



Truman Paul Long

October 14, 1930 - April 6, 2022

Truman Paul Long passed away on April 6, 2022, at Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital in Talihina, Oklahoma. Paul was born on October 14, 1930, in Fleetwood, Oklahoma to Charles Olen and Iona Long. He lived in Talihina for many years before moving to Ryan, Oklahoma where he graduated from high school. Paul enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was a cook. Paul was very proud to serve his country and feed many of his fellow soldiers. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Paul went to work as a civilian through Civil Service at Eielson Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska. This is where he called home for over thirty years and during this time, he married and raised two daughters, Sandra and Paula. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed taking family and friends on river boat adventures, as well as camping, fishing, and hunting trips, stalking moose and caribou. He was an active father who enjoyed playing games, planting gardens, making pancakes on Saturday mornings, and joking around. Paul played several team sports while in Alaska, such as basketball, softball, and bowling, and was a member of two Alaskan league baseball teams: The Alaska Goldpanners and Fairbanks Forty-Niners. He was a hard worker, generous, had a large heart, and would do anything for his family, as well as for others. Paul retired in 1984 from Civil Service, and returned to Oklahoma where he met Patsy, who would become his wife on July 7, 1990. Paul and Patsy resided in Arpelar, OK, for ten years, then moved to Talihina to be nearer to family and to play a larger role in their grandchildren's active lives. Paul and Patsy lived on a small farm where Paul

took great pride in his garden, caring for his yard and surrounding property, riding in his tractor and working on their home throughout the years. He will be missed, but for those lives he touched, he will hold a special place in their hearts.

Paul leaves behind to honor his memory, his wife of the home, Patricia Long; children, Sandra Veronick and her husband Kevin Gartner of Corvallis, OR, Paula Crouse and husband David of Heathsville, VA, Kathy Boren and husband Robbie of Talihina, OK; grandchildren, Dominique Marchant and husband Clay of Lebanon, OR, Trina Crouse of Denver, CO, Sam Crouse of Colorado Springs, CO, Dakota Boren and wife Britney of Red Oak, OK, Kaelin Johnson and husband Ry of Buffalo Valley, OK; siblings, Raymond Long and wife Meredith of Brighton, CO, Arline Curtis and husband Herman of Comanche, OK; great grandchildren, Leighton Boren, Langston Boren, and Rhett Johnson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

Paul is preceded in passing by his parents Charles Olen and Iona Long; siblings, Geneva Norbury, Eldon Long, Orville Long, Glenn Long, Geraldine Teague, Eunice Hellekson; great granddaughter, Riley Johnson.

Memorial service will be on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at 2:00PM at Prairie Grove Church in Talihina, Oklahoma.

Cremation services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Home Service of Talihina, OK.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

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Prairie Grove Church

Tribute Wall

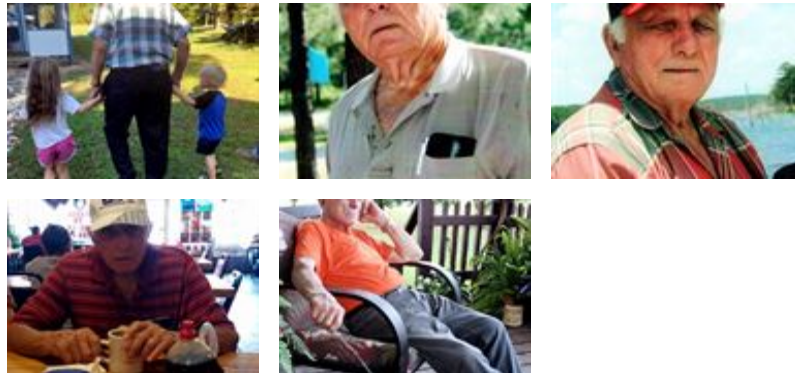
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“ I am a friend of Paul's daughter Sandra and his grand daughter Dominique.
Paul was one of the few adults I knew as a kid who always spoke to me as though I were an adult, with ideas, space of my own. What you saw was what you got. It was a pleasure and an honor to be acquainted with him briefly. He was what we used to call "the real deal".

Michael Hureaux - September 29, 2023 at 05:13 PM



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“ We will always remember Paul in our midst at Prairie Grove Baptist Church. Paul was a very kind man always willing to lend a helping hand. He would get to church early on Sunday and make the coffee. I told George every Sunday, "Hurry up! We have to get there before Paul because he makes the coffee too strong." I'd love to drink one of his cups of coffee with him today. One day we will have that cup together in heaven and it will be just right.

