



David E. Long

April 21, 1940 - May 31, 2025

David E. Long, age 85 of Marine, IL, died Saturday, May 31, 2025, at HSHS Saint Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

He was born on Sunday, April 21, 1940, in Cairo, IL, the son of Marshall and Anna Mae (nee Jones) Long.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1958, he married Nelda Louise Long (nee Leonberger), who preceded him in death earlier this year on Thursday, February 10, 2025.

David and Nelda lived in East St. Louis, IL until they moved to Marine, IL in 1972. Throughout his life, David was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting and fishing and relaying the tales of those adventures to anyone who would listen. He also adored traveling and dancing with his wife. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Grandchild - Eric J. (Andrea) Long, Ft. Myers, FL

Grandchild - Stephanie M. (Andy) Sullivan, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Joshua J. (Jennifer) Long, Casey, IL

Great Grandchild - Evan Long

Great Grandchild - Emery Long
Great Grandchild - Cora Sullivan
Great Grandchild - William Sullivan
Great Grandchild - Brinley Long
Great Grandchild - Caroline Long
Anticipated Great Grandchild – In August

He was preceded in death by:

Wife - Nelda Louise Long, nee Leonberger

Son - David Allen Long

Father - Marshall Neil "Bosco" Long

Mother - Anna Mae Long, nee Jones

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Pastor James and Lylia Altom, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Great Grandchildren for education in the care of Stephanie Sullivan.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Uncle David was simply the best. He was such a important part of the family and he meant so much to us all. He was smart and so funny .He always had a smile on his face and made the best of every situation. He really was a charmer, and he charmed his way into the hearts of all that new him. He was a man of I integrity and and character. He will be always loved missed .and I take comfort in knowing he is with family in heaven and that we will see him again someday, until then uncle David . keep the party going . and send my love 💕 to Nelda and the rest .we miss them all so much*

Trina Andrews - June 09, 2025 at 11:39 PM

TA

“ *Trina Andrews lit a candle in memory of David Long*



Trina Andrews - June 09, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David E. Long.*



June 04, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David E. Long.

June 04, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ What a great soul Uncle David was indeed. He would help anyone he could and was always cheering and rooting for you to do your best. His jokes and infectious smile will be missed around our family circle. But we know he is enjoying his new home in heaven with the love of his life and his son. No more tears or lonesome feelings . We send our love your way and until we meet again have fun ! From, Jim , Lylia and all our grandkids...

Lylia Altom - June 03, 2025 at 10:17 PM



“ Love, Penny and Sean -Slone-Lewis Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of David E. Long.



Love, Penny and Sean -Slone-Lewis Family - June 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Love, Penny and Sean -Slone-Lewis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Long.

Love, Penny and Sean -Slone-Lewis Family - June 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM

PS

“ Uncle David was a lifelong friend and part of our family, and I owe many fond memories growing up to him and Aunt Nell. He was the nicest many you could ever meet and would do anything to help someone. I will miss him terribly. My condolences to his Grandchildren Eric, Steph, Josh, and the extended family. Dave was the best!



Penny Slone - June 03, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David E. Long.



June 03, 2025 at 10:20 AM

LN

“ David was a joy to know. A sweet, loving man who adored his family. He and Nelda never forgot a birthday and made all their 'kids' feel special and so loved. May he rest in peace with his beloved wife. We will miss you forever Ggpa.

Lisa Nardello - June 02, 2025 at 08:00 PM

LA

“ Lylia Altom purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David E. Long.



Lylia Altom - June 02, 2025 at 07:36 PM

LA

“ Lylia Altom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Long.

Lylia Altom - June 02, 2025 at 07:36 PM

EA

“ Elizabeth Frisse & Benjamin Alexander purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David E. Long.



Elizabeth Frisse & Benjamin Alexander - June 02, 2025 at 02:39 PM

KR

“ Dave was more than a friend he and Nelda was like family to us we have so many fond memories from the past from them May God grant you David and Nelda and son peace and light in your presence in heaven 🙏

Kevin Ratermann - June 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM