



Lynn Long

November 15, 1942 - September 2, 2023

LYNN LONG

Lynn Darwin Long, age 80, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri. He was born November 15, 1942 in Fort Collins, Colorado, a son of James and Elizabeth (Gaines) Long.

He met his first wife, Virginia Lee Grover, at High School in Wichita Kansas and married shortly after graduation in 1961. They shared 8 years together and had 4 children. On July 31, 1970 in Wichita, Kansas, he was united in marriage again to Pamela Lou Palmer. They shared forty-six years of marriage and had 1 child before her passing on May 13, 2018.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, LaDena Rae Long.

Survivors include his children, Michael Lynn Long and spouse Thomas Denny of Lancaster, Texas, Melissa Kay Long of Ft. Worth, Texas, Gregory Allen Poindexter and spouse Kristen of Phoenix, Arizona, Mark Nicholas Palmer and wife Legita of Boise, Idaho and Terry Wayne Long of Gravois Mills, Missouri; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four siblings, George Longstreth, Jeanine Baysinger, Claudelle Lyall and Gary Long and a host of

other relatives and friends.

Lynn was raised on his grandparent's farm as a young child and later moved to Denver, Colorado with his mother. He later moved to Wichita, Kansas to attend high school and live with his father. He worked at a bakery after graduation to support his family then struck out on his own beginning a corvette repair business which ultimately led to his love for fiberglass, car manufacturing and boat building/repair. In the late 70's, seeking better opportunities, he moved the family to Oceanside, Vista and finally Escondido, California where he began another enterprise called Commercial Custom Coach auto body repair. He graduated from an interest in Corvettes to Panteras which led to building a new company with a friend he had met. He and Tony Newman began Long and Newman Enterprises and began working on a kit version of the Pantera. To fund this venture, they collaborated with Ron Sparks to build his Neo-Classic kit cars called the Spartan while also producing tubs for a new company called Hot Springs Spas. The next adventure led him to help with building a new super car for a company called Vector motor car in Wilmington California. Once that project was completed, he moved the family to Tacoma, Washington where he began working on boats which has always been a bit of a side project throughout his life. Seeking more work, he and Pam relocated to Sunrise Beach Missouri in the late 90's. He started a successful boat repair and fiberglass fabricating business called Composite Designer. Lynn loved to work and did so until his final days. His last project was building a 1933 Roadster from scratch to completion. He finally retired in 2021 to complete his personal projects amid various side jobs.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Washington.

Cremation arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ I can't say thank you enough to Lynn, he didn't realize he set me on a path to a great career. He taught me so much. More than any one person, Lynn had a major effect on how good my life turned out. I'm not saying it was perfect, what life is, but I'm grateful to that man for all his help. Rest in Peace Lynn.

Tony Newman - January 12, 2024 at 07:50 PM

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“ Linda New lit a candle in memory of Lynn Long



Linda New - September 10, 2023 at 11:18 AM

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“ Nathan lit a candle in memory of Lynn Long



Nathan - September 08, 2023 at 05:51 AM