



Richard Eugene Long Sr.

March 7, 1930 - April 10, 2022

Richard Eugene Long, Sr., beloved husband and “Granddaddy”, passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, April 10, 2022, in his home. He was 92 years old.

A graduate of Bodenham High School, Gene served in the United States Air Force as a Teletype Operator. After being honorably discharged, he retired at Murray Ohio after thirty-four years of dedicated service. He was President of Farmer’s Mutual Insurance Company, and also served on the Giles County Equalization Board. He was a long-time deacon at Wales Baptist Church.

Granddaddy could be found in his beaten-up light blue Chevy Silverado roaming Hams Creek, usually with a deer in the bed of the truck and his grandkids alongside him. He was a true lover of God’s creation, and he instilled a love for farm life within his children and grandchildren. Every spring, when his tulips bloomed, you’d see his face light up a little more than usual. He was stubborn as a mule and determined as one could be. Nobody was going to tell Gene Long he couldn’t do something, because he was certain to prove them wrong. He was a hard-worker, an avid storyteller, a skilled BB gun Coca-Cola can shooter, a professional tree identifier, a ginseng adventurer, a prankster and the best all-around Granddaddy one could ask for. If you knew him, you’d often hear him preach about Christ’s perfect love for sinners like us. He’d often follow it all up with his famous “I’m no example.” This is where

he got it wrong.

Granddaddy was the example— We will carry that love and those memories with us in all of the days to come.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 12th from 4:00 to 8:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home

The Funeral Service will be Wednesday, April 13th at 11:00am in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

The Burial will take place at Giles Memory Gardens.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Joan Long, Parents, Levi and Lerah Long, Brothers, Buford Ray Long, Royce C. Long, and Robert Edwin Long, Grandson Daniel Eli Collins.

He is survived by his three children,

Daughter, Beverly (Danny) Collins of Pulaski

Daughter, Patricia (Wayne) McDougal of Pulaski

Son, Richard Long, Jr. of Pulaski

Sister, Sarah Long of Conyers, Georgia

Grandchildren, Stephanie Collins, Kim (John) Miller, Valerie (Patrick) Wilcher, Ashley (Bo) McDougal - Ingram, Laklin (Nick) Long Messer, Saxton (Elizabeth) Long, and Drey Long.

Great Grandchildren, Grayson Miller, Gibson Miller, Lerah Wilcher, and Owen Messer

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Richard Eugene Long, Sr.

Cemetery Details

Giles Memory Garden

140 Bethel Road
Pulaski, TN

Tribute Wall

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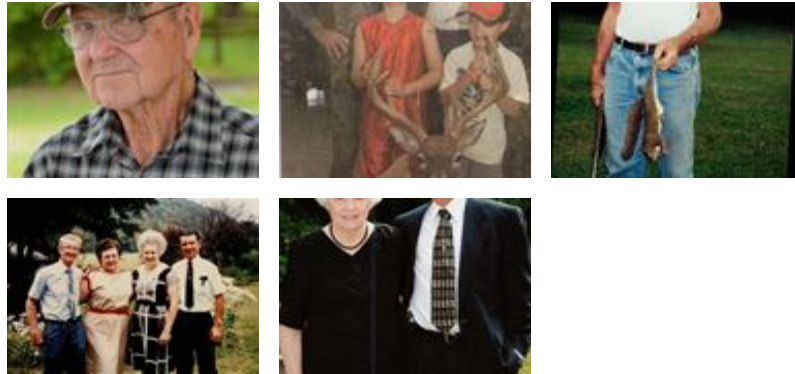
“ Sorry to hear about your dad. Have heard James tell a lot of story's about your dad. God bless you during this time.



Amy Gooch Lawrence - April 12, 2022 at 09:35 PM



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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - April 12, 2022 at 12:29 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Mr. gene was a fine man. Your family is in my prayers.



Deborah Hopper - April 12, 2022 at 09:41 AM

PK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss!*

Pam Kellar - April 12, 2022 at 08:23 AM

JT

“ *Spent many days with this man at Murray, hunting and fishing and came to know him as a great Friend and Christian. I believe God broke the mold after He made Gene because in my 70 years I have yet to know another man who loved our God, family and his friends like Gene Long did. Heaven gained a good man on this past Lord's day. I consider it a great honor to be one of his pallbearers Wednesday as we lay his body in the grave. A body he wore out in 92 years and will no longer need. See you later my Friend.....*



jim tidwell - April 12, 2022 at 12:27 AM

CE

“ *So sorry for your loss. The family is in our prayers!*

Chucky and Amy Evans - April 11, 2022 at 09:35 PM

KT

“ *With Deepest Sympathy, Jimmy an Kathy Thomas, Minor Hill, Tn.*



Kathy Thomas - April 11, 2022 at 06:40 PM