



Charles Newton Long

December 27, 1940 - December 14, 2023

Charles Newton Long, 82, passed away on December 14, 2023 at Parkview Care Facility in Bolivar, MO surrounded by his family.

He was born December 27, 1940 in Willow Springs, Missouri to Paul Vernon Long and Willa Jean Gann Long. Charles was named after his grandfather, Franklin Newton Gann.

Charlie was in the Air Force Reserves at Richards-Gebaur Airport in the 1960s and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He attended college at Southwest Baptist College, Drury College and UMKC.

Charlie was united in marriage on October 10, 1965 to Sharon Kay Hines. Charlie worked at his family business, Long's Bolivar Hardware then years later Charlie and Kay established the business, Kay Long Interiors. Charlie's retirement job was working with his son at The Paul Long Agency later transitioning to Ollis/Akers/Arney insurance company. Charlie was a 2nd generation Bolivar Rotary Club and Bolivar Chamber of Commerce president, he participated in Bolivar City Council, was a Free Mason and a Shriner.

All who knew Charlie were aware of his life-long love of Music. He started piano lessons at an early age and his mother, Willa Jean Long, played a major part in helping to cultivate his musical talents. He was an impressive piano player, singer, and trombone player. Charlie was a 1958 graduate of Bolivar High School. He played trombone in the school band and in a big band style group with his friends called the Bee Bops. Trombone became the family instrument as Tim, Paul, Blake, and Nick, all played it. In later years he devoted his trombone talents to community bands in Bolivar and Republic. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Bolivar and enjoyed years of singing in the church choir and playing the trombone in the church orchestra. He is best-known for providing dinner music to banquets and special dinners. For years he enjoyed playing at Christmas parties for several different companies and organizations around southwest Missouri. Throughout his last year in and out of the hospital for his vascular condition he would sing to the doctors, nurses, and to his family and friends. Many people will remember his musical talents for years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Paul and Willa Jean Long, his in-laws; Bill and Hazel Hines, sister; Paula Jean Webb, sister-in-law; Dixie Jenkins, brothers-in-law; Jerry Webb and Bobbie Gothard.

Charlie is survived by his devoted wife Kay Long, his daughter; Sharon Marie Muir and her husband Rob of Kansas City, Missouri, his son; Paul William Long and his wife Brenda of Bolivar, Missouri, sister; Linda Sue Gothard of Bolivar, Missouri, brother; Tim Long of Hollister, Missouri. Grandchildren; Blake Long (wife Abby), Nicholas Long (wife Allison), Kennadie Kay Long, and Robert Ethan Muir. 3 great-grandchildren; Henry Charles Long, James William Long and Autumn Saylor; brother-in-law; Robert (Lucky) Jenkins and goddaughter (niece) Robin Jenkins of Bolivar, Missouri and several nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be Tim Long, Rob Muir, Blake Long, Nick Long, Ethan Muir, and John Best. Honorary pallbearers are Don Woods, Ben Franklin, Bill Mincks, Chuck Beers, Bill Jones, and Bill Bob Kallenbach.

. Services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, December 16, 2023, at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will be held 10:00 - 11:00 AM Saturday, December 16, 2023, at the Funeral Home. Burial will take place in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Care to Learn or to the Mt. Gilead Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside

DEC 16 (CT)

Mt. Gilead Cemetery
1401 E 464th Road
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall

PS

“*Kay, Phil and Martha send our thoughts and prayers.*”

Phil and Martha Smith - December 20, 2023 at 06:23 PM

TC

“*Kay, we are in Houston TX with Austin and Savannah and Mom called and told me that Charlie had passed. I was so very sorry to hear the news. I have such fond memories of Charlie through working with you through the years. Whenever I couldn't get in touch with you, I would always contact Charlie and he would give you the message. He was the best! My love and prayers go out to you and all of your family. Love, Tracy”*”

Tracy Curry - December 18, 2023 at 01:53 PM

MM

“*I just learned of Charlie's passing. Charles and my brother David Moore were school friends as are three 10 year younger brothers, Tim and me (Michael Moore). There are many memories of Charlie and stories from my brother. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*
Michael D Moore and David F Moore.”

Michael Moore - December 17, 2023 at 09:43 PM

LO

“*I remember Charlie with the Bee Bops. We played on KY3. We didn't get discovered, but we had fun!*
Luke”

Luke O'Dell - December 16, 2023 at 06:05 PM

JW

“ I could write a book about Charlie, and maybe someday I will. 47 years of friendship means we shared everything that happens in life, celebrating the good times and helping each other get through the harder ones. So many memories, such an icon of caring and friendship to all he met. There is a reason I can think of so many friends who are saying: "Charlie and Kay are my best friends." And everyone would be correct, because they are truly the best of friends to countless people of Bolivar. We all were privileged to share the title of "best friends" to Charlie and Kay. I can't help but think heaven's gates were open wide yesterday as Charlie entered, and there was a baby grand piano all shined up and ready for Charlie to lead the choirs of angels in their Christmas songs this year. Never stop bringing joy to all in heaven through your music, Charlie. I will miss you, my friend.

Joan Woods - December 15, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Newton Long.



December 15, 2023 at 02:35 PM

JA

“ I was so very sorry to hear of the passing of Charlie. Growing up around Bolivar, he was an encourager and mentor to many of us. Please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerald Andrews - December 15, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Newton Long.*



December 15, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Maryhelen, Madison & Nancy Stephens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Newton Long.*

Maryhelen, Madison & Nancy Stephens - December 15, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Newton Long.*



December 15, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *My relationship with Charlie Long goes back 55 years. He was my musical "partner" in our love and appreciation of all kinds of music, and we shared many musical moments, with him at the piano. His talent was immense, and I loved when he would accompany me on one of the "oldies" especially "Unforgettable"...which he was and will always be. Love you, dear friend and "brother." 🎵🎵❤️*

Sandy Jones - December 14, 2023 at 07:03 PM