



Leevon Long

January 27, 1926 - January 12, 2013

Leevon Willis Long, born Wednesday, January 27, 1926 in Grubbs, Arkansas, returned peacefully to the light of the Lord on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the age of 86. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Helen Deaviser Long.

Leevon was preceded in death by his beloved son Ronald Eugene Long (wife Silvia). He is survived by his son, Kenneth C. Long, Sr. (wife Joyce), daughter, Mary Long Farrell (husband Wilba), daughter, Nancy Fletcher (husband Clay) and son, Charles McGowan (wife Paulette).

Honored Grandfather of Amy Long-Pierre (husband Chris), Darren Long (wife Crystal), Ashley McGowan (Jackson), Juston Billingsley (wife Christy), Kenneth C. Long, Jr., Andrea Billingsley-Whitehead (husband Tommy), Brandon McGowan (wife Courtney), Angela Moore, Mary Lynn Moore-Leslie (husband Mike), Michael McGowan (wife Amanda), Alisha Lynn Moore-Keith (husband Skylar), Amanda Higgins and Jennifer Long.

Proud Great Grandfather of Jack Long, Taylor Baggett, Lauren Billingsley, Dixie Billingsley, Ali Billingsley, Gracee Fitzhugh, C.T. Whitehead, Breanna McGowan, Brynlee McGowan, Abby Leslie, Zoey Leslie, Wyatt McGowan, Millye McGowan, Jayven McGowan Corbin Keith, Anthony Keith and Kaden Higgins.

Leevon was also preceded in death by his beloved parents Mary Douglas Long and Ira Houston Long and seven brothers Ray Henry Long, Jack Wayne Long, Albert Loran Long, Coleman K. Long, Thomas Wilman Long, Raymond

Elmo Long and Leemon Houston Long and one sister Elsie Dallas Delores Long Bradley.

Leevon, or "Pops" as he was affectionately called by his family, entered the United States Navy in 1944. He was assigned to the U.S.S. Iowa in the Pacific Theatre of W.W. II. After being assigned to the U.S.S. Iowa, the ship and its crew were involved in some of the most aggressive naval battles of the war in the Pacific. As a member of the Third Fleet Task Group, the Iowa was engaged at Marshall Islands, Okinawa, Ryukyus, Formosa, Luzon, Leyte, Visayas Islands, 2nd Battle of the Philippines, San Bernadine Straits, Kyushu, Honshu and Hokkaido.

For his service of more than three years, Leevon was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 silver star and 1 bronze star, W.W. II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal with "Asia" clasp and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Leevon was discharged from the U.S. Navy on November 28, 1947 with the rank of Seaman 1st Class. Mr. Long was an avid fisherman and longtime resident of Palestine, Arkansas.

Visitation for Mr. Long will be held at Stevens Funeral Home beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 with services starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Burial will immediately follow at Bell Cemetery. Minister Angela Moore, granddaughter of Mr. Long, will officiate the funeral services.

Tribute Wall



“ *To all we send our deepest sympathy and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.* ”

Jimmie and Maria Brownfield - April 12, 2013 at 08:28 AM



“ *Charles, I am sorry for your loss and you and your family will be in my prayers.* ”

Dora Hughes Jones - April 12, 2013 at 08:28 AM



“ *To the Long family
I am so sorry for your loss,
you are all in my thoughts and
prayers.* ”

January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM