



John Wesley Long

May 1, 1945 - July 9, 2024

John Wesley Long, age 79, died July 9, 2024, at MUSC, surrounded by his family. John was born May 1, 1945, in Andrews, SC the son of the late Elsie Bryant and John Wesley Long, Sr.

Sports were a large part of John's life. He lettered in baseball and basketball while attending Andrews High School, where he graduated in 1963. John earned a bachelor's degree from Newberry College where he graduated in 1967. While attending Newberry College, he pitched for an intramural baseball league. A lifetime tennis player, John ranked third in his age group in 1998 USTA South Carolina singles. John served in the United States Army at Ft. Bliss, TX, from August 1967 until June 1969. In 1969, he became a bank examiner for the State of South Carolina. He then worked as a bank manager at Andrews Bank and Trust, in Andrews, SC, for more than two decades before joining Edward Jones as a financial advisor in Pawleys Island, SC. John retired from Edward Jones in August 2014. John was an avid bridge player, having taken up the game in the 1960s. In recent years, he played duplicate bridge several times a week as part of the Pawleys Island Bridge Club. He achieved Silver Life Master from the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). John was an active member of the Pawleys Island the Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Award.

John was preceded in death by his sister Judy Long Collins.

In addition to Bess Clarkson Long, his wife of 24 years, he is survived by his children Jennifer Wood (Chuck), and Spencer Long (Kristen), of Georgetown,

and Melissa Cahill, of Murrells Inlet, SC; grandchildren Jessica and Cameron Perkins, Jackson and Bevin Long, and Bradley and Ella Cahill; and great-granddaughter, Layla Perkins; nieces, Susan Black (Charlie) of Alabama and Teri Byjeck (John) of Tennessee.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, July 20, 2024, at St. Paul's Waccamaw Church in Pawleys Island. Following the service the family will receive friends at Quigleys Next Door, "QND" at 257 Willbrook Blvd.

Pawleys Island SC.

Memorial may be made to Pawleys Island Lions Club, P.O. Box 1530, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or Newberry College Athletic Club, 2100 College Street Newberry, SC 29108, attention to the Athletic Club.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church
180 St Paul's Pl
Pawleys Island, SC 29585-8178
(843) 237-2294

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *The Wormuth family is saddened to learn of our Uncle Johnny's passing. We are, however, comforted by the blessing of the indelible memories he left behind. I will forever cherish those golden times at the beaches south of Myrtle. I always looked forward to the annual visits with Johnny and his family. My parents especially loved reminiscing about the good old days at Newberry College. Thank you for the kindness, the laughs, and the memories, Uncle Johnny.*

John Wormuth - July 18, 2024 at 10:05 AM

MS

“ *I wish Bess and all of John's family and friends my most sincere condolences. He was my neighbor and close friend as well as regular duplicate bridge partner; we spent many hours together in recent years and I mourn his demise. Fondly remembered,*

Mick Samples - July 17, 2024 at 05:34 PM

ED

“ *Sending deepest condolences and sympathy. John's warmth, kindness and wonderful sense of humor brightened the world of those around him. We will miss his presence, but always remember his smile.*

Ellen D. - July 16, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JJ

“ Not often do things bring tears to my eyes but this news did.

John and I had many lunch's together discussing not only stocks but personnel things in our lives which we both kept confidential.

We also had lots of good laughs including my teasing him about his tennis.

I can truly say he was a very, very close friend who I will miss and I will be praying for you as he was a dear man.

Jim - July 15, 2024 at 03:11 PM

AN

“ How wonderful of you to respond. I loved John too; he always had that big beautiful smile & always made me laugh. Love you girl. One day at a time. Annie. PS. Wish we could be there for the celebration of life but will be there in spirit.

Annie - July 15, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JJ

“ John was a good guy and friend. We are sure he will fit right in with our Lord and Savior....Joyce and Jim Jerow

James Jerow - July 14, 2024 at 09:46 AM

DD

“ My prayers of support for the family. Such a major loss. John was one of the great ones. I'm going to look for an old picture Jan 1967 of a group of us at Newberry on a snow day. Will see you again in heaven my friend.

DON DOWLING Newberry '67

Donald R (Don) Dowling - July 13, 2024 at 06:32 PM

KA

“ My sweet old darling friend so sorry about your luvy John! I am so sad for you. I appreciated his humor, his welcoming arms and so much more. Getting Rose for ice cream when I needed to be away. An awesome gentleman he was!!! My prayers are with you and I am going to call you when it settles a little for you in a couple weeks. Dave, Rose and myself are sending a huge hug and shoulder for you. ❤️

Katie - July 13, 2024 at 04:41 PM

LI

“ I am thankful you have your sister and all your MSB family to support you during this unexpected crisis. I know these were not the plans you were hoping to be making.

I have often found comfort in this:

*May the long time sun shine upon you
All love surround you
And the pure light within you
Guide your way on.*

linda - July 13, 2024 at 08:59 AM

MC

“ Miss Bess, it always meant so much to me when Mr. John would attend the Boys and Girls Tennis matches for Waccamaw High School. It was a huge connection between generations for my student-athletes to see first-hand that Tennis is, indeed, a lifelong sport. Mr. John's kind and selfless support of these young people is a small example of his giving and wonderful personality.

The Waccamaw Tennis teams will miss his quiet presence at our future matches, but he will certainly be watching from heaven. Just think, he can watch all six (6) courts at one time from that vantage point.

Mary Cannon
WHS Girls Tennis

Mary Cannon - July 12, 2024 at 10:07 PM

KB

“ To John's Family, I worked with John at Andrews Bank & Trust Company for 9 + years. He was in the Andrews Office and I in Murrells Inlet. He was always such a kind and easy going person. I have not seen John in about 10 years but was sorry to read of his passing. Prayers for the family during this time. Kay Benton

Kay Benton - July 12, 2024 at 03:20 PM

TO

“ Bess, I am extremely sorry to hear this news. I did get to spend a little time with him back in early May of this year and I am very grateful that I was able to do that given this sad news. I have so many memories of John it is hard for me to pick one in particular but one that will always stand out is when he decided to change careers and go into the investment advisory business with Edward Jones. Before his career move to Edward Jones he did prepare a small number of tax returns (around 30 or so if I remember correctly). He called me and wanted to meet. In that meeting he asked me if I would take over the preparation of those returns and he did not ask for one penny from me to do it. That was just the way John was. I will never forget that.

tommy - July 12, 2024 at 01:32 PM

BC

“ Bess, we are shocked and saddened to hear of sweet John's passing. He has been so helpful and supportive in our financial affairs and as a friend following his retirement. Also, we will certainly miss his interest and support at WHS tennis events. We love and are praying for you. Bleeker & Bubba Cannon

Bleeker Cannon - July 12, 2024 at 12:51 PM

DP

I met john at the Pawleys Island bridge club. He was always had a smile and a nice person. I will miss his smiling face at the club

David perkins - July 14, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JM

Jim & Annie McAbee

Oh Bess we're so sad to hear of John's passing. Our hearts are broken for you. Jim was terribly shaken at the news & I wish that they had stayed in touch. He felt very close to John & they had many fun lunches together. You loved him well Bess. You are in our thoughts & prayers. Annie

Jim & Annie McAbee - July 15, 2024 at 12:22 PM