



Raiford Newell Long

February 7, 1925 - December 18, 2010

Ripley, Mississippi---Mr. Raiford Newell Long, Sr. 85, passed away December 18, 2010 at the Tippah County Nursing Home in Ripley, MS: He was born February 7, 1925 in Ripley, MS: to Erst, Sr. and Lavonia Owen Long. He was a WWII veteran of the United States Navy where he served as a Radioman Second Class in Guam as part of the FruPac Division (US Navy Fleet Radio Unit-Pacific). He received a Presidential Citation for his service in the unit. He was retired owner and operator of Tippah Wholesale Company and served as Past President of the Mississippi Wholesale Grocer's Association. Raiford was an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver Award recipient, and an honorary lifetime member of the Boy Scouts of America. He was also a past President and Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient of the Ripley Rotary Club. He graduated from the University of Mississippi and was a member of the Charter of U of M 1848 Society. He was a member of the Ripley Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Deacon for 10 years, a trustee for 17 years and an Elder for 31 years. Raiford was a avid outdoorsman, golfer and fisherman.

His survivors include: Two sons: Ray Long (Lorraine) of Meridian, MS: Mike Long (Barbara) of Ripley, MS: Two Step-sons: David Honnoll (Debi) of Batesville, MS: Bob Honnoll (Jill) of Corinth, MS: Seven grandchildren: Witt Long (Pat), Mimi Hobson (Chris), Trey Long (Enley), Beth Honnoll, Emily Grady (Jesse), Scott Honnoll, Matt Griffin (Miranda): Twelve great-grandchildren: One sister: Betty Owen Long of Ripley, MS:

He was preceded in death by: His first wife and the mother of his children: Ann Long and his second wife of 35 years: Mary Long: His parents: One brother: Erst Long, Jr.

Pallbearers will be: Witt Long, Trey Long, Scott Honnell, Chris Hobson, Matt Griffin, Aleck Hobson, Luke Hobson, Will Long, Kyle Smith:

Honorary pallbearers will be: Elders of the Ripley Presbyterian Church: Boy Scout Troop #38: Staff and Nurses of the Tippah County Nursing Home:

To send flowers to the family of Raiford Long, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raiford Newell Long*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *We only found out of Mr Long's passing until after the funeral. He was certainly a good example of our greatest generation. I was honoured to have him induct me into Rotary; he was very kind to me as a newcomer to Ripley and Tippah County. God rest his Soul.*

Dr & Mrs Christopher J M Cummins & Family - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Raiford. I know that he will be greatly missed by everyone. I remember how kind he was at church, always bringing the children candy. My own children and others called him the Candy Man. He was very special. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.
Rae Ann Austin and family*

Rae Ann Austin - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sorry about Mr. Long passing from the Mckenzie Family.*

Jackie, Amy, Trevor Mckenzie - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm very sorry for your loss.*

Danny Witt - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ For my friends Ray & Mike - my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your Father - I well know this feeling. To the grandchildren my condolences as well. Mr. Raiford was a great friend of my dad, Smiley; their photo on Guam in WWII is one of my favorites of Daddy's collection. From my mom Frances, also please accept condolences. She was very fond of your mother Ann, and always speaks well of her too. Our entire Mauldin family knows well what a good person Mr. Raiford was, and will always remember his friendliness and his friendship with our dad.

Barbara Mauldin Stokes - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ I no it has been forever since we have been in contact but you never loose the love and respect that you gain from people especially when you are a kid. I will never forget how kind Uncle Rayford was to us when we visited up their a few times a year it seemed like a life time. I can remember riding bikes everywhere we went and going by the wholesale and hanging out with Uncle Rayford it was so cool. I remember Ray carrying me for my first ride in a corvette. He will be forever missed and also forever remembered.

To Mike and Ray and all other family members my heart and prayers will be with you in your time of grieving. Be thankful that you had a great dad for such a long time.

Love,FRANK

Frank Rosso - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Ray and Lorraine, Greg and I were so saddened by Raiford's death. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and will continue to be with you in the days and weeks to come. It's never easy to lose a loved one but this time of year is especially hard. We will be out of town until the 29th but will definitely see you after that. We love you both! Nan and Greg

Nan and Greg Robinson - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Raiford. I worked at Tippah Wholesale for a short time and came to know him and many other members of your family. I know God will be with you and bless you all during this difficult time. I am sure there will be many happy memories of him in times to come. God's peace and love be with you.

Colleen Graves Dunnam - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of sorrow. Raiford was a special friend to us and especially to Bobby as they shared many happy times together. He will be greatly missed.
Bobby and Carla Benson

Bobby and Cala Benson - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dad had a lot of fond memories about working at the wholesale and taking the Long boys on "road trips" to Meridian and The Coast to pick up merchandise. Guess without the wholesale I wouldn't be writing this since my parents met there...

We'll be praying for your family.

Marshall Dickerson

Booneville

Marshall Dickerson - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jak and Fred join me in thinking about you and your families at this time.

Bruce Smith - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Ray, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Rainey Gattis, a former classmate

barbara rainey gattis - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM