

Expressions of Gratitude

Sincere Thanks: Words cannot adequately express the sincere gratitude and appreciation we feel during this time of loss. Your prayers, comforting words and kind acts truly emulate the love of Christ. May the divine favor of God rest upon each one of you. – The Family of Nathan Lyle Long.

The Broken Chain

*We little knew the day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*



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In *Loving* Memory



Nathan Lyle Long

March 20, 1948 - October 10, 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home
Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Visitation: 1:00pm - Service: 2:00pm

Obituary

Nathan Lyle Long departed this life peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at St. Anns Hospital after battling several illnesses. He was born on March 20, 1948, in Charleston, WV. Nathan was preceded in death by his parents, Sterling and Blanch Long; brothers, Robert Jackson, James Jackson, and Sterling Long, along with sister Jackie Long and daughter Leetta Long.

Nathan was educated in Kanawha County Schools where he was a star student. He received a VA Awards Certificate of Achievement for completing the Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Service program.

At the age of 17 Nathan persuaded his mother to allow him to enlist in the United States Marine Corp. During the Vietnam War, he went to help a fellow injured Marine, when a mine went off and cost him his sight, as well as several fingers and other injuries. Nathan earned a Purple Heart for his service and bravery. He was honorably discharged in August 1969.

Those physical ailments prevented Nathan from working secular jobs, however he was still able to work hard at helping others, no matter what the tasks. Nathan was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Nathan had a magnetic and vibrant personality; he never met a stranger. Anyone that knew him could tell you he was the "life of the party." Nathan would always find a funny story to tell that would have everyone laughing to tears. He had a love of music and would break out in song at any given moment. He enjoyed singing in local bands and with various artist in his younger years. Nathan was known to be a meticulous dresser, "a Dapper Dan"; even after losing his sight. He and his wife Jackie, made sure he was "dressed to impress." Nathan enjoyed life and was good at whatever he put his mind to. He played football in high school and loved playing basketball. Boxing, college football, watching a good wrestling match, along with his favorite cowboy and western shows were some of the things he enjoyed doing with his friends and family. Bid whist was a favorite pastime and to hear him tell it; He was the Master!

Nathan met the love of his life, Jackie aka "Sugar" in 2010 and after a short courtship Nathan and Jackie were married on December 24, 2010, in an intimate ceremony. Nathan and Jackie enjoyed listening to the oldies and dancing around the house. They enjoyed traveling to various casinos throughout Ohio and West VA and cruising the Caribbean with family. On a nice day, you could find them sitting or napping on their front porch sharing a laugh and enjoying good conversation. Nathan had a smile that would light up any room and a laugh that was contagious to all. Nathan often had an encouraging word, would offer a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on. Nathan was truly adored and loved very dearly. He will be greatly missed.

Nathan leaves to cherish his memory with his devoted and loving wife, Jacqueline (Jackie) Long; sons Nathan Long Jr. (Lisa) and Michael Long. Brother Paul Jackson (Loretta) Special niece Monica Cunningham, and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE Stanley Woods

SCRIPTURE READING Elder Harriston Wilson
Old Testament..... Psalm 23
New Testament John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Elder Harriston Wilson

MUSIC SELECTION..... Frank Ross

REMARKS Friends & Family (2mins. Please)

READING OF OBITUARY..... Silent

MUSIC SELECTION..... David Knox

The Eulogy

Elder Harriston Wilson

BENEDICTION Elder Harriston Wilson

RECESSIONAL..... Frank Ross, Family, and Friends