



## Ronald Benjamin Long

April 30, 1948 - November 19, 2022

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Ronald Benjamin Long.

Ronald Benjamin Long passed away Saturday, Nov 19, 2022 at Life Care Center in New Market.

Ron was born April 30, 1948 in Harrisonburg, VA to John Long and Gertrude Spitler Long and grew up on a farm "The Cedars" in New Market, VA. He graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1965, received an Associates Degree from Roanoke Technical Institute, and taught mechanical engineering at Lynchburg Community College. He also worked for Dunham Bush, where he made some lifelong friendships. He had various successful sales positions before settling on the Smith Creek farm which was his pride and joy.

Ron was an avid sportsman from a young age, and enjoyed playing baseball, horseback riding, hunting, and fishing. He was in the Boy Scouts for many years and finally earned the top rank of Eagle Scout. He was dedicated to the Scouts and often hosted troops who camped and did target practice on Smith Creek.

Friendly and warm hearted, he never met a stranger and he enjoyed helping

people, not only his neighbors and friends, but also people he thought just needed help.

Ron had many interests outside of farming, such as spending time with his long- term friends, skeet shooting, and gardening. He enjoyed the beach, wildlife, ornithology, and conservation. He worked with various State and Federal agencies including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for the preservation improve Smith Creek bank and the Chesapeake watershed. In addition to his outdoor activities, he loved a good game of spades, chess with an opponent he could teach a few tricks to, and antique cars and furniture.

Ron is survived by his wife of 46 years, Cherie Mathias Long, his daughters Kristine Long of Alexandria, VA and Katrina Gerald (Vu) of Harrisonburg, two grandchildren, Sabrina and Russell, his sisters Judi Moomaw (John) of Harrisonburg, and Jennifer Runion (Christopher) of Bridgewater, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov 26, 2022at 3:00 at Manor Memorial Methodist Church in New Market, VA.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Manor Memorial United Methodist Church  
9320 N. Congress Street  
New Market , VA 22844

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Benjamin Long*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Ronald Benjamin Long*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *To the family of Ronnie Long,*

*I learned to know Ronnie when we were in classes together at SJHS. He was always very kind and pleasant. I enjoyed having him as a friend. I sometimes would run into him in later years. Again he was always friendly and interested in sharing what he was doing in life and to hear about mine. I know he will be missed. I am sorry for your loss.*

*Judy Bowman Kidd*

**Judy Kidd** - November 29, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *To you girls, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dad...may you find peace in the many memories and love you all shared ~*

*Hugs to you both,  
Lesia*

**Lesia A Jones** - November 29, 2022 at 10:10 AM



TG

“ Cherie,

*We are so sad to hear of the passing of Ron. He was definitely a special friend ever since I first met him at Dunham/Bush. He was fun, friendly and very versatile in what in what he could do and what he could teach.*

*Cindy and I have had a lot of fun with the two of you and the D/B bunch over many years. We hope the happy memories help replace your grief.*

*We wish you peace,  
Terry and Cindy*

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**Terry Garletts** - November 26, 2022 at 12:39 PM

SH

“ *Your dad will clearly be missed, Kris. A fitting tribute to a wonderful man. May the memories bring you comfort. We love you very much and send along condolences to Cherie and Katrina & family. -Sara, Brian, Aidan, and Lucas Hannon*

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**Sara Hannon** - November 23, 2022 at 09:20 AM

BR

“ *I'm so sorry to learn of your brother's death, Judi and Jennifer, and I send my sympathy to all of Ron's family.*

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**Barbara Rhinehart** - November 22, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Benjamin Long.*



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November 22, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *Judi and Jennifer: sending my sympathy in the loss of your brother, Ron Long. Thinking of you at this time and hope healing and peace attend you soon.*

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**Patricia Wichael** - November 22, 2022 at 02:08 PM