



## Basil William Long Jr.

December 1, 1942 - February 1, 2020

Basil William Long, Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, mentor and friend, passed away on February 1, 2020 at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. Basil was preceded in death by his parents, Basil William Long, Sr. and Evaleen McGriff Long. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Smith Long, his daughter, Shannon Long and husband Scott, step-sons Barton Plant and wife Amorey, Brent Plant and wife Kristen, Bill Plant and wife Amber Milburn, along with grandchildren, Chase Crowder, Mikayla Dunaway, Maddox Plant, Stanleigh Plant, Jace Plant and Ellison Plant. He is also survived by his brother Rodney Long and wife Dottie.

Basil graduated from North High School in Columbus, Ohio. Even as a young child, Basil wanted to be a veterinarian and his close family friend and mentor, Dr. General Marsh, DVM, of Elyria, Ohio, was a major influence on his decision to become a veterinarian.

He began pursuing his dream by attending The Ohio State University, graduating in 1965 with a degree in Animal Science. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves where he served his country for the next six years. After his military service, Basil worked as a sales representative for McGraw Hill Publishing Company, presenting publications to veterinary schools throughout the mid-west and southern US. In 1969, he started taking courses again at Purdue University, then returned to Ohio State where he received his veterinary degree, specializing in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery. Later, he went on to Oklahoma State University

and completed his Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery.

In 1978, Basil moved to Texas where he worked at Texas A&M University Veterinary School as an Assistant Professor in the Small Animal Hospital. He also performed surgery for many of the smaller Veterinary Clinics around the Brazos Valley region, which brought him to Huntsville, Texas. He said many times when explaining how he ended up in Huntsville, that when he crossed the I-45/Hwy 30 bridge and first saw Huntsville, he knew he had to live here. In 1985, he became an established veterinarian in Huntsville and served the community for over 30 years. He retired from Long Veterinary Clinic in 2016. The clinic still honors him today by using his name.

Basil always had a love of the outdoors. He and his wife Carolyn passionately enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling (especially to Las Vegas and Argentina) and working with their bird dogs. For 25 years, he actively supported Quail Unlimited as a member, participant and officer. He has made many wonderful friends during the time he lived in Huntsville and will be missed terribly by many clinic clients as well. He always had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. He has left an indelible mark on many of those who have been around him or worked with and/or for him. Basil was generous with his time and resources to many and patiently provided sage, straightforward advice and encouragement to others on educational, career and life decisions. His professional memberships included AVMA, TVMA and NRA. He also volunteered as a consultant to "Pets Helping People" and served on the Hurricane Planning Committee with the Walker County Extension Office. Other affiliations included service as President of Student Book Exchange, Columbus, Ohio.

A casual, private celebration for family and friends will be held at his home in Huntsville on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1-4PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Rita B. Huff Humane Society, the Little Woman Home for Animals or to the "No-Kill" shelter of your choice. Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home is accepting letters of support, hope and encouragement on behalf of the family. Notes can also be posted

online at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com). Our entire family appreciates all the love, care and concern you have shown us during this time. Thank you for all your kindness, support, love, and prayers.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Basil William Long Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was one year ahead of Basil at Ohio State School of Veterinary Medicine. We spent a lot of time together socially in Alpha Psi. Lots of parties & beer. Basil was a natural leader, serious about veterinary medicine & also a fun guy. Very sorry to hear about our losing him.*

**Dennis Thompson** - June 29, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ *Basil has been a most valued and trusted friend and honorary family member for more years than I can remember (it's actually hard to remember a time when Basil and I weren't compatriots). Carolyn - you know that my family and I share your loss very deeply. Basil will never be far from our thoughts and memories!*

**Gene Hern** - February 13, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Basil had the kindest, resonant voice that distinguished his presence. May his eternal Love of family, animals and friends expand in us as he journeys home.*

**Melissa Epple** - February 07, 2020 at 06:22 PM

HC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Basil's passing. My deepest sympathy to his family. Basil and I first met in the second grade at Clinton Elementary School in Columbus Ohio and were friends through college at OSU. He and I worked together part time during college in his families college book store in Columbus. I see by comments from his clients that he served the veterinary community well.

*Harvey Castner*

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**Harvey Castner** - February 07, 2020 at 04:22 PM

FH

“ Basil was such a nice man. We always enjoyed talking to him, knowing him and sharing his stories about animals. Our thoughts are with the family. Francie and Pete Hubbard

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**Frances and Pete Hubbard** - February 07, 2020 at 03:48 PM

JJ

“ Wonderful memories of a kind man. Such a gentle person for our pets. Dr. Long is difficult to replace.

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**Jeannine Jacoby** - February 07, 2020 at 09:22 AM

KW

“ Basil was one of my first clients when I opened Elevate Massage. What a great man! Rest easy Mr. Long

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**karyna ward** - February 07, 2020 at 07:03 AM

JJ

“ Jim And Cathy Jones lit a candle in memory of Basil William Long Jr.



Jim and Cathy Jones - February 06, 2020 at 10:28 PM

SM

“ I can remember Dr. Long being so very kind and loving to all of our animals. Our Boxer Lady used to race into the office and try her hardest to get to her Friend! He always called her Princess, which I thought was sweet. We will always remember his boisterous laugh, his gentle manner, his kind heart, and his beautiful smile that would light up a room. We are Praying for the Family and Friends healing. We know your hearts are broken, but be proud of the man we will remember and the legacy he left behind. May God hold you in his loving arms.

Symantha McCreedy - February 06, 2020 at 06:39 PM

DH

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to learn of Basil's passing. I remember him being so kind and considerate of our fur babies.

Dalia Harrelson - February 06, 2020 at 12:12 AM

BC

“ I send prayers for the family ! ❤️ Sir, you will be missed. You were wonderful with all my “fur-babies” and helped a few to cross over to The Rainbow Bridge ! Thank you for your love of all animals. You are sorely missed. ❤️

Barbara Collins - February 05, 2020 at 09:25 PM

SE

“ Dear Carolyn & family, we just read with such sadness about Basil. Our hearts are breaking with yours. Basil was more than just our beloved dogs vet, he was also a friend whose medical, and professional opinion we relied on for our “ fur” babies well being. Huntsville has lost a truly dedicated, caring dr to our precious pets. We are all better for having known Basil as friend and advocate for our pets. Our love & sympathy,  
Sunny & Bob Ernst

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**sunny ernst** - February 05, 2020 at 02:22 PM

HA

*Dr. Long, helped my late wife. Nell and myself cope with the the loss of many kitties and dogs with His best efforts to save our beloved pets. and his Compassion and understanding. I have the highest Respect and gratitude for Dr Basil Long. I know there was a great joy of his numerous patients waiting for him at “The Rainbow Bridge”*

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**Harry Alexander** - February 09, 2020 at 09:25 AM

DJ

“ I met Dr. Long and his wife Carolyn as he is an alumnus of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He was always a pleasure to talk with and loved the college and the life it gave him. I just heard from him about a month ago and was hoping to see him when I was in town later this spring. When Carolyn called me I was in shock. He was a good man, made me laugh and I know will be missed by many.

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**Danielle Johnson** - February 05, 2020 at 01:50 PM

AW

“ Dr. Long was a friend and colleague of mine at Texas A&M Veterinary School. His infectious smile, gregarious personality, and charm made him a favorite of both students and staff. We remained friends over the years and he will be sorely missed by so many. My most sincere condolences to his family and friends. A bright light has gone out of this world but will be shining down on us from the heavens.

*Alice M. Wolf, DVM, DACVIM, DABVP  
Professor Emeritus - CVM - Texas A&M University*

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**Alice Wolf** - February 05, 2020 at 11:40 AM

EM

“ Dr. Long will be sorely missed. While I now live in Kentucky, I remember with gratitude, respect, and kind feelings how good he was to us and our many dogs over 15 years in Huntsville. So very sorry to learn of his passing. Deepest sympathy to his family,

*Evelyn McDaniel  
Shelbyville, KY*

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**Evelyn McDaniel** - February 05, 2020 at 11:20 AM

AD

“ Your personality was one in a million and will be dearly missed. Warmest sympathies to the entire family.

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**Adam Diamont** - February 05, 2020 at 11:05 AM

DG

“ Very sad to hear of his passing. He was a great friend and vet. Always willing to go the extra step to help.

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**Debbie Grisham** - February 04, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DH

“ Carolyn: I am sorry to hear about the passing of your husband.

David Henderson - February 04, 2020 at 09:29 PM

  
Charlotte  
Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Basil  
William Long Jr.



Charlotte Efird - February 04, 2020 at 08:54 PM

WD

“ So sad to get the news that Dr. Long had passed on 2/1. I first met Basil when he was a senior veterinary student at Ohio State University and I had just started my surgery residency at OSU. As luck would have it we both ended up in Texas, he initially at Texas A&M, and me in Houston, allowing our friendship to continue. My wife and I will always treasure the times we spent with Basil and Carolyn either at their place in Huntsville or at the many Astros games we went to together.  
Surely gonna miss you Doc.

Bill and Sue Daly  
Friendswood, TX

William R Daly DVM Dip.ACVS - February 04, 2020 at 04:37 PM

LV

“ We first me Dr Long approximately 37 yrs ago when he performed an emergency c-section on our dog. Having never been to him before we called just before closing and he stayed late for us. Although he was unable to save the puppies he saved Prissy's life. We were forever thankful for his service. After his retirement we occasionally saw him at the clinic. As he smiled we would hear him say only place he could get a free cup of coffee. I remember him as kind, compassionate vet and would answer any question we had. He will truly be missed by those whose whose lives he touched.

Lee Ann Victery - February 04, 2020 at 02:35 PM

DE

Basil has been our friend for many years. He had taken care of our fur babies also. He was a hunting buddy of my husbands We send deepest sympathy to his family.

derril - February 04, 2020 at 05:59 PM

PK

“ Dr Long was our family pet doctor for many years, Milton thought he was the only vet to care for his Labs, he has been greatly missed since he left the clinic!! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, may he Rest in Peace



peggy Kroesche - February 04, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Basil William Long Jr.



M. Hyvl - February 04, 2020 at 01:53 PM

GF

“ Carolyn and Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
Gina Floyd

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**Gina Floyd** - February 04, 2020 at 01:04 PM

VE

“ Dr. Long was always great with my cats when I took them in to see him at the clinic. He was kind, gentle and loved to see them and the progress they had made. I will always remember his kind words when we lost a pet. He will be missed greatly as a friend and as a vet.

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**Vicki Easley** - February 04, 2020 at 12:47 PM

DA

“ Dawn lit a candle in memory of Basil William Long Jr.



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**Dawn** - February 04, 2020 at 12:39 PM

MW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.



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**Mellicent Sikes Wiley** - February 04, 2020 at 12:26 PM

LL

“ *My heart is broken. Dr. Long was the most wonderful man and veterinarian. I'll never forget when I took my Lhasa Apso to the vet for his first clinic appointment, Dr. Long said, "he's a dapper looking dog". I was so proud of my handsome dog. Cowboy is now 18 years old and still going strong. Thank you so much to his family for sharing him with us. My prayers are with all of you.*

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**Lisa A Lopez** - February 04, 2020 at 12:04 PM