



Fred W. Long

February 2, 2009

Fred W. Long, age 70, of Stover, passed away Monday, February 2, 2009, at his home. He was born June 14, 1938, in Higginsville, Missouri, the son of the late Donald R. and Genevieve Lefman Long.

Fred graduated from Missouri Valley College in Marshall. While in college, he was known as "Mr. Viking". He played basketball, football, and was a member of the track team at Missouri Valley. He was drafted out of college by the Houston Oilers, but an injury forced him to quit playing. He started teaching at Smith Cotton High School in Sedalia, teaching biology. He then taught physical education until his retirement. He coached the football team there for several years. He was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ.

He is survived by his son, Frederick Matthew Long of Versailles; two daughters, Natalie D. Ellis and husband Mark of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Amy J. Johnson and husband Billy of Sunrise Beach; one grandson, William Nash Johnson of Sunrise Beach; his companion, Beverly Butler of the home; one brother, Don R. Long, Jr. of Higginsville, Missouri; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, his brother, Robert Long, preceded him in death.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Inurnment will be

held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.