



## Dr. Richard H. Long

May 8, 1941 - June 2, 2016

Dr. Richard H. Long, 75, of Laurel, passed away on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

He was born on May 8, 1941 in Griffin, Georgia, a son of the late Mr. And Mrs. Horace "Kingfish" Long.

Dr. Long graduated from the University of Georgia Veterinary School in 1965. Years later he opened Pet Medical Center in Delmar in 1985. He enjoyed many years of working with animals, retiring in 2007. He was past president of the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association for many years, and was awarded the Delaware Veterinarian of the Year in 2004 and a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

He is survived by a son, Kevin Long of Laurel; step-daughter, Emily Fantis and her husband Andy of Laurel; step-son, Brian Workman and his wife Teena of Salisbury; grandsons, Aristidis Fantis and Adam Workman; and his furry kids, Annie, Pedro, Goober and Boo.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Andrea D. Long; and a brother, Laverne Long.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016 and from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street in Delmar. A funeral service will begin on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at St. Stephens Cemetery in Delmar.

In memory of Dr. Long, contributions may be sent to the Wicomico County

Humane Society, 5130 Citation Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street  
Delmar, DE 19940

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 E Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525

## Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Richard H. Long*



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**Short Funeral Home** - June 06, 2016 at 07:14 PM

FT

“ *As I watched the wonderful Video Tribute it brought back lots of memories of our childhood. I was born 01/24/1941 a few doors away from the Longs. Played a lot with Richard (PeeWee) and LaVerne (Bunny) Long. Never knew the genesis of those nick names but I do remember they wore them proudly. As with many families of that time we moved away and lost contact. About 10 years ago contact with Richard was regained via social media. To the Long family, our thoughts and esp. our prayers are with you during this time of loss. May God fill you with his love and grace. There's a wonderful song by Legacy Five called "Hello after Goodbye". Here's the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1znOs8qY6bM> I hope it gives you a bit of comfort*  
*God Bless*  
*Floyd Houston Tillery*  
*Cody, WY*

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**Floyd Houston Tillery** - June 10, 2016 at 08:27 PM

FA

“ To one of the very best Veterinarians that I had the privilege to know and love. I remember when you first came to Delaware. For all that you taught me, I will be forever grateful, Dr. Long. You use to say that "I thought you could walk on water", well in my eyes and my rescued animals eyes you certainly could. Thank you for being so kind, compassionate, caring, and generous. Thank you for just being you. My sincere condolences to Dr. Long's family and friends. Sincerely, Fran Layton Adkins.



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**Fran Layton Adkins** - June 08, 2016 at 06:10 PM

KV

“ We are do saddened to hear of Doc's passing. He was an incredible veterinarian who could read animals better than any test or x-ray could show. He helped us through many heart breaking times when we lost a family member and went above and beyond to save the lives of several others. Thank you Long family for loaning us a great vet, friend. If a dog is man's best friend, Doc Long was a pets best friend and friend to all animals. May God be with all of you in this time of loss.  
The Vestal family and Spud,rosco, daisy, sassy beau, twinkle, RC, nala.

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**Kirk Vestal** - June 08, 2016 at 07:11 AM

KH

“ Dr Long was the most compassionate person I have ever known. No matter what time, day or night, he was ready and willing to help anyone who needed him. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers to his family and many friends.

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**Karen Hubbard** - June 07, 2016 at 07:51 PM

NP

“ My heart broke when I read of Dr. Long's passing. He cared for numerous pets of mine and my mom's with such love and compassion. He treated each one as if they were his own. He was always sympathetic not only our fur babies but to us as well. We knew if there was ever an issue or concern he would do whatever he could to help resolve it. He will be greatly missed and forever remembered. I can only imagine the long line of furry friends waiting to great him on the rainbow bridge! Thank you Dr. Long for everything you did for not only our pets....but our family as well.

Nikki Clark and Linda Parks - June 06, 2016 at 09:46 PM



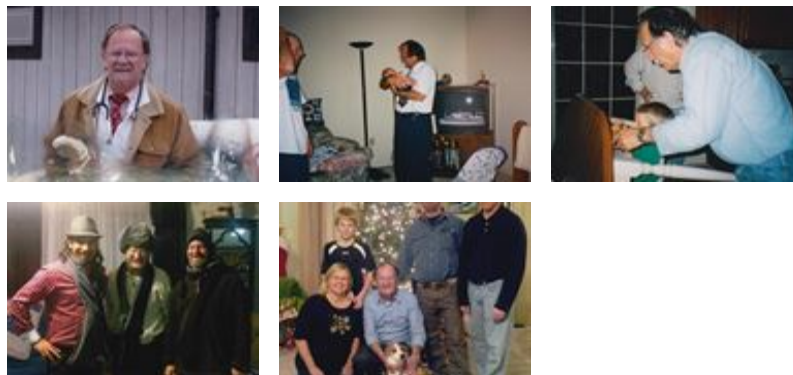
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Short Funeral Home - June 06, 2016 at 12:35 PM



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Short Funeral Home - June 06, 2016 at 09:15 AM

RJ

“ A gentleman n to many and a mentor to all. His legacy will be with so many for so long. Rest from your journey Doc and Godspeed.

