



**JOHN ANDREW LONG JR.**

Mr. John Andrew Long Jr., age 76 of Lindale, passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2005 in Tyler after a lengthy battle with cancer. Mr. Long was born February 22, 1929 in Crockett to the late John A. and Thelma Barnes Long. Mr. Long attended Texas A&M University on a football scholarship. Mr. Long was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University where he was a football letterman. SFA is also where he met the love of his life, Iwana.

Mr. Long served in the U. S. Army. After many years of working with Humble and Texaco Oil Companies, he retired from the Texas Department of Health Meat Safety Assurance as a supervisor. Mr. Long was a member of the Masonic Lodge, member of University Christian Church in Tyler, and a former member of First Christian Church Mineola where he served many years as Elder and Board Chairman. Mr. Long was also an integral part of the Lindale Community in years past having served numerous years as an Alderman on the city council.

At the time of his birth, Mr. Long's father was serving as a State Representative. Because of his birth date, a proclamation was declared from the House floor naming him John Andrew George Washington Long, Jr.

Mr. Long was truly a man with a heart of gold who never met a stranger. Mr. Long was always ready to help anybody at any time, and was a devoted husband and father to "his girls". Mr. Long will be sorely missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years, Iwana Burk Long of Lindale; daughters and son-in-law Melinda Long White, of Killeen and Molly and Jerry Bacon, of Lindale; grandsons John Christopher White, of College Station, Dylan Bacon, of Lindale and Michael Bacon, of Palestine; granddaughters Kerri and Kathryn White, of Killeen, Whitney Bacon, of Lindale, Amy Bacon, of Neches, and Launa Bacon, of Palestine; great-granddaughter MacKenzie Callaway of, Neches; brother and sister-in-law Dr. Houston and Julia Long, of Grand Saline; Sister Ann Cother, of North Little Rock, Ark.; and numerous Nieces and Nephews.

Graveside services for Mr. John Andrew Long, Jr., were held Friday, September 16, at 2:00 p.m. at Rusk County Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Henderson with the Rev. Ron Byrd officiating.

Pallbearers were John Christopher White, Jerry Bacon, Dylan Bacon, Michael Bacon, Jimmy Brown, Larry Hatch, and Ben Strange.

**Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale**

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