



## Mary Kathryn Brandt Long

December 28, 1940 - September 14, 2020

Mary Kathryn Brandt Long, age 79, entered her heavenly home September 14, 2020, while surrounded by her loving children.

Mary Kathryn Brandt was born to parents William Clarence “Buddy” Brandt and Dora Belle “Tootsie” Brandt on December 28, 1940. A proud and lifelong resident of Tallahassee, she graduated from Leon High School in 1958, and later earned her undergraduate degree from Florida State University and her graduate degree from FAMU.

Growing up, Mary Kathryn was often seen working at her father’s stores in downtown Tallahassee: Buddy’s Sporting Goods and Hardware, Buddy’s Marine, and B&B Sporting Goods. She led the Leon Lions as head majorette and also played trumpet in the Leon High School marching band. She later performed as a majorette with the Marching Chiefs at Florida State University. Her talents and hobbies included playing the piano, baking and decorating cakes for weddings and special events, and making beautiful flower arrangements for church services and other occasions. She was also an accomplished athlete and pitched for two Amateur Softball Association Slow Pitch National Championships in 1982 and 1983.

Throughout her life, Mary Kathryn served her community through Christian ministry. She entered into the Lord’s service as a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, where she was baptized. She later moved her membership to East Hill Baptist Church and, through East Hill, followed God’s calling to become a founding Member of Morningside Baptist Church. After ministering at

Morningside for many years, she returned to Immanuel Baptist, the church of her childhood. While at Immanuel, she loved teaching Sunday school, working with Women's Ministry, SAINTS, and singing with the choir.

A retired teacher, Mary Kathryn Long taught Business Education and Typing at Rickards High School; Legal Secretary, Business, and Microsoft Office at Lively Technical College; and Microsoft Office at Tallahassee Community College. She loved her students dearly and acted as a mentor to many, while inspiring confidence and fostering a love of learning to those in her classroom. A dear, loving, and continuously supportive mother and "Nana", Mary Kathryn Brandt Long is survived by her 3 children, Billy Long (and wife Christina Clay Long), Scott Long, and Kathryn Belle Long, their father, Bill Long; and by her beloved grandchildren, William Long, Clayton Long, and Christian Long, of whom she is eternally proud. She leaves behind her dear friends since childhood, sister Barbara Brandt, and cousin Martha Ann Parker, and multiple other loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church on Saturday morning, September 19. Visitation will begin at 10 am, service at 11 am, and graveside service at Oakland Cemetery will follow the 11 am service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Immanuel Baptist Church Choir or other church outreach programs.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Long family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakland Cemetery**

838 N Bronough St  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

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“ We have very pleasant memories of Mary Kathryn. Enjoyed so much a visit with her in Bowden about 10 years ago. Love you all and prayers for peace for you. Margie Ann Long McCary and husband Mason McCary

Margie Ann Long McCary - September 18, 2020 at 12:22 AM

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“ I have known Mary Katherine all of my life. She has always been one of the sweetest, most genuine people I have ever known. Even though our paths did not cross much in our later lives, when we did see each other, she always made me feel she was genuinely glad to see me and to catch up with each other's lives. It is sad knowing that I will not see her again in this life but it is a joy knowing that I will see her again.

Linda Smith - September 17, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Brandt Long.



September 17, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Brandt Long.*



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September 17, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ *Mary Kathryn was a lovely lady, with a sweet smile and a loving spirit. We are remembering her family in our prayers.*  
*Rex and Sherrill Long*

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**Rex and Sherrill** - September 17, 2020 at 11:22 AM



*Our thoughts and prayers for the family. It's so good to know that there will one day be a time of reunion*

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**The Clifford Free family** - September 17, 2020 at 05:43 PM