

Dr. Ronald B. Long

July 24, 1937 - May 30, 2019

Dr. Ronald Burke Long, age 81 of Conyers, died Thursday, May 30, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Lethia Propst Long; son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Sharon Long; daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Chuck Traylor; daughter, Kelly Long; grandsons, Zeke Traylor, Jeramy Long, Dylan Moseley and Dawson Moseley; granddaughters, Brooke Wilson and Becca Long; great-grandsons, Gavin Traylor and Micah Wilson. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Micah Traylor. Dr. Long was retired as Pastor of Glenwood Hills Baptist Church and recently retired as Director of International Ministry at Luther Rice Seminary. Funeral Services will be held Monday, June 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Conyers with Rev. Chuck Traylor, Dr. Fred Wolfe, Jr., Dr. James Flanagan and Dr. Len Turner officiating; interment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 2 until 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Flowers accepted or contributions may be made to the Ron and Lethia Long Scholarship Fund. Please contact Vanessa@LutherRice.edu. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd NE
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Conyers
2100 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Ronald B. Long*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - May 31, 2019 at 04:56 PM

DP

I will always remember your solid preaching, your sly smile, and your " joy unspeakable". Rest well you tireless and faithful servant of God; you are missed already.

Daniel Parker

Daniel Parker - May 31, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ *Pat Brisendine sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Ronald B. Long*



Pat Brisendine - December 09, 2025 at 08:25 PM

AE

“ Just found out about Doc’s passing. I know he is enjoying Jesus and I believe he heard “Well Done good and faithful servant” Doc meant the world to me and my family. He and Leithia were such an encouragement to us in ministry and as faithful friends. Loved our times in Jamaica with them and having them with us in our home and local church body.

We Love you Leithia and we Love Doc and look forward to the reunion in heaven.

Pastor Art, Mary Ellen, Juliana and Jenna Eaton.

Art Eaton - July 06, 2019 at 08:49 PM

LW

“ Chuck and Chris, Rachel and I send sincere condolences to you in the passing from this life to his eternal rewards of Dr. Ronald Long, Chris Dad. It is never easy to say goodbye to our parents but it so assuring to know we will see them again. Rachel's and my parents have long been deceased but there is and will always be an empty spot in your hearts. May the Lord sustain both of you in the coming days with the glorious presence of His Holy Spirit.

Leon & Rachel Whitsel - June 04, 2019 at 09:45 AM

JF

“ And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15 KJV



This was Dr. Ron Long’s lifelong mission and passion. 🙏❤️ Oh, the countless number of lives that have been touched and blessed because he and Lethia were obedient and faithful to the calling that God gave them.



Jim & Ruth Flanagan - June 03, 2019 at 12:26 AM

RF

“ *All the way my Savior leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.*



*All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see.*

*All the way my Savior leads me,
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.*



Ruth Flanagan - June 03, 2019 at 12:08 AM

DG

“ *My heart is sadden with the news of Dr. Long. I will never forget Dr. Ron and Lethia Long coming to Panama to support and encourage the work. The Panama Bible Institute is still moving forward because of his leadership and love for the work. While my heart is sad, I rejoice in his homecoming. Thank You Dr. Long.*
Dr. Jerry and Cathy Gesell Sr.

Dr. Jerry Gesell - June 02, 2019 at 09:26 PM

“ *Memories of Dr. Long*

Meeting Dr. Long was an answer to my wife’s prayers that I would one day receive a solid Bible education. As lifetime missionaries in Jamaica with a family (and I had also been called to pastor), the possibility of that prayer being answered was little more than a distant hope. All of that changed when I met Dr. Long.

I was so shocked that I came across as hesitant, when he spoke of considering me as a student and resurrecting my college transcripts from twenty years before. He was quick to let me know that I had better be certain about what I was doing, “Well, preacher—do you want a Bible education or not!”

Dr. Long never let me forget that first meeting and virtually never introduced me after that without recounting that incident. Even four degrees later, he was still making fun of me and saying, “the (white) boy didn’t know if he wanted a Bible education or not!”

But I was soon on my way and thanks to Dr. Long and Mrs. Long, I was ushered into a whole new world of opportunity of receiving the greatest Bible education that I ever could have imagined! When Dr. Long took me out to lunch at “The “Green Door” restaurant in Montego Bay on our next meeting, I was flabbergasted!

I realize that everyone wants to claim Dr. Long—and Mrs. Long, but that began a special relationship with the Longs and our family that was unforgettable. On their visits to Jamaica, they would always spend a few days at our house. Those were exciting times, as we eagerly awaited their arrival. We would all sit around the kitchen table and listened intently as they told about their latest adventures and exploits for the Lord in far-away lands.

Those days are gone now, but the memories are still vivid in our minds and Dr. and Mrs. Long still remain in our hearts. The times we spent with them were so special! And it didn’t matter how outspoken—irritating and even obnoxious that Dr. Long was—we just loved him all the more for it! He is sorely missed. He was a stalwart of the faith and a standard of a Christian leader that was relentless in his push to get the Gospel to the world! May we follow in his footsteps.

Dr. Brad Rostad and Karen Rostad

Bradley Rostad - June 02, 2019 at 07:13 PM

BR

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Bradley Rostad - June 02, 2019 at 06:22 PM

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Footage from the documentary of Luther Rice in Jamaica.

Bradley Rostad - June 02, 2019 at 07:24 PM

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Bradley Rostad - June 02, 2019 at 06:17 PM

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Dr. Long's Birthday in Jamaica --2015

Bradley Rostad - June 02, 2019 at 07:30 PM

TG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Long family.



The PATH Worship Center - Augusta, GA - June 02, 2019 at 01:35 PM

PS

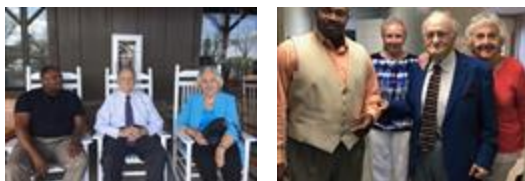
“ Dr. Ron Long was by far a 5 star General in God's army. He and his wife were true examples of world wide evangelism. From Glenwood Hills Baptist Church to the Jordan River, this man open my eyes to the work of ministry. Well done Sir! The Chapel First Baptist Church salutes you 🙏



Pierre Sheppard - June 02, 2019 at 12:52 PM

AR

“ Our condolences and prayers to the Long family.



Arnold & Linda G. Roberts - June 02, 2019 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ Ron and Lethia Long took me in when I was a young adult and introduced me to my future husband. Those were good days and I am eternally grateful to them. They loved me as their own. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family and friends. Ron loved the Lord and was willing to share any chance he got. Love to you all.

Joy A Holloway - June 01, 2019 at 06:57 PM

DM

“ I will always remember Dr. Longs sense of humor and the mission opportunity he provided along with the encouragement when I was a young preacher. He has always meant so much to me. Dr. Joe McGee

Dr. Joseph McGee - June 01, 2019 at 03:50 PM

PB

“*Bro. Ron was without a doubt the greatest pastor I ever knew - we had many "preachers" but he was a true shepherd. As a teenager he was my counselor, as a minister he was my guide. As the years went by I would introduced my wife and children to him, we would go and hear him preach the Word - he was a master of sharing the Gospel.*

Later in life he would call me to come and fix his TV set so none of the football games would be missed and my wife would clean their house...what a sweet blessing and beautiful friendship for 33 years!

We were honored to have him preach at Sanctuary Baptist Church and North Rockdale Baptist - our hearts are broken as our love for him was deep. Men of his caliber are rarely found; may we who are called "his preacher boys" not waiver or coddle, but stay the course.

Pastor Ron - Thank you for your example to me as a husband and a man of God!

Our Love to Sister Lethia and family,

Rev. John Bloodworth, Lynn, and family

Pastor John Bloodworth - June 01, 2019 at 10:21 AM

JW

“ Dear Family,
Ron Long taught me so much about ministry, loving people, staying true to the word. As a teenager allowing me to preach for him and work with him one summer at the Crestview Baptist Church in Gaffney. His friendship over the years has meant so much. In so many ways I was always one of his preacher boys even though I didn't begin under his ministry. I wish I could be with you for these days but I am in West Virginia preaching this weekend which is what he would want me to do. I am 68 yrs. old now and Ron's determination to keep preaching has been such an inspiration to me as I have reached these years. Please know of my prayers for you and my love for you. May God walk with you through this valley until one day in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ we all meet again.
Love and prayers Dr. Jerry C. White

Jerry C. White - June 01, 2019 at 08:38 AM

SY

“ What a blessing i received when Dr. long would preach at Crossroads Baptist Church. He was truly a man of God and his legacy will remain forever. Love you, Dr. long, and Go Dawgs! 🙏😊
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Sylbie Yon - June 01, 2019 at 07:06 AM

EP

“ I was so saddened to hear about Doctor Ron. There will never be another like him. He taught us all richly and we were blessed to sit under his ministry for so many years. I also valued his abiding friendship through the years. While a loss for his family and friends, I can envision his joyous Homecoming as he meets his Lord - the One that he loved and served so diligently and faithfully. Well done thou good and faithful servant!

Emily B. Phillips - May 31, 2019 at 11:17 PM

LG

“ Dear Lethia, My deepest love and sympathy. I will never forget my awesome trips with you and Dr. Long to Jamaica and his wonderful guidance and love for Mount Calvary. I will never forget him or you.
Lynn Greene

Lynn & Lamar Greene - May 31, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Ronald B. Long.



May 31, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ Dear Lethia and family,
I Wii never forget your family and our church family at GHBC. The years spent attending that church are some of my happiest memories. The time I spent as church secretary was priceless, sitting outside Preacher's office door and being involved in the life of that church. They are indeed precious memories that will always linger. God richest blessings and Deepest Sympathy to all of you.
With love a n d prayers, Linda Smith.

Linda Smith - May 31, 2019 at 08:15 PM

MH

“ Mary H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Ronald B. Long.



Mary H. - May 31, 2019 at 06:25 PM

CH

“ I want to send my condolences to Mrs. Lethia Long, Kelly Long, and his other children and now all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pastor Long was my pastor for 5 wonderful years at Glenwood Hills Baptist Church from 1978-1983 and was a tremendous influence on my life. He was a godly man and will always be in my mind and heart as the Minister who baptized me by immersion when I was 22 years old and led me to a Scripture-based and Scripture-loving life. It saddens me for his family and friends who can no longer see him face-to-face and I will be lifting them in prayers. I KNOW that Pastor Ronald B Long is Walking the Streets of Gold and I am just one of the millions of people who he influenced while on this earth. I love Pastor Long and I know that he has gone to his Heavenly Home. What a great Man of God!

Cathy Hickman - May 31, 2019 at 06:05 PM

RS

“ *Our lives are forever changed because of our Dr. Ronald B. Long. He was much more than a mentor to us, he made our daughters call him Pa, and he has been a godly, loving, encouraging Father figure. Our hearts are broken and yet rejoicing for his home going and we send love and prayers to all.*



Randy and Melissa Swarengin - May 31, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *67 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - May 31, 2019 at 03:46 PM