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## Tribute Wall

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KW

**Kathy Whelchel** posted:

A candle was lit by Kathy Whelchel on January 3, 2018 4:13 PM

April 23 at 5:04 AM

KE

**Kellye** posted:

Praying for you all. Although I did not know him well, I know he was such a good man, because he had such a wonderful family! Grieve well.

April 23 at 5:04 AM

GK

**Gerard St.Martin; Katy, Tx** posted:

Dear Long Family, Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your Dad. I have many fond memories of the times spent visiting with him and all of you. He always kind and most welcoming whenever we were together, always had a story and was ready for a card game. All of you remain near in our thoughts and prayers. May you experience the love and peace of almighty God during this difficult time. Gerard and Pat St.Martin

April 23 at 5:04 AM

ES

**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

A Shades of Elegance was ordered on January 3, 2018

April 23 at 5:04 AM

CH

**Cheryl Hogg** posted:

So sorry to hear of Uncle Clarences pasting he was a very sweet, fun adorable man he will always be remembered with love.

April 23 at 5:04 AM

DR

**Duane And Pat Rogers** posted:

Dear Long Family, We are so sorry for the loss of Clarence. It is always so difficult to lose a beloved family member, and so few words to express condolences. He leaves you with wonderful memories to cherish.

April 23 at 5:04 AM



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MH

**Molly Longing Hill** posted:

A candle was lit by Molly Longing Hill on January 4, 2018 12:38 PM

April 23 at 5:04 AM

MO

**Molly** posted:

He was loved by many. Prayers and love to you all.

April 23 at 5:04 AM

PB

**Petra Bokina** posted:

A candle was lit by Petra Bokina on January 4, 2018 3:42 PM

April 23 at 5:04 AM

LR

**Linda Reynolds** posted:

A candle was lit by Linda Reynolds on January 4, 2018 4:51 PM

April 23 at 5:04 AM

KW

**Kathy Whelchel** posted:

"Mr. CA" was loved by so many and will be sorely missed! The first time I met him I knew he was my friend. Over this time I heard many family stories. Probably my most favorite were the "granddad stories," he always had the sweetest smile when talking about his grandkids and great grand kids! Mr. CA was so very proud of all of his family! Please accept all of our love, and prayers, and deepest sympathy. Mr. CA will never be forgotten. With love in Christ, Kathy Whelchel and family

April 23 at 5:04 AM

MB

**Margaret Brown** posted:

A candle was lit by Margaret Brown on January 4, 2018 8:14 PM

April 23 at 5:04 AM



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**Kenny & Kay Worbington** posted:

A candle was lit by Kenny & Kay Worbington on January 4, 2018 8:31 PM

April 23 at 5:04 AM

KW

**Kenny Worbington** posted:

I am very sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. I lost touch with him several years ago. He was my staff manager in the insurance business in the 70s & 80s. I will never forget how many ways he helped me in the business, and he even pitched in a few times to help me when I was building my family's home in Monticello. We won several company trout fishing trips to Calico Rock. He was so much fun, and I can still hear him say, "Hold up your head Milo!" You have my prayers and sympathy at this sad time.

April 23 at 5:04 AM

ES

**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

A Traditional Funeral Basket was sent on January 4, 2018 Steve - Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your dear father. We know you have treasured all the time your retirement has allowed you to spend with him. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love - Paul, Jeff, and Jesse

April 23 at 5:04 AM

BM

**Buz And Debi Mccreary** posted:

Dear Long family, We are sorry to hear of the passing of your father, and grandfather. We met C.A. a couple of times through the years through his son George. His obituary tells us of his kind, and fulfilled life with his children and family who have cherished him. May your memories of him help you through this difficult time.

April 23 at 5:04 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Clarence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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