



Michael D. Long

July 9, 1955 - March 15, 2021

Michael Dennis Long 65, of Saline, Michigan passed away on Monday, March 15, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving family after a four and a half year battle with Amyloidosis. Michael was born in Dearborn, MI the son of William and Inez (Pagel) Long. Michael and his brothers Gordon (Lois) and James grew up in Taylor, MI prior to moving to Mio, MI in 1967. Michael graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1976 where he met his wife of 44 years Susan Smith. After moving to Freeport, IL, Michael and Susan returned to the Ann Arbor, MI area in 1979. Michael worked in the aerospace industry as an electrical engineering technician until his retirement in 2016. He prided himself on having built equipment that traveled to the Moon, the International Space Station, on the Mars Rover, and on the Space Shuttle Columbia. Michael had a lifelong love of music, science, history, travel, and in later years, numismatism. Michael is survived by his wife Susan; children Daniel (Elizabeth), Lauren (Jacob) Gaecke, and Casey; grandchildren Alice (Daniel), Aksel and Anders (Lauren); brothers Gordon (Lois) and James. Michael is preceded in death by his mother, Inez and father, William. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home on Saturday, March 20, 2021 between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 12:45 P.M. Due to current restrictions, capacity will be limited and social distancing and masks will be required. A private family service for Michael will be held. Livestreaming of the service can be viewed on the funeral home's facebook page starting at 12:55 P.M. by clicking here. (<https://www.facebook.com/robiso>)

nbahnmilller.funeralhome/) Burial will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor where a graveside service will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Michael's name may be made to the Amyloidosis Research Consortium. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home but donations can be made online at <https://arci.org/donate/> To leave a memory you have of Michael, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 9:30 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Graveside Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Forest Hill Cemetery
415 Observatory Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
<http://foresthillemeteryaa.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestream service for Michael D. Long will start at 12:55 P.M. in memory of Michael D. Long



Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 15, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ Michael D. Long

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Sally and I send our condolences to Susan, Casey, Lauren, and Dan. Mike and I worked together for several years at Canopus Systems and UM Space Physics. His meticulous fabrication of space hardware made my job much easier and would invariably pleasantly surprise and impress NASA project inspectors. Mike’s hardware talent led to a running joke in the Fab room when a design anomaly was found, that “it must be a software problem”. I enjoyed swapping music playlists with Mike featuring a lot of 60s and 70s classics and obscure gems. And those lunchtime conversations about cars, cars we wanted to buy, lawn and garden, movie recommendations and the latest home projects were fun. Will miss you Mike. John Eder

John Eder - March 20, 2021 at 11:05 AM

GO

“ Grace Otte purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Michael D. Long.



Grace Otte - March 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

PR

“ Pam Roth purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael D. Long.



Pam Roth - March 19, 2021 at 09:04 PM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album Mike doing Aerospace work.



Ryan Miller - March 18, 2021 at 03:49 PM

RM

Mike with Pete Hansen in the Orbiter Processing Facility at KSC installing OARE in the shuttle Columbia

Ryan Miller - March 18, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael D. Long.*



March 18, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael D. Long.*



March 18, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Mike doing Aerospace work.*



Ryan Miller - March 18, 2021 at 09:40 AM

RM

I've worked with Mike for my entire career. He was the best electronics tech I've ever worked with. I never had to double check his work. These pictures are from our early days on the OARE project which flew on Space Shuttle Columbia. He and I had many trips to Kennedy Space Center, Johnson Space Center and White Sands. I've missed him since he retired when he contracted this illness and I'll miss him even more now.

Ryan Miller - March 18, 2021 at 09:45 AM

AP

“ We will miss Mike waving from the driveway or running into him at the mailbox. But at least now he can finally rest in peace. To Susan: if you need us for anything, we are just across the street - your neighbors, Aubrey and Andrea Pruitt.



Andrea and Aubrey Pruitt - March 17, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael D. Long.



March 17, 2021 at 10:38 AM

PK

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Pat and Michael Kalmes

Pat Kalmes - March 17, 2021 at 09:06 AM

VF

“ Sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Worked with Mike at STM in Ann Arbor. He was an intelligent kind person who always help when needed. God bless his family....RIP

Vickie Johnson Figg - March 16, 2021 at 04:17 PM

SJ

“ Sooo sad to hear of Mikes passing. It was always fun talking to him at Blood Bank events. He would always email me funny joke when I was still working. You are now at peace my friend, you will be missed!



Sherry (Jantz) Jarvis - March 16, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Michael D. Long.



March 16, 2021 at 12:08 PM