



## Mrs. Mary Ellen Long

October 28, 1933 - July 30, 2024

Mary Ellen Long, 90, wife of the late James Lester Long, of Seneca, passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Residences at Park Place.

A native of Newry, SC, Mrs. Long was the daughter of the late Arnold Wiley and Sudie Estelle Shirley. She was a member of Newry Church of God and retired from JP Stevens.

Mrs. Long is survived by her sons: Richard L. Long (Lois) of Seneca, SC, J. Bryan Long, Sr., LTC (Ret) USA (Kathy) of Anderson, SC, Dennis E. Long of Seneca, SC and Tracy P. Long (Kim) of Seneca, SC; brother: Charles Shirley of Greenwood, IN; sister: Arvilla Blackwell of Seneca, SC; fourteen grandchildren: Shane Long (Suzanne), Justin Long, Colonel, USAF (Lindsay), Alison Strickland (Casey), Jamie Long (Ashley), Matt Long (Emily), John Long (Brooke), Jacob Long (Allie), Corey Long, Jordyn Barrett (Ross), Dylan Long (Graysan), Rylie Long, Madison Leach, Ben Leach and Hannah Leach; and nineteen great-grandchildren: Lauren Long, Ryan Long, Caroline Long, Georgia Fay Long, Garrett Strickland, Grant Strickland, Ava Strickland, Bryson Long, Reeves Long, Blakely Long, Emerson Long, Holland Long, Beau Long, Charlie Long, Ellie Barrett, Fin Barrett, Conor James Barrett, Colton Barrett, Dani-Gray Long, and one on the way.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Long was preceded in death by

her brothers: Alton, William and Ray Shirley; and sisters: Pauline Taylor and Barbara Chambers.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Friday, August 2, 2024, at Newry Church of God with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, Friday, prior to the service, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to Newry Church of God, 234 Newry Road, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Newry Church of God  
234 Newry Rd  
Seneca, SC 29672

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Newry Church of God  
234 Newry Rd  
Seneca, SC 29672

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Dear family, 50 plus years ago my grandparents lived in the house above you on the hill that is now Wisteria Lane. I played with Tracy and always loved being Ms Ellen’s little surrogate daughter. In my 40s we began a pen pal correspondence. In every letter she expressed her love for each of her sons and grandchildren and how proud she was of each of your accomplishments. A true Christian, she always shared her prayers for you and asked me to join her in praising God for His blessings and asking for His protection over you. Please accept my most sincere condolences  
Mary Williams (Tina)  
Granddaughter of Donnie and Viola Williams

Mary - August 09, 2024 at 10:43 AM

EM

“ Eddie and Greta Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ellen Long



Eddie and Greta Moore - August 09, 2024 at 09:25 AM

FO

“ She was a precious lady!!! 🙏 For her family  
🙏



Faye Owen - August 07, 2024 at 12:43 PM

BT

“ *Ellen Long was a precious lady to me. I remember her and her loving family while attending Newry Church of God. She was always caring and a beautiful Christian lady. I know she is now in comfort with Christ in Heaven. She will be waiting for her loving family.* ”

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**Beverly Lee Turner** - August 02, 2024 at 02:02 PM

BM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Loved Ellen, she was always a joy to have in my shop.* ”



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**Brenda McMahan** - August 01, 2024 at 09:01 PM

BM

“ *Brenda McMahan lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Long* ”



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**Brenda McMahan** - August 01, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Long.* ”



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August 01, 2024 at 10:00 AM

LW

“ Leigh and Marty Wright lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Long



Leigh and Marty Wright - July 31, 2024 at 12:09 PM

JL

“ Rick and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Loosing a mother and grandmother is one of the hardest things one will face. You are in my prayers! May God bless and comfort you, Jimmy Lewis



Jimmy Lewis - July 31, 2024 at 10:27 AM

FT

“ From Drew Patrick & Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Ellen Long.

From Drew Patrick & Team - July 31, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Long.



July 31, 2024 at 09:38 AM

DC

“ Through the years, Ellen was a true friend. Loved her so much.  
Praying for the Long family ❤️❤️

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**Doris Carver** - July 31, 2024 at 08:58 AM

RA

“ Re A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Ellen Long.

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**Re A.** - July 31, 2024 at 08:13 AM

“ *In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Mother*

*Our mother was a remarkable woman, overflowing with love and warmth for anyone who entered her heart. She was the proud mother of four sons who loved her deeply. During her time at the Residences at Park Place, she received exceptional care from her adopted daughters, who approached their roles not as jobs, but as acts of love and compassion.*

*A Mother's Boundless Love*

*Our mother had a heart big enough to embrace everyone. Her love was unconditional and unwavering, a beacon of light for her four sons and all who knew her. She taught us the true meaning of love, kindness, and generosity.*

*Cherished Moments at Park Place*

*While residing at the Residences at Park Place, our mother was surrounded by her adopted daughters, who cared for her with the utmost dedication and affection. Their care was not just professional but deeply personal, filled with loving embraces and heartfelt interactions. These women became an extended family, providing comfort and joy in our mother's final days.*

*A Legacy of Love and Care*

*Our mother's legacy lives on through the love she gave and the lives she touched. Her memory is a testament to the power of kindness and the impact of a loving heart. We, her four sons, will forever cherish the lessons she taught us and the love she bestowed upon us.*

*Honoring Her Memory*

*To honor our mother's memory, we will continue to spread the love*

*and kindness she exemplified. We will remember her not only as our mother but as a mother to all who needed one. Her spirit will always be with us, guiding us and reminding us of the importance of love and compassion.*

*I will miss you mom and your mother's love will continue to have a place in my Heart!*

*Love  
Rick*

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**Richard Long** - July 31, 2024 at 07:53 AM

EM

*Rick, I am so sorry to learn of your mothers passing. You and Tracy are special friends and brothers. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Eddie and Greta Moore** - August 09, 2024 at 09:30 AM

KE

“ *It was such a pleasure taking care of Granny at park place. She always had you rolling with her stories and she had a lot of them. She was such a sweet caring lady that could also be a feisty little lady but we wouldn't have had it any other way. You will be missed Granny but never forgotten. You made me smile when I would have a bad day. Until later 🥹*

*Kelly*

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**kelly** - July 30, 2024 at 05:23 PM

TS

“ Teresa, Kyle, Christin & Raleigh Sanders purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Long.



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**Teresa, Kyle, Christin & Raleigh Sanders** - July 30, 2024 at 04:47 PM

CM

“ We were very blessed to know Ellen, whom we called “Granny”. My little girl Rosie was very much attached. We will miss seeing her, but we know she’s home now 🙏



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**chelsea Morgan** - July 30, 2024 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ I love her so much and will miss my Aunt Ellen tremendously. My thoughts, sympathies, and prayers are with you all. My cousins. My family.

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**Steve Smith** - July 30, 2024 at 02:34 PM

JK

“ Jennifer Kinley lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Long



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**Jennifer Kinley** - July 30, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JC

“ *Thinking of the family with love and prayers.  
So sorry for your loss.* ”



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**Judy Cheek** - July 30, 2024 at 01:38 PM