



George "Bud" Long

March 11, 1937 - April 10, 2021

George "Bud" Long, 84, of Boonville, MO, passed away at his home on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at H.T. May and Son Funeral Home at 2:00 PM. There will be no visitation. Services will be broadcast on Facebook Live on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM at <https://www.facebook.com/htmayfuneralhome>.

George (Bud) Long joined this world March 11, 1937 and as far as we're concerned left it much too early; April 10, 2021. One day shy of his 62nd Anniversary with his beloved sweetheart, Meribeth.

At 18 he joined the Navy and proudly served his country as an Air Traffic Controller upon the USS Ticonderoga. There he met his lifelong friend Bill Henderson who later became family after marrying his sister, Dorothy.

Some might say Bud was a simple man living a quiet life in a small town. But there was nothing quiet about his joyful spirit, his work ethic or his love and devotion to his family.

Under the apprenticeship of his Father-in-Law Tony Fenton he became a Master Plumber. They were kindred spirits, both artistic and hard working. He also taught Bud the art of drafting blueprints. Skills that helped him design and build two homes for his family.

Aside from being a lifelong entrepreneur and owning several businesses - Star Plumbing and Heating, The Starlite Drive-in, Oasis Pools and I 70 Store-All, he cut a mean rug and loved twirling Meribeth around the dance floor.

His professional achievements whether building the Wilson Pool Complex or plumbing the Columbia Airport were only surpassed by his devotion to his family. After working sunrise to sunset, he'd make his way to the Starlite Drive In and walk the rows of cars with his flashlight making sure everyone was safe... and behaving.

Bud loved Christmas and spent weeks building a snowy mountain village with a train, ice

skating rink, main street with villagers and carolers with carousels, Ferris wheels and snow globes. He loved creating, building and adding to it every year.

His only son Chris together with Bud's young grandsons worked side by side, building the houses, pools and various other projects. Learning important life lessons such as how to properly dig a ditch and that any problem could be solved with enough cus and sweat.

For Meribeth, his daughters and granddaughter. He loved planning sweet surprises. Shopping months in advance for that special gift.

Some say a life well lived can only be determined by how deeply we loved and were loved.

We are his family, his wife, his children, his grandchildren, his great grandchildren and we a wholeheartedly agree!

Meribeth Long, Lori Pfautsch and husband Jim, grandchildren Corey (Debbie – Isaac, Carson & Tucker) Jessica (Aiden)... Annette Long – grandchildren Ryan, (Keri - William & Weston) Jacob (Megan – Teigan, Emma & Bradyn) Zach (Tiffany Butler) Chris Long husband Jeff Darin.

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Events

APR **Service** 02:00PM

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H.T. May & Sons Funeral Home
405 Sycamore, Boonville, MO, US, 65233

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George "Bud" Long.



April 14 at 02:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George "Bud" Long.



April 14 at 01:03 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George "Bud" Long.



April 14 at 12:35 PM



“ There are so many memories that I recall that still make me smile!! Swim meets, camping out with the kids and the parties at the old house on 4th of July. So very sorry for your loss and he surely will be missed by many.

mary and andrew schnell - April 12 at 10:12 PM



“ My brother-in-law Bud lit up a room when he walked in; and when you walked into their home he was first to hug you; his laugh was infectious; his work ethic above reproach; his professional reputation as a Master Plumber unparalleled; his love for Meribeth (totally smitten way back in high school) grew deeper and stronger as the sunsets became more plentiful over the years; he was happiest when surrounded by all his family as they were the oxygen in his life.

" He lived, and laughed, and loved, and left, and the world will never be the same."

James Joyce

.....dear Precious Bud, may flights of angels take thee to thy rest!

Sandra Barbano

Sandra F. Barbano - April 12 at 09:06 PM



“ Bud was quite a guy. Fun loving and a good family man. Always quick with a comment or two. God bless Bud and Meribeth and the family he has left behind.

Steve Ambrose

Steve Ambrose - April 14 at 12:04 AM



“ Jim, Ron, and Michele King and their families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George "Bud" Long.



Jim, Ron, and Michele King and their families - April 12 at 09:05 PM



“ My Sweet Uncle Bud! Tough Minded and Tender Hearted! His smile and sense of humor lit up the room. He had an incredible work ethic. His love for his family was undeniable, always so affectionate, mostly towards his sweetheart, Aunt Meribeth. He delighted in planning surprises for her. We love you Uncle Bud and will miss you so much!

Gabi Collins - April 12 at 06:07 PM