



## Myrtle Mae Long

August 4, 1920 - September 25, 2010

Myrtle Mae Long went home to be with her Lord the morning of September 25, 2010, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Rolla, Missouri, at the age of 90 years, 1 month and 21 days.

Myrtle was one of three children born to the late Carlos Levi and Bessie M. (Logan) Williams. She was born August 4, 1920 in the community of Cookville, Missouri, in Pulaski County. When Myrtle was a very young girl, her family moved to Crescent, near St. Louis, Missouri. They later moved to Waynesville, where she attended school.

On August 29, 1936, in Lebanon, Missouri, Myrtle was united in marriage with Elmer Long. Myrtle and Elmer were blessed with three daughters, Donna Pearl, Eleanor Ruth and Lynda Charlene. Myrtle mourned the passing of her eight year old daughter, Donna Pearl in 1945, and Elmer in 1976. In 1978, she married Harold Zielke, who preceded her in death in 1983.

In 1948, Elmer and Myrtle owned and operated Long's Restaurant in Waynesville. When it closed, Myrtle took business courses at Drury College at Ft. Leonard Wood. She accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Pulaski County Hospital, and later worked for Carl and Polly Deaton at Skyway Aviation for ten years. She retired after serving as St. Robert Finance/City Clerk for fifteen years.

Myrtle was very active in her community. She was a member of the Pulaski County Democratic Central Committee (chairman 10 years), and Business and Professional Women; member from 1953 to 1984, appointed to the state board in 1970, serving as president from 1982 – 83, treasurer for two terms, and during her tenure on the board held every state office. She enjoyed cooking, traveling and playing cards. She bowled on the Tuesday Morning Coffee League and Wednesday Night Ladies' League at Buckhorn Bowling Lanes.

In 1938, Myrtle professed her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized in the Gasconade River near the Riddle Bridge. She was a faithful, active member of Westside Baptist Church, until her health no longer permitted her attendance.

Myrtle was very dearly loved, and will be sadly missed by her daughters: Eleanor Shivers of St. Robert and Charlene Nalley of Waynesville; four grandchildren: Sondra Negrete, Connie Wirt, Kellie Scott and Errin Willis; fourteen great grandchildren; sixteen great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Also preceding Myrtle in death were her grandparents: Alex Logan and Anna Mae Williams; her brother: Alex Williams; sister: Ruthie Moll; sons-in-law: Kenneth Shivers and Steven Nalley; beloved grandson: Elmer Shivers and two great grandsons: Eddie Negrete and Cameron Scott.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 29, 2010 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Pastor Lindell Shelden officiating. Marvin Long, cousin of Myrtle, read the obituary and recalled his wonderful memories of Myrtle. Soloist Becky Lercher sang "I Love to Tell the Story", "This World Is Not My Home", "God Be With You Til We Meet Again" and "When We All Get to Heaven". Serving as escorts were

Kenny Shivers, Jared Wirt, Chuck Willis, James Scott, Gil Negrete, Sr., Benjamin Negrete and Ron Long.

Burial followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Myrtle Long to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Myrtle Mae Long*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Myrtle Mae Long*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Charlene and Elenor, my deepest heartfelt sympathies to each of you and your families. Your Mom was a wonderful woman and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Sheila Debo##imported-end##*

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September 29, 2010 at 01:32 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I wish I could be there.##imported-begin##Patricia Hampton##imported-end##*

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September 28, 2010 at 03:10 AM



“ Charlene and Eleanor, Your mom was such a sweet lady and will be remembered for many years to come by all the people she touched in her life. She was a "classy dame" and shared the distinction of being a leading lady in Waynesville and St. Robert. Much love to you all, as your family has been so important to our family over the years.##imported-begin##Luge and Paul Hardman##imported-end##

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September 27, 2010 at 01:10 PM



“ Charlene,  
  
Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you##imported-begin##Bill Anderson##imported-end##

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September 27, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. You Mom was a very special lady and will be greatly missed. God Bless you all,  
  
Debby and Nan##imported-begin##Debby Hull/Nan Goforth##imported-end##

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September 26, 2010 at 07:14 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. May you find peace in the memories.##imported-begin##Jeanette (Grice) Rooks##imported-end##

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September 26, 2010 at 12:26 PM