



## Derek James Long

October 30, 1944 - May 31, 2018

### DEREK J. LONG

TORRINGTON, WY --- Derek James Long, 73, passed away Thursday, May 31, 2018, with his family by his side at University Hospital in Aurora, Colorado. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 8, at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Matt Gordon officiating. Cremation has taken place and burial will be at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com)

Derek was born October 30, 1944, in Devizes, England the son of Delbert and Grace (McMillan) Long. When Derek was a toddler, he and his parents moved to Kettering, Ohio, which was his father's hometown. The family came over on the Queen Mary. He grew up and graduated high school in Kettering. After meeting and later marrying Linda McCarthy, on July 7, 1973, the couple moved to Torrington, Wyoming, in 1976. Torrington is where they chose to raise their two children; Derek (Deke) and Karey.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and golf. Derek especially loved spending time with his four grandchildren. He was a great story teller and joke teller and he was famous for making up stories around the campfire. He was also an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

Derek was a member of the Moose Lodge and of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Linda; son Derek (Deke) and Ingrid Long and their children, Nolan and Natalie; daughter Karey and Mark Johnson and their

children Michael and Cody; two brothers, Bobby and Kenny Long; two sisters, Carolyn Leonard and Cheryl Campbell and his dog Beau.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

# Previous Events

## Memorial services

JUN 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Prayers for you all..  
Hang close to God he will guide you...Been  
thinking lots about you



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**Jamie Dee** - June 30, 2018 at 11:52 PM

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“ We are sincerely sorry for your loss, and pray that you will be  
comforted by many happy memories. Memories keep those we  
love, and have lost, alive in our hearts.

*Bob and Claudia Martin*

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**Bob and Claudia Martin** - June 06, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Derek James Long.



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June 06, 2018 at 01:41 PM

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“ Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Derek  
James Long



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**Theil Ryan** - June 05, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Derek James Long.*



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June 04, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ *Robert Melton lit a candle in memory of Derek James Long*



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**Robert Melton** - June 04, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ *Everybody loved Derek... there was everything to Love about Derek. He will be remembered for his kind, jovial self and love for his family. A wonderful friend to all.*

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**Lanny Gentry** - June 02, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *Linda and family, my heart hurts so bad for your loss. Derek did have that wonderful sense of humor and always was so gracious to everyone! I will miss my birthday buddy as his birthday was the day before mine. Prayers of peace for everyone! Love to all of you! Enid Kroenlein*

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**Enid Kroenlein** - June 01, 2018 at 10:54 PM