



George Richard "Rick" Long

February 16, 1948 - April 9, 2016

George Richard "Rick" Long unexpectedly passed away Saturday, April 9, 2016 in Tallahassee. Rick was born February 16, 1948, in Silver City, New Mexico to George Herman and Dorothy Johnson Long.

Rick joined the U.S. Army straight out of high school and served in the Special Forces Green Beret during the Vietnam War. While serving in the Green Berets, he served as a combat engineer with a specialty in explosives, and made over 970 parachute jumps. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1991 as an E5 on a medical discharge.

He loved his family and enjoyed cooking, fishing, collecting dogs, teaching chess and playing endless hours of pinochle. Rick knew and counted his cards. Rick's greatest joy was spending time with his family. Rick touched the lives of many people with his smile and maintained his trademark sense of humor every day of his life. Rick is now with his Lord Jesus Christ and reunited with his mother, father and his brother, James Eldon, sister, Linda Darlene Long and his granddaughter, Emma G. Barlow. Rick will be greatly missed.

Rick was survived by his wife, Kathy Shirah-Long; sons, Richard Lee Long (Jeri Ann), Jason K. Shirah (Jo-Lyn); daughters, Ouida Sanders (Bryce), Nyddia Hannah, Katie Barlow (Timothy); grandchildren, Dane Long (Amanda), Ashley Buchan (Jonathon), Randall Buchan, Kyle Long, Brooklyn Sanders, Kason Long, Chloe Barlow, Brantley Barlow, Rowan Barlow; sisters, Shirley King, Betty Zammatt (Lenny), Shirley Downey Long; great grandchildren,

Charlotte Long, Oliver Long and Addison-Kate Weed, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends Raymond Gray, Linda Wulff Timmons and special cousins Jimmy and Connie Shiver.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at Bevis Funeral Home Chapel in Tallahassee with burial following at Tallahassee National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at Bevis Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Kathy, We are thinking of you and sending prayers. So sorry to hear about George. He will be missed.*
Melissa and Fred Russell

Melissa - April 13, 2016 at 09:07 PM

CB

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Carolyn Watson: Baumholder Buc - April 13, 2016 at 08:59 PM

BP

“ *Quida, so so sorry for your loss. Brenda Peters*

Brenda Peters - April 13, 2016 at 07:09 PM

LN

“ *Kathy, we were saddened to hear of Rick's passing. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's love make your grief bearable.*

Larry & Annette Nolan

Larry & Annette Nolan - April 13, 2016 at 05:10 PM

RL

“ *My love to all of you for the loss of husband, Father, GrandFather.*
Rita Layton

Rita Layton - April 13, 2016 at 01:15 PM

JO

“ *Jan Olson lit a candle in memory of George
Richard "Rick" Long*



jan olson - April 11, 2016 at 06:34 PM