Nona - May 03, 2022 at 10:08 PM

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“ *Patsy, sending love & prayers. Paul will be missed.*
Brenda Long

Brenda Long - April 09, 2022 at 11:58 AM

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Clayton Marchant - April 07, 2022 at 11:13 PM



“ *Grateful for you!*

Dominique C Marchant - April 07, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ Love you so much, grandpa Paul. This was the last trip my husband and I got to see him! We celebrated his 90th birthday with him.



Dominique C Marchant - April 07, 2022 at 09:49 PM



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This one cracks me up!

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Such a sweet man!

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Sandra Ann Veronick - April 07, 2022 at 07:15 PM

“ Hi. This Sandra, Paul's daughter. Sandy as some may know me.

I think I would be remiss if I did not share some of memories with dad. There was a thirty-year period he lived in Fairbanks, Alaska, and where he raised me and my sister, Paula.

I can honestly say that he loved us to pieces. Always. Our father took us on riverboat rides, camping, fishing, gardening, playing games, making pancakes with Karo syrup and peanut butter, riding snow mobiles, trips to Hawaii, teasing us mercilessly.

I want to share some of my memories. Our father took us on many outdoor adventures. He used to have a weasel, kind of like a tank without the top, and he would take us out to the tundra. At that time, he had army tents. We would put the stakes in the ground, no tent floors back then, and set up cots. During the early morning hours, sic sic pups which resemble gophers, would burrow their way in, and pop their heads up through the dirt. We would be the only ones out there on this vast open space. A lake, snow, a boat, fishing and one red fox. Without a doubt, to a seven-year old, this was pure magic.

And then, there was a time, we were in the river boat, trying to figure out where to camp.

Dad dropped off Paula and I on an embankment. Needless to say, we were fresh meat for the mosquitoes and dad had the mosquito repellent. I remember another time, there was a mosquito in my room, kept me awake with its buzzing. Dad came in, turned on the light, tracked down that darn mosquito, and killed it for me. Ah, sleep at last.

My dad taught me how to ride bikes. First bike I got, he painted it blue with gold on the front fender with my name, SANDY. I used to be in the Bluebirds and one year my dad went to the base and got hundreds of orders for thin mints. Needless to say, I was the top seller! Or rather, my dad was. He planted my first garden with me at Lakeview Terrace in Fairbanks. My love for gardening has never left

me. We lived on a gravel road, I had two small turtles I lost as I was crossing. My father promptly stopped traffic until the turtles could be recovered. He was truly my hero.

I really could write a book about Truman P. I know that I would not have become the person I am today if he had not been in my life. He taught me what unconditional love means. He taught me how to be quiet and just be. To sit and look at trees, mountains, animals, sunsets, lakes and ponds, to soak in the warmth of a sunny day. I literally can sit for hours and not say anything. I am okay with this. The past year I came to visit my father and we would sit on the porch together, not having to say a word. I would wrap my arms around his neck from behind, and it always felt like the most natural thing in the world. I told my dad many times how much I loved him, and he always responded with, "I love you too." I am grateful for all the years I had with him, and to be able to claim him as my father.

Sandra Ann Veronick - April 07, 2022 at 06:29 PM



Beautiful. He was definitely easy to sit with and I always felt comfortable and at ease when around him... Although, he would tease you endlessly. He definitely exuded love. It was easy for me to reach out and touch his shoulder or pat him on his knee, saying in my small way, "I love you." He was a GOOD man... a loving, kind man. He will truly be missed. He was a good grandpa! Cheers to Paul Long! I love you, grandpa.

Dominique C Marchant - April 07, 2022 at 09:39 PM



I remember playing catch with him in the summertime when visiting.

Dominique C Marchant - April 07, 2022 at 09:41 PM

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Sandraveronick@yahoo.com - April 07, 2022 at 10:14 PM

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Paula Crouse - April 07, 2022 at 05:49 PM

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I love these pictures, Paula!

Sandra Ann Veronick - April 07, 2022 at 07:27 PM

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Paula Crouse - April 07, 2022 at 04:32 PM

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Dad truly loved the outdoors. Glad you found these!

Sandra Ann Veronick - April 07, 2022 at 07:28 PM

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Paula Crouse - April 07, 2022 at 04:29 PM

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Dad! We are lucky to have had him as our father.

Sandra Ann Veronick - April 07, 2022 at 07:29 PM