He number one priority was his family. He loved them all so much. His devotion to his wife Shirley was incredible. I don't think I ever saw them not holding hands. I loved this man and am proud to have called him my Uncle. Rest in peace Uncle Norman. God Bless you! We all sure loved you!



Kelly Brower - May 13, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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“ *Norma Carter Brodie lit a candle in memory of Norman Edd Long*



Norma Carter Brodie - May 25, 2025 at 04:35 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sheri Lynn Eubanks - May 12, 2025 at 06:57 PM

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*What an Honor to have known Norm and be a part of his family ... very grateful
Love Sheri*

Sheri Lynn Eubanks - May 12, 2025 at 06:59 PM

JM

“ *From John McAdams:
Mother was very close to Norm and Shirley. When he had his camper she went on trips with them. Several times a year she would spend a week with them and she and Shirley would do crafts and go to garage sales. She was there when she had her heart attack. After a week in the hospital she stayed with them a month til she was well enough to come home.*

John McAdams - May 09, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 09, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album *Norm Long*



Bethany Sutton - May 01, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Dear Bobbie and Donny and family,

I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Norm's passing. I only had the chance to spend time with him a handful of times over the years — I always remembered him as a kind and gentle man.

One memory that stands out for me was getting to talk with him at an automotive swap meet when he and Aunt Shirley came out to California to visit my mom. His enthusiasm for his old car (I believe a Model A or Model T) was contagious. You could tell how much he loved that car and sharing stories about it.

Reading his obituary, I was struck by the full and meaningful life he led — his service to the country, his devotion to family, and the many ways he contributed to his community. I know he will be missed deeply.

Please know I'm thinking of you and your family during this time. I hope your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.

With sympathy, Ron Werner

Ron Werner - April 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM