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**J**ohn Patrick Long, age 79, of Lake Washington in Cambridge Township, passed away at home Friday, August 29, 2025 surrounded by his wife and five children and under the care of Henry Ford Jackson Hospice.

John was born Saturday, March 16, 1946, the son of the late Anthony J. and Gertrude M. (maiden-Baader) Long. He married Nanette Sue (maiden-Federer) on Saturday May 19, 1973, forming a loving bond that lasted 52 years until his death.

Beside his wife, he is survived by five children: Corbin (Nicole) Long, Brittany (Dave) Williamson, Mckenna (Brenna) Long, Gloria (Scott) Kelly and Lorelei Tibbetts. His children were the light of his life and he was very proud of their accomplishments.

John has six grandchildren: Shep, Hayes, Haylen, Kinsley, Katherine and Alice, along with many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by three siblings; Anthony, Mary and Patricia.

He was a member of the Brooklyn Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #2651, Napoleon Lodge #301, Free and Accepted Masons and was a Clark Lake Lions Club member and had served as club president. He graduated from St. Mary's High School, Jackson, MI Class of 1964, then pursued higher education earning an associate degree from Jackson Community College and then a bachelor's degree from Aquinas College in 1968.

John enjoyed a rewarding career as a financial planner and stockbroker. In retirement he was a valued employee at Arthur-Day Funeral Home (now Eineder Funeral Home) in Michigan Center. He was a long time resident of Clark Lake, then Leoni Township before living in his last home at Washington Lake.

John served the nation for six years in the US Army Reserve. He was a gifted woodworker whose varied and beautiful creations are treasured by their owners. Beside his passion for his wife and



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family, John was an active and ardent supporter of Napoleon Schools Athletics, donating literally thousands of hours to the programs.

At Napoleon schools he worked in the press box for over 25 years at JV/Varsity football games and announced boys/girls' basketball and girls' softball for several years. John loved to be outdoors. He always was the proud owner of a fleet of well-maintained and heavily used John Deere tractors and a treasure trove of Worx Tools.

With these he kept his home and the surrounding area beautiful. His passing will no doubt be noted by the staffs of Napoleon Lawn and Leisure, Harbor Freight and Menards. At his request cremation has taken place. There will be no public service. He will be interred in a private ceremony at Cook Cemetery in Cambridge Township.

John's family encourages friends to celebrate his legacy by volunteering at a local school, continuing the cycle of care and community that was so important to him. They also suggest contributions may be made to the Napoleon Athletic Boosters or the Henry Ford Jackson Hospice. Please leave a message of comfort for John's family or sign his guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Caring Condolences Gift Basket to the Long family.

September 11 at 7:11 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Long family.

September 10 at 6:48 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

September 10 at 6:48 PM



FH

**Frank Hones** posted:

My sincerest condolences to the Long family on the passing of John. I was 4 years behind John at St. Mary High school and also worked with John for many years at Smith Barney where we looked forward each week to Thursday lunch at Gilbert's Steak House. John helped me early in my career for which I am forever grateful. From a fellow Veteran, Rest in Peace John!

September 2 at 12:36 PM



BR

**Brittney** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of John, and I am glad that we were able to get to know him throughout the last 11 years. He was so easy to talk to and had a great sense of humor. You all were very blessed with a great dad/husband. Sending lots of love and prayers. Love- The Hughes Family

September 2 at 11:28 AM



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JB

**Josh Burgett** posted:

Our thoughts are with the entire Long family as they grieve the loss of their husband, father and grandfather. Thank you for sharing John with the entire Napoleon community for many years. Games played at Napoleon will not be the same without John's voice permeating through the speakers. He was a good man and will be missed by many. - The Burgett Family

September 2 at 10:41 AM

EN

**Erin Nelson** posted:

Condolences to the entire Long family. John and I spent many hours the last 10+ years between basketball and softball games. It will be a big shock to not hear his voice booming through the speakers. I will make sure to have a bag or two of popcorn in his honor the first home game this winter ❤️🇺🇸👤

September 2 at 8:21 AM

SB

**Sister Mary Ann Barrett, Op** posted:

Dear Nanette and family, We in the Aquinas faith community extend our sympathy upon John's death. He used his gifts well. God grace you with Gratitude and Peace as you celebrate his life. We will remember John by name during our monthly Memorial Service for deceased Alums. Be assured of our prayerful support. Sister Mary Ann Barrett, OP Aquinas Alumni Team

September 2 at 6:41 AM

NM

**Nicki Mitchell** posted:

I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. Sending all my love to your family ❤️

September 1 at 5:06 PM

DN

**Debbie Naylor** posted:

John was an integral member of the Napoleon community. Known not only for his passion and commitment to athletics, but also for his love and devotion to his family. My sincere condolences to the Long family.

