



Joe Max Long

January 22, 1935 - January 14, 2012

Long, J. Max, age 76, January 14, 2012.

Max Long, of Rochester Hills formerly of Royal Oak, was a retired building contractor. He was born January 22, 1935 in Murray, Kentucky and graduated from Hazel Park High School, where he was recognized for his participation in school plays. He worked in sales for Park Motor Sales in Highland Park, was a Royal Oak firefighter, was owner of an aluminum siding business, and was a sales representative for Foremost Industries before establishing Long Building Co. and becoming a successful building contractor. A lifelong car lover, Max owned a number of classic automobiles and loved being behind the wheel of a car or motorhome. He looked forward to annual winter vacations in Florida. His real estate developments included condominiums Crooks Cove, Pine Cove and North Cove in Royal Oak, as well as developments in Clawson and Troy. He was a long-time member and volunteer at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Beloved husband of Janet nee Snowdon of 57 years. In addition to Janet, he is survived by his mother Robbie Long, sister June Watts, daughters Lori Hopkins and Tracy Jeffrey Leestma, granddaughters Kirsten Leestma, Hanna Leestma and Delanie Hopkins. Predeceased by his father, A.C. Long. Visitation at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Saturday, January 21, at 10am with the memorial service following at 11am. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

DL

“ I am Max’s cousin and I used to over to his house and play when we were 8-9 years old. I lost touch with Long family around 1954 when we graduated. Janet, I just found out how sick Max was 2 weeks ago. I am so sorry about your family’s loss. He was a good guy as anyone I could get along with at 8-9 years old had to be one of the best.

Densil Lee - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Jan, Sorry to learn of your loss. Glad I was able to see him on the rare occasions when business brought me to the Detroit area. Our prayers are with you and Aunt Robbie.

Ron Bird - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We have always admired and respected Max and his entire family. He always had a smile on his face and was content with life. Will always remember the time in Florida where the girls visited with his granddaughters in Fort Meyers as we all happened to be in FL at the same time. When Kevin walked in his first words were, "So good to see another man." Max was a wonderful soul and we shall miss him. God bless and keep all of you. Treasure the memories and tell the stories. They will get you thru your grief. We hold you in our prayers. Love, Kevin & Liz

Kevin & Liz Gardiner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ I've known Max for the past 2 years and felt as if I knew him for years before that. Just a blessing and pleasure to have around in my office. He's in a better place I pray. My warmest and most sincere condolences to Janet and his family.

W. Shaya M.D. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Jan, it was always a great pleasure to be in yours and Max's company over the years. The times we met at Fort Meyers Beach and the different socials. Max was a great guy with a great sense of humor and it was always a pleasure to be in his company. We will miss him as will many others.

Edie & Bill Corbin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ I remember the 4 years at Hazel Park High School with Max and the many times several of us would go to parties and get together and sing TRYING to harmonize on the songs we knew I actually thought we did pretty good. I remember one of the best Halloween costume parties I ever attended given by Max and Janet and what a laugh we had at all the different costumes. I am so happy I did see Max at one of our Hazel Park Reunions a few years back and had an opportunity to speak together. Rest In Peace Max - "I'll Be Seeing You" our class song Violet Gendron Costeiu

Violet Gendron Costeiu - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jan, I am so very sorry for your loss! It was truly my pleasure to have gotten to know you and Max as neighbors and to have had an opportunity to work with him on the HOTG Board. Max was numbers guy! I will never forget the annual meeting where he brilliantly questioned the financial statements about a week after his first brain surgery with the bandages still wrapped around his head! Honestly, I smile every time I think about him because of that memory that is conjured up! Max was a gift to all of us who knew him! Sincerely, Jeanie Smith-Lanfear

Jeanie Smith-Lanfear - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I didn't know you personally, Max, but have heard many great things about you from Jan. You will be missed by very many. God Bless you.

Joan Ersin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ May God comfort your family in their loss! Our prayers are with you!

Sheryl & Kerry - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM