



Dearl Gene Long

March 22, 1938 - October 28, 2011

Dearl Gene Long was born to Frank and Letha (Grimes) Long in Morris, OK, on March 22, 1938. He was the last of 10 children. In 1943, his family moved to Lamont, CA. He attended school in Arvin, CA, before entering the Navy in 1955. He served aboard the USS Shangri-La until 1959 and was awarded the South China Sea Medal. He then served in the Merchant Marines and “saw the world.” He worked in the drapery business in CA, WI, and OK before going to work at OSU’s Okmulgee campus until he retired in 1995.

Dearl was an active member of the Elks at the Okmulgee and Wagoner lodges. He served as an officer, worked in youth and veteran programs, and served as a volunteer representative to the VA hospital in Muskogee. Dearl was also a member of the VFW Post in Okmulgee.

Dearl loved life and was a real people person. He loved his extended family and made them a big part of his life. He always had a joke to tell, and he loved to laugh and make others laugh. Dearl was a great cook, and he loved to cook for others. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and he loved dogs of all kinds. Dearl was caring and generous with his time to people and organizations.

Dearl was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers (Denfurd, Matthew, Frank, and Lloyd Long) and sisters (Nola and Betty Long and Christina Mae West). He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Long; his son, Johnny Long of

Okmulgee; sisters Marcy Bednarek of Milwaukee, and Diann Collison of Tacoma; two grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Dearl Gene Long*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Your story was rley informative, thanks!##imported-begin##Bryson##imported-end##*

December 04, 2011 at 03:10 AM



“ *So very for the loss of a wonderful man he's always been there when we needed him. I know I'm to late but thank you Uncle Dearl We Love You!!! Love you to Sivia.##imported-begin##Debby Dillard##imported-end##*

November 03, 2011 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sylvia,
It is so difficult to give up the person you love so dearly. The one thing that will eventually console you are those great memories of the life you shared with Dearl. You were meant for each other from the moment you met and were a perfect balance for each other. Dearl was a good friend...just as you are. My sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Jeneane Campbell##imported-end##*

November 02, 2011 at 11:05 AM



“ *Thinking of you##imported-begin##Travis Jones##imported-end##*

November 01, 2011 at 08:48 PM



“ *Dearl was a generous and helpful member of our lodge in Wagoner. Quick with humor and a smile, I'll miss him but not forget him.##imported-begin##Steve Kumrow##imported-end##*

November 01, 2011 at 03:25 PM



“ *Dear Sylvia*

YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF DEARL. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY A LOT OF PEOPLE.

*DAN & DEBBIE##imported-begin##Dan & Debbie
Worley##imported-end##*

November 01, 2011 at 10:57 AM