



# Allen Thomas Long

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**A**llen Thomas Long (“Al”), 98, passed away Friday, November 29, 2019, peacefully at his home in Tavares, FL.

Al was born in Woodsboro, MD, on June 30, 1921, to Lester W. Long and Verdie B. Long (Jackson). Al was drafted into the Army during WWII. He served in the 69th Infantry Division and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. For many years after the war, Al attended reunions of the 69th Infantry Division. The last reunion he attended was in September 26-29, 2019, in Philadelphia, PA.

After leaving the Army, Al worked at Moore Business Forms in Thurmont, MD, where he met and married the love of his life, Catherine Louise Seiss (“Cassie”) on December 11, 1953. In December 1957, Al, Cassie, and their infant son, Dennis, moved to central Florida. Al worked at The Orlando Sentinel as an offset press operator, photo engraver, foreman, and manager. Al was the first manager of the Florida magazine, a full-color insert that appeared for many years in the Sunday edition of The Orlando Sentinel. In July 1985, Al retired after 28 years at The Orlando Sentinel.

During retirement, Al purchased an RV and realized his life-long dream of traveling throughout the United States. Al and Cassie visited over 40 states before settling down in Mount Dora. Al’s beloved wife Cassie passed away on September 26, 2010. Al and Cassie were happily married for 56 years.

In May 2013, Al moved to the Tiki Village Mobile Home Park, Tavares, FL, where he made many new friends and lived happily until his death.

Al was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Verdie Long, Woodsboro MD; his brother, Herman Long, Frederick, MD; and his wife, Cassie Long (Seiss). Al is survived by his son, Dennis (Anna) Long, Monett, MO; two granddaughters Deanna (Dane) Wortley, Harrison, AR, and Amanda (Chad) Freeland, Conover, NC; three great-grandsons, Brandon Wortley, Vincent Freeland, and Jaxon Freeland; and many extended Seiss family members whom Al loved dearly.



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A memorial service will be held at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2020, at the clubhouse of the Tiki Village Mobile Home Park, 1300 Dead River Road, Tavares, FL 32778. Friends and family are invited to share a memory of Al at the website of Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors (<https://www.hamlinhilbish.com/>). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Lung Association (<https://www.lung.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/>).

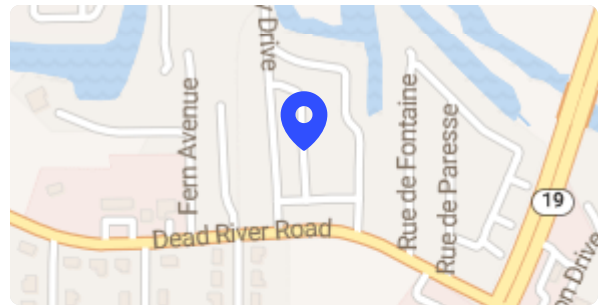


# Events

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## Celebration of Life

- Saturday**, January 4, 2020
- 2:15 AM ET
- Tiki Village Mobile Home Park**  
1300 Dead River Road, Tavares FL 32778





## Tribute Wall

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MB

**Matt Byrned** posted:

To the family of Al Long My wife (Deb) and I met Al Long at the reunions of the 69th division in Gettysburg and Cleveland in recent years. We so enjoyed meeting and chatting with him there and continued our friendship by phone and letters since then. He was an especially vibrant warm-hearted fellow that befriended us quickly and fully, As my father (Larry Byrnes) passed away many years ago (1978) it was such a treat to meet an ole comrade in arms from the war and especially someone as fun, funny and engaging as Al. I don't think my dad and Al knew each other during the war, but I know my dad would have loved him as well and that they are both together now in an eternal peace. Best wishes to Al Long's family in adjusting to his passing Love Matt Byrnes Eden, NY Email: Mattb2275@aol.com

April 28 at 4:13 PM

BS

**Brenda L. Seiss** lit a candle in honor of Allen.

Dennis and family, Was always so good to see Uncle Allen and Aunt Cassie when they came to MD. They were meant for each other, so happy together. I have heard many stories when Buzz, Betty and Dave came to Florida, the pool open in December and all the wild card games, it goes on and on. Sending love and hugs to all. Love, Dave and Brenda



December 8 at 6:57 AM

DM

**Diane Mooney** May 25 at 1:13 PM

So sad to hear of "Toodles" passing. He was an awesome man I met him while I worked at Gators restaurant. Almost every Saturday night he would come for dinner then dance, (I loved to watch him dance) I introduced him to my stepfather. Charles Hamilton (Korean War Vet) who he gave him a War Would 2 pocket watch, They enjoyed seeing each other at the square and the Veterans Memorial in the village. I have pictures of them together, which I will now cherish He was the most endearing and kind soul man!!! RIP Allen



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

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



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