

FREDERICK "FRED" J. LONG

9/13/1933-7/12/2023



Fred John Long, a lifelong resident of Duquesne, PA, passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the age of 89. Fred was a retired co-owner of Long's Hauling, Inc., located in West Mifflin, PA and had an incredible work ethic that he passed on to his surviving children and grandchildren. Fred leaves behind his beloved wife of 64 years, Jane Elizabeth (Connor) Long. Fred will join his deceased son, David

Frederick Long, who passed tragically, at the age of 49. Fred is the loving father to Dianna Long and son-in-law, Frank Pescatore of Penn Township and Brian Long and daughter-in-law, Karen Long of Washington's Crossing, Bucks County.

Known as a wonderful and comical grandfather to ten, he leaves behind Jessica (Dr. Charles) Gabbert, Ryan Long (Sarah), Jillian Long, Rebecca Long, Cassandra Long, Katie Rentz, Bria Long, Michael Long, Connor Long and Charlotte Long; and great-granddaughters, Nora and Riley Gabbert. Fred cherished his time with his grandchildren. Fred is also the loving uncle to 37 nieces and nephews and has many great and great-great-nieces and nephews and is known as the "happy-go-lucky," funny uncle. Fred enjoyed time with many of his nieces and nephews with a special bond and was the comic force behind the family plays at "The Mountains" coordinated by his sister, Louise.

Fred was the tenth child of 12 and was preceded in death by his parents, Francis P. (Red) and Henrietta (Weir) Long and is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Ken Peairs of Duquesne and brother, Robert Long of Elizabeth. He was preceded in death by his nine siblings, sisters, Mary "Sis" Stewart, Hannah "Noonie" Thomas, and Patricia Bornyas; and brothers, Major John A. Long, who gave his life for freedom as a pilot in WWII (Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Distinguished Flying Star recipient), Commander Timothy Long, Dr. Francis "Babe" Long, Eugene Long, William Long and Richard "Mickey" Long. Fred also leaves behind his in-laws on the "Connor" side, Ruth "Baby Ruth" and Lee "General Lee" Bowden of Defiance, Ohio, Daniel and Mary Connor of Union City, Ohio, Susan and Tom Johnson of Normalville, PA and the late John and Brenda Connor of West Mifflin, PA.

Fred served his country as a Tank Driver in the US Army (69th Tank Battalion/10th Infantry Division), after WWII, in Germany and had lifelong friends from the military who have since passed. Fred loved his family, cooking breakfast for crowds, attending Steelers Games (season ticket holder since inception), cutting grass and joking/laughing with others. He was always kind, patient and positive and, to say the least, had an exceptional sense of humor-even up to the end. Fred leaves behind many fond memories and a family who is heartbroken yet blessed to have known him.

The family wishes to express thanks to the many angels who took care of him in his final days-Bethany Adams, Allegheny General Hospice, Dr. Menon and the wonderful staff at Jefferson Hospital.

Visitation will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, 2023, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **MALOY-SCHLEIFER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 915 KENNEDY AVE., DUQUESNE, 15110, 412-466-3300, where a Blessing Service will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Church, Duquesne, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Daniel D'Antonio, officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Mifflin, with Military Honors.

Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb