



Dr. William Long

April 20, 1930 - November 1, 2022

William Alexander Long, Jr. was born in Gallman, Mississippi, on April 20, 1930 to William Alexander Long, Sr. and Mary Lynn Jones Long. He passed away peacefully on November 1, 2022. A graveside service will be 3pm Thursday, November 3, 2022, at Gallman Cemetery. Visitation will be 10am-11am with a memorial service at 11am on Friday, November 4, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS. Pallbearers will be Dr. John Buchanan, Dr. John Cox, Robert Long, Dr. Craig Flowers, David Turner, and Devin Wallace. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr. John Biggs and Dr. George May. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

After graduating from Hazlehurst High School in 1947, Dr. Long attended Millsaps College and graduated from the University of Mississippi, and then from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1955. He practiced Family Medicine for two years in Gulfport, Mississippi, and four years in Denver, Colorado, before focusing on Adolescent Medicine. He completed his fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at Colorado General Hospital in 1967 and practiced General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine in Denver, 1967-1969. In 1969, Dr. Long moved to Jackson, Mississippi, and became the first Adolescent Medicine Specialist in the United States to go into private practice. During his 26 years of counseling and Adolescent Medicine, his compassion, humor, encouragement, insight, wisdom, and genuine trust with his patients gave them great benefits in their care and well-being. The heart of his

counseling, though, was his love for his Savior, which he also shared with passion and gentleness.

As important as Adolescent Medicine was to Bill, the most valued areas of his life centered solidly on his faith in Jesus Christ, his loving marriage, and his rich friendships with young and old alike.

Bill married his lifelong sweetheart, Elinor June Ervin, on October 7, 1972, and his love for her was one of the greatest testimonies in his life. Their marriage was a rich and tender friendship and each of them made the other better and more complete. Their relationship was a beautiful example of Proverbs 27:17; "Iron sharpens iron, as one person sharpens another." They were rarely seen together without laughter. His love and care for June was a wonderful example of Christ's love for us, and an inspiring witness to so many.

Bill and June loved a good meal with friends, often in their own home. There was always excellent food and side-splitting laughter. They would entertain their guests for hours with their bright memories of endless travels and experiences, many involving hilarious mishaps and even danger. There were enough stories from their lives together to fill a book and everyone was thoroughly entertained as they relived their experiences, like the nail-biting-cliff-hanging jeep rides in the Great Rocky Mountains, Bill's stubborn determination to check into a New Orleans hotel even though it was on fire, and June's terrifying confrontations with peacocks, ostriches, and chickens. There was never a dull moment when Bill and June were around.

Bill was consistently "full of the Spirit," and displayed the fruits described in Galatians 5:22 -- "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Although Bill and June had no children, he was considered a father-like mentor to many younger men whom he loved, advised, counseled, encouraged, held

accountable, sometimes challenged and to whom he always listened. Bill's fingerprints are all over these friends and the ripples of his life will go on and on.

Dr. Long proudly served his country at the United States Air Force School of Aviation Medicine in San Antonio, Texas, in 1956 and as a flight surgeon at LADD-AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1957-1958.

The professional societies and organizations to which Dr. Long was affiliated were: Diplomat, National Board of Examiners; Diplomat, American Board of Pediatrics; Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics; Fellow, Society for Adolescent Medicine; Central Medical Society; Mississippi State Medical Association; and American Medical Association. Dr. Long was a pre-medical honorary of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Epsilon Delta. He was a medical honorary of Alpha Omega Alpha and social honorary of Phi Delta Theta and Phi Chi.

Dr. Long served on the Board of Directors for the Jackson Rotary Club, United Givers Fund, and Willow Wood Development Center. Dr. Long was also the founder of the Youth Crisis Centers, Inc., which served as a shelter for displaced adolescents in the early 1970s.

Dr. Long received many special awards. Among them were The Robins Award for Outstanding Community Service by a Physician (Mississippi State Medical Association) in 1973, The Mead Johnson Teaching Award for Major Contributions in the Teaching of Adolescent Healthcare (Society for Adolescent Medicine) in 1982, and The Adele Dellenbaugh Hoffman Award (American Academy of Field Pediatrics) in 1993.

Dr. Long published numerous medical articles and he initiated a series of

Medical Journals, Adolescent Medical Clinics, from 1996 to 2019. He had speaking and teaching engagements in 20 states and three countries and was honored to be a visiting professor at East Carolina University School of Medicine, at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He was also a visiting faculty member for various schools of medicine, conferences, and medical associations.

After retirement in 1995, Dr. Long published a book on adolescent behavior titled *Your Predictable Adolescent*. Reflecting on his career, his fondest professional memories were those regarding individual relationships with his patients and their parents.

Dr. Long was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, where he served as a Deacon and Ruling Elder, taught the Young Married Sunday School class for 25 years and was a long-time member of the choir.

Dr. Long was predeceased by his parents, his wife, June E. Long, and his brother, Dr. Jerry Long. He is survived by his nephew, William Thomas Long; his great niece, Hana Elizabeth Long; cousin Dr. James Long; and sister-in-law, Joyce Long.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Long's loving and faithful caregivers.

Memorials may be made to French Camp Academy, One Fine Place, French Camp, MS 39745, to Samaritans Purse, P. O. Box 3000, Boone, NC, 28607, or to the charity of your choice.

Bill was a bright and shining star in this world and he will be greatly missed... until we meet again.

Cemetery Details

Gallman Cemetery

West Gallman Road
Gallman, MS 39077

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William Long*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *We met first at U. of Colorado as we both furthered our pediatric credentials. The relationship lasted as Carol & I introduced he and Miss June to some of the northern life and he certainly gave us a huge picture of the South including a memorable " Saturday lunch"with his family. Most memorable was 9/11 A.M when we shared what was happening on T.V. in a condo back in Colorado. Bill Long was a unique individual. I think our shared Christian faith is what kept us close. Thank's for sharing your life, Bill. Signed---*
Glenn & Carol Hostetter

Glenn Hostetter - November 21, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *I was both a patient and a pupil (as an Adolescent Medicine fellow) of Bill's and loved my too-rare visits with him and Miss June. It was my dream to provide the kind of care for patients that he did, and for two decades with the Alexandria, Virginia Health Department, Bill was inside my head watching and guiding me with every patient— adult and adolescent—I had the honor of caring for. His patience and ability to put others at ease in any situation were a guidepost for me, and showed the genuine love he felt for everyone.*

Robert Wolverton - November 03, 2022 at 09:39 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robert Wolverton - November 03, 2022 at 09:22 PM

RW

Dr. Long loved his theater organ almost as much as his cats. It's so sad the music is stilled.

Robert Wolverton - November 03, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Dr. William Long.



November 03, 2022 at 01:55 AM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Dr. William Long.



November 03, 2022 at 01:46 AM

HR

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Hal Robbins - November 02, 2022 at 10:05 PM

HR

“ I called Dr. Long, out of the blue, a year ago. To my surprise, he remembered me right away. As we talked, he laughed and said, “I’ve told this story a lot over the years. I had a young man who had been my patient as a teen. When he was in his early 20’s, he asked me if he needed to find another doctor. I told him no, he could see me as long as he wished. The young man replied, “Good because I don’t want another man seeing me naked!” We laughed and I told Dr. Long that I remembered telling him that! (Almost 40 years ago!) I was in MS back in August and dropped by to see him. The last time we had seen each other was New Years Eve, 1994 at my wedding. We laughed and had a great visit. I asked him at some point what he would like to do. He replied, “I’d like to take a Jeep out to Colorado and ride in the mountains again.” I wish I could have taken him on that trip....we’ll see each other again!

Hal Robbins - November 02, 2022 at 10:01 PM

RS

“ Ron And Shino purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Dr. William Long.



Ron And Shino - November 02, 2022 at 02:34 PM

DW

“ *Dr. Bill Long and June Long were long time friends.
What a blessing he was to me and all that knew him.
We will greatly miss him.*
DeSha White

DeSha White - November 02, 2022 at 09:57 AM

SM

“ *Sue Marx lit a candle in memory of Dr.
William Long*



sue Marx - November 01, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Sandra Cliburn sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dr. William Long*



Sandra Cliburn - November 01, 2022 at 08:09 PM