

## Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr.

December 12, 1942 - March 15, 2025

Robert B. (Bobby) Long, Sr., 82, went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2025, in Tyler, TX. Born

December 12, 1942, in Jacksonville, TX, to Verner James Long and Sydna Dodd Long, Bobby grew up and attended school in Rusk. He was a member of the Rusk High School Class of 1961 and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. Bobby and his wife, Patti, moved to Tyler in 1991. He was a faithful member of First Methodist Church of Chandler, TX where he served as a greeter and usher beginning in 1996 and as acolyte for the traditional worship service in recent years. Bobby retired from Rusk State Hospital after 26 years of service and from Henry & Peters, P.C. after 15 years.

A devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, Bobby enjoyed reminiscing, sharing childhood memories and family stories, and "occasionally" talking about football games from his high school days. His children always knew he supported them in their activities, whether coaching Rob and Brad's baseball and soccer teams or driving Lesley and her friends to cheer for the Rusk teams.

Certainly one who enjoyed the simpler things in life, Bobby was known to watch episodes of

Gunsmoke and The Andy Griffith Show repeatedly, saying the stories and characters never grew old. He did not like being the center of attention, was

still prone to blushing, was often described as humble and kind, and was said to be “the nicest person I ever met” by some long-time friends as well as ‘new’ friends he made in his later years. He also loved traveling, and he and Patti took frequent trips after his retirement including many destinations in the U.S., the east and west coasts of Canada, Ireland, Scotland, England, the Channel Islands, and France.

Predeceased by his father, Verner James Long, mother, Sydna Dodd Long, stepmother, Charlene Chapmon Long, and brother, Verner James Long, Jr., Bobby is survived by his wife of 36 years, Patti, son Rob and wife Kerry Long of Longview, daughter Lesley and husband Phil Rodasti of Cypress, son Brad and wife Jen Long of Dallas, daughter by marriage Sinclaire Estes of Leander, daughter by marriage Macklin and husband Tim Cahill of Austin, and grandchildren Megan Long, Austin Long, and Kaegan Cahill. Siblings: sister Lila Jean and husband David Murray of Rusk, sister Judy Faye and husband Kelly Garner of Rusk, sister Rose Mary Gould of Jacksonville, sister-in-law Glenda Long of Rusk, brother-in-law Richard Edwards of Pearland, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at First Methodist Church, 507 N. Broad St., Chandler, TX 75758 with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First Methodist Church of Chandler.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church of Chandler  
507 N. Broad St.  
Chandler, TX 75758

## Reception to follow Service

MAR **22** (CT)

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507 N. Broad St.  
Chandler, TX 75758

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 20, 2025 at 04:55 PM

LM

“ I remember Bobby as a little boy. I couldn't wait for him to come visit. I loved Bobby although our paths did not cross often. I missed so much not being a part of his, Jimmy and Lila Jean's lives. I adored their mother Sydna, my big sister. May God bless this family.

Lane Mickle - March 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM

RJ

Thank you, James Lane. I am so grateful he was able to maintain a relationship with you and Nancy Jane. You two remain the connection to our past. With love, Rob (713) 705-7202

Robert B. Long, Jr. - March 27, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



March 21, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..

March 21, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ Cindy and Johnny Rainey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



Cindy and Johnny Rainey - March 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Cindy and Johnny Rainey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..

Cindy and Johnny Rainey - March 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



March 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..

March 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM

JP

“ Sincere sympathy to Patti and all of Bobby's family and friends. Kind, sweet, compassionate man...so many things .....he was a great friend and will be missed. Judy Pope



Judy Pope - March 21, 2025 at 07:49 AM

JP

“ Mr Long (later Bobby) was a role model for me and our community all of my life. A man of obvious high character, humility and warm humor. Always reminded you of why Rusk and East Texas are special. Warmest condolences to his many friends and family.