September 1 at 4:32 PM



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DN

**Doug & Sandy Nall** posted:

Nan, kids and family, we are sending our thoughts and hugs to you as you go through this time of sorrow. His voice will carry on with his love and passion that he shared with his Napoleon family.

September 1 at 9:10 AM

AB

**Alan Berkeypile** posted:

I have heard John's voice for years at Napoleon basketball games. My son, who played for Michigan Center, mentioned multiple times that John was his favorite high school sports announcer with his "classic" announcer voice. Personally, over the last year, I got to speak and get to know John a bit more being my first year as a girls basketball coach this last winter. John was a genuinely nice man and truly cared to give a good experience for those attending or participating in a game. Sending our condolences from my family to the entire Long family. We are so sorry to hear of this tremendous loss. Prayers to you all as you search for some peace as you try and move forward. -Alan and Denyse Berkeypile and family.

September 1 at 7:02 AM

TG

**Tami Garrison** posted:

Sending my condolences to all of you. I believe John had touched the hearts of the Napoleon community, leaving many memories.☐

September 1 at 6:34 AM

CA

**Colleen Anderson** posted:

Sending extra thoughts and condolences from the Anderson family. His passion was evident in all that he did for his family and the Napoleon Community. It was an honor to watch him and Nan support their children in the many sports and activities. I sure did enjoy having his grandson Shep in my classroom at Eby. A wonderful man with a wonderful family.

August 31 at 12:03 PM

SE

**Stacy Erd** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Long family. Thank you John for all of the cheerleading camp drops offs and pick ups, and all of the University of Michigan car pools. You always made me feel like part of the family. Your bright spirit, humor, and laughter will be missed. Love, The Erd family

August 31 at 10:32 AM



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LH

**Lindy Hyldahl** posted:

may your wonderful memories you shared help you through this very sad time. i am so sorry for your loss. my love to your whole family. Lindy

August 31 at 7:54 AM

JS

**Jessica Stoker** posted:

A Napoleon basketball game will not be the same without Mr. Long! He was a bright and smiling face in our school and community! My condolences go out to the family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers! He will be remembered and missed.

August 31 at 7:17 AM

CW

**Cheryl Weage** posted:

To the Long family, I can't express how deeply sorry I am that John has passed. He had a special way of making everyone feel welcomed and loved. His commitment to family was truly inspiring, and the joy he brought to every moment- was simply contagious. John had a gift for turning ordinary days into unforgettable memories, and I feel so grateful to have shared laughter and good times with him. I was always impressed with his talent and ability to craft something amazing. Please know that my heart is with you all, and I'm here for you during this incredibly difficult time. With all my love, Cheryl Weage

August 31 at 7:00 AM

CH

**Chels Hess** posted:

Sending my love and condolences to the Long family and our Napoleon Community. ❤️ Your positivity and radiant smile will be profoundly missed. The last time I cared for you, we enjoyed a lighthearted moment laughing over your spongey "Michigan Brick", announcing my name in games "#22 CheIIIIseeea Sssmmmmiiith", and hearing you gush over your great kids!

August 31 at 5:17 AM

RR

**Rich And Pat Rulewicz** posted:

The Long family has been a big part of Napoleon for so long, and we have lots of fond memories of times spent together. Nan and kids, we extend our heartfelt hugs to you all and ask God to give you the comfort, strength and rest that you need today and going forward, Rich and Pat

August 31 at 4:06 AM



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SH

**Shannon** posted:

Every time I would see John Long, he always had a big smile on his face. A smile that said, "I'm so happy to see you"-warm and welcoming. I'm going to remember that smile and the feeling it gave me...ALWAYS ❤️

August 31 at 3:28 AM

BJ

**Bruce James** posted:

Nan and kids so sorry for your loss prayers for all of you love Bruce

August 31 at 2:04 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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