



James Thomas Long

October 5, 1926 - February 16, 2021

James Thomas Long, Sr. died on February 16, 2021 at his home at Heron Point in Chestertown. He was 94 years old.

Jim was born in Ridley Park, PA on October 5, 1926, the son of Guy C Long and Mary Johnson. He graduated from Ridley Park High School before joining the United States Navy in 1945. After his service, he went on to graduate from Lehigh University with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

Together with his brother Robert, they ran the family business, Guy C. Long. During his career, their company was responsible for many projects in the Philadelphia area, including the original King of Prussia Mall, Granite Run Mall, Christiana Mall, Jefferson Hospital, Methodist Hospital, and several educational buildings in both higher and secondary levels.

He married Geraldine Elizabeth Hess, who predeceased him, and had four children. He then remarried to his current wife, Ann Blythe Long, and he was the Stepfather to her two children. Most of Jim's early life revolved around his Gentleman's Farm in Gradyville, PA.

For nearly 50 years, Jim taught Sunday School initially at Gradyville United Methodist Church and then for Christ Methodist Church after moving to Chestertown in 1980. He shepherded many lives with his gentle humor and understanding of the Word.

Jim was predeceased by his step-daughter, Christine. He is survived by his wife, Ann Blythe Long; his children: Guy Hayden (Joanna), Deborah, Kimberly Ann, James Thomas Jr. (Dawn), and step-son James (Sue); his

grandchildren, James Thomas III (Lindsey), Corey Ann (Josh), Emily Lynn, Rebecca Elizabeth (Justin), Andrew Jasper, and Claire Kathryn Grace; and one great-grandson, Denny.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local food pantry or family in need in Jim's name. A private graveside service will be held for the family.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Memorial Park

325 Baltimore Pick
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Thomas Long*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 25, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *James Thomas Long*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Thomas Long*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Thomas Long*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Edgewood Cemetery Service*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 02, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 25, 2021 at 01:44 PM

SK

“ *Jim Long taught the adult Sunday School Class at Christ UMC. He and this class were a large part of the reason we chose to attend this church when we were in town. He and Ann became dear friends. We miss him already!!*

Shari Herr Keen - February 23, 2021 at 11:33 AM

MB

“ *Mr. Long was just the best. He was a man of strong faith and his life was an example of that. He taught us all so much and will be missed immensely. Rest well my friend.*

Melinda Sue Blyman - February 23, 2021 at 11:29 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Long*



Marie Usilton - February 22, 2021 at 07:32 PM

DC

“ Jim was a terrific and inspired Adult Sunday School teacher and friend for so many of us for so many decades. We all miss his Christian leadership, humor, and love.

Darryl Calloway - February 22, 2021 at 07:10 AM

DI

“ Debi Ingram lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Long



debi ingram - February 17, 2021 at 07:06 PM

TB

“ Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Long



Thelma Bright - February 17, 2021 at 04:43 PM

JB

“ Gonna miss that great loving man!!!! He has made a big impact on all who he touched. RIP Jim!



Joyce Benton - February 17, 2021 at 01:30 PM