James Perkins

James Perkins - March 20, 2025 at 10:41 PM

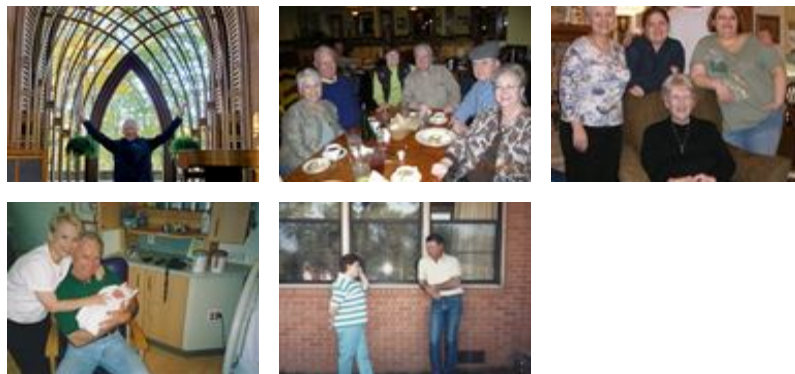
RJ

Thank you. Rob

Robert B. Long, Jr. - March 27, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 20, 2025 at 04:51 PM

AL

“ Aunt Rona Family. LGarner, LFeda purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



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**Aunt Rona Family. LGarner, LFeda** - March 20, 2025 at 12:48 PM

AL

“ Aunt Rona Family. LGarner, LFeda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..

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**Aunt Rona Family. LGarner, LFeda** - March 20, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



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March 19, 2025 at 11:49 AM

TF

“ The Brooks Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



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**The Brooks Family** - March 19, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JC

“ *What a wonderful man, Bobby Long, who completed Patty. We’re so thankful for the lunchtime we shared on Thursday! Being with you two always was a joyful time! We looked forward to the next time we would be in Tyler for doctor appointment so we could share a meal. I’m so thankful for that hug— not knowing it would be the last one!!! Kind, thoughtful, — truly a GENTLE MAN!!!! And so Completely devoted to Patti! We already miss him so much. We hold you in our prayers, dear “sister”!!! Love you bunches! Mike and Jo Cotton*

jo cotton - March 19, 2025 at 08:31 AM

RW

“ *Richard W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..*

Richard W. - March 18, 2025 at 03:00 PM

GB

“ *Gay Benthall purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..*



Gay Benthall - March 18, 2025 at 02:16 PM

MM

“ *Mary M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..*

Mary M. - March 18, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..

March 18, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ The officers and staff of Henry & Peters purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



The officers and staff of Henry & Peters - March 18, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ The family of Matt and Amy Reese purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



The family of Matt and Amy Reese - March 18, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ When I remember Bobby - a smile easily comes to me. He was the kindest person and I truly enjoyed the breakroom conversations we had when we worked together. Patti - you are in my thoughts & prayers and many of us at H&P as we mourn the loss of a good man.

Melissa - March 18, 2025 at 09:47 AM

SE

“ Bobby was a kind and quiet man and he made my Mom very happy throughout the years they had together. Mom I'm so sorry you lost your partner and love and that his children have lost their beloved father.

Sinclair Estes - March 17, 2025 at 09:19 PM

EA

“ Eric, Diane, Kristen and Ashlyn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



Eric, Diane, Kristen and Ashlyn - March 17, 2025 at 06:57 PM

EA

“ Eric, Diane, Kristen and Ashlyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..

Eric, Diane, Kristen and Ashlyn - March 17, 2025 at 06:57 PM

SR

“ Susan Richey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..



Susan Richey - March 17, 2025 at 05:53 PM

SR

“ Susan Richey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert B. (Bobby) Long Sr..

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**Susan Richey** - March 17, 2025 at 05:53 PM

MH

“ Bobby was my first room mate at SFA. I would go home with him some on weekends to Rusk. We had some good times in 1963. Rest in peace my friend. Mike Harper

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**mike Harper** - March 17, 2025 at 03:18 PM