



## Lonnie "Wayne" Long

August 30, 1948 - December 22, 2020

Lonnie Wayne Long

Lonnie Wayne Long completed his 72 years of service on this earth on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. He lived his life as a servant to others.

Wayne was born on August 30, 1948 in Nevada, Missouri to Andrew Jackson Long and Mary Lucinda Spencer Long. He spent his early years in El Dorado Springs, Missouri, and Kansas City, Missouri, before his family moved to Riverside, California, where he lived until he joined the Navy in 1968.

Wayne served in the US Navy for 24 years and retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1991 after serving from Viet Nam through Desert Storm as an aviation electrician, mission planner, drug and alcohol counselor, and maintenance chief. During his service in the Navy, Wayne spent time on every continent except Europe, including Antarctica.

On April 4, 1981, Wayne married Kathleen Truxaw in San Diego, California. They traveled extensively by RV, timeshares, and hotels in the US. Yosemite was a favorite destination. They also traveled internationally, filling in the last continent for Wayne with trips to Europe.

While in the Navy, Wayne completed a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science with an emphasis in drug and alcohol counseling, and a Master's

degree in Counseling Psychology. He was working on a Doctorate in clinical psychology until he decided that he did not need another stressful career.

After he retired from the Navy, Wayne delivered mail for 12 years and always connected with his customers and their dogs along his route. After retiring from the Post Office, he moved to Bolivar, Missouri, where he served as a custodian and building manager at Bolivar First Christian Church.

Wayne was ordained to serve as an Elder in the Church and was recognized for his concern for the members of the Church, checking in regularly with many of them and helping scores of people in his community through his kind presence and steady helping hands. He was also the go to person for anything people needed at Church because he noticed what needed to be done and did it.

Wayne is predeceased by his parents and aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, children, Karl Dana Long of Phoenix, Arizona, and Patricia Long Crawford (Drew) of Springfield, Missouri, his sister, Ginger Mazzola (Bill) of Dallas, Georgia, his grandson, Nathan, step grandchildren, Alex and Kenna, and many nieces and nephews.

Services on Monday, December 28, 2020 are being coordinated by Butler Funeral home. The visitation will take place at Bolivar First Christian Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM followed by the funeral service at 11:00.

Burial will be at the Springfield Veteran's Cemetery with attendance limited to immediate family due to COVID restrictions. The family strongly encourages everyone to wear masks and maintain social distancing in the Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bolivar First Christian Church.

Services will be streamed on the First Christian Church Face Book Page at <https://www.facebook.com/BolivarFCC>.



# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 S. Southwood  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
407 W Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613

## Funeral Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
407 W Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lonnie "Wayne" Long*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Lonnie "Wayne" Long*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear that Wayne passed away. He was a strong, courageous and quietly kind man and I remember many enjoyable times talking to him over the years. In a world where few can be counted on to stand up, do their duty and be part of the solution, Wayne was always there at the front. His life stood for basic principles, and in this his life was an enviable success.*

*I'm reminded of his sense of humor, hearing about his many adventures, his quiet way of eschewing the spotlight, and the opportunities over the years to share short glimpses of the world from his perspective.*

*I'm very sorry for the loss to his family. Our thoughts are with you all.*

*Mark Myers, Storrs, Connecticut*

Mark Myers - December 28, 2020 at 04:50 PM



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**Butler Funeral Home** - December 27, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ From **TERRI AND CAROL TEGTMEIER**  
purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the  
family of Lonnie "Wayne" Long.



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**From TERRI AND CAROL TEGTMEIER** - December 27, 2020  
at 08:57 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Chief Long's passing. I served with him in VP-4  
during the late 80s and early 90s and remember him well. It was my  
first tour of duty and his last. He was one of the best maintenance  
control chiefs around. A very good man and well respected leader.  
My condolences to his family.

*Alex Smith, Milwaukee WI*

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**Alex Smith** - December 24, 2020 at 09:16 AM