Ray Jarvis - June 05, 2016 at 09:26 AM

C\*

“ Dr. Long is and always be one of the greatest veterinarians in my book. His compassion for animals was like no other. He always would love and kiss on our pets just like they were his own. When our family shed tears in a Health crisis or need for assistance helping a pet cross Rainbow Bridge... He would be right there by your side shedding tears with you. His wonderful charm an southern accent were so comforting to us all. God bless him always and I will keep his beautiful family in our prayers.



Chris & Brian Melvin \*Delmar - June 05, 2016 at 06:43 AM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing. This beautiful soul cried when he had to put our Irish setter Pepper down when I was a kid. I didn't know him personally, but he certainly seemed like one of the best people in life.

Susan Layton - June 05, 2016 at 03:10 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the family. Dr long was o e of the best and most loving vet that I have ever known you were loved by all and will be deeply missed God Bless you



Rhonda Hearn - June 04, 2016 at 11:22 PM

RM

“ Kevin, So sorry. He was and has been special in my life. When I decided to cross breed dogs, he questioned me knowing my values. When he saw the pups, he understood. I will miss him. He is in a place we can only imagine

Rebecca Miles - June 04, 2016 at 06:26 PM

MW

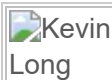
“ I'm so sad to see that Dr Long has left us. He was, without a doubt, the most dedicated and compassionate advocate for animals that I've ever known. He was so knowledgeable, easy going & had a great sense of humor. He loved our Angel, Tracy "Bo-Bo" & Buddy and they all loved him! God bless his soul. We have lost one of the best.

Margie Wilson - June 04, 2016 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ Kevin, Reading this brings tears to my eyes. Richard was such a good man in all respects. I know that Andrea is happy to see him again. Much love to you. Mary Anne Stagg

Mary Anne Stagg - June 04, 2016 at 11:10 AM



Thank you Mary Anne, you know she's still giving him a hard time over something tho !! :)

Kevin Long - June 07, 2016 at 10:21 AM

DA

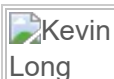
“ Doc Long will be greatly missed. None can hold a candle to his love and compassion for "his" animals. That rainbow bridge is one joyous place now that he is there with his countless fur-ever friends. Rest in peace Doc. Prayers going to the family.

Dawne - June 04, 2016 at 09:38 AM

CP

“ Kevin, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. He was a good man as attested by all the tributes on this page. I am praying for you to receive comfort and peace during this time.

Chris Pettit - June 04, 2016 at 08:19 AM



Thank you Chris, I really appreciate that :)

Kevin Long - June 04, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ My condolences to the family. He was a wonderful, caring, compassionate veterinarian and person. I so admired and respected him. One of my cats suffered a heart attack one evening during a nor'easter storm. He told us if we could make it to his office, he'd meet us there. He examined her and told me she was dying and gave me a choice of what could be done. I chose not to let her suffer. He administered the drugs and stood by my side and cried when I did as she passed. He gave me a big hug and comforted me. He was always honest about your pets problems, explained all options and always available. I so respected that he also provided care for police dogs. He has most definitely earned his place in heaven. R.I.P.

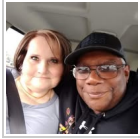


Linda Allen - June 04, 2016 at 06:16 AM

LS

“ Dr. Richard Long, you will be sadly missed. Prayers go out to the family, that God will wrap his arms around you and comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Lisa Smith-Parks - June 04, 2016 at 05:24 AM

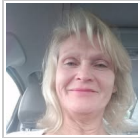


“ *Jennifer Farrell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard H. Long*



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**Jennifer Farrell** - June 04, 2016 at 03:28 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family of such a wonderful person!*



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**Tammy Lemon Sisk** - June 03, 2016 at 09:57 PM

RW

“ *The first time I met Doc Long I brought a cat into him it was after midnight he told me to come on in. I've never known anyone who cared about a pet as much as he did. Thanks for that and a lot of other things Doc R.I.P.*

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**Roland Whaley** - June 03, 2016 at 09:53 PM

KA

“ *Dr. Long was the vet to my animals for a long time. It didn't matter what time you needed him or what day he was there for you. Very loyal to his patients. I pray his retirement was enjoyable and memorable for him. Rainbow bridge just got the best vet to take care of the animals in heaven. Thank you Dr. Long for always giving my animals the best care. Prayers to his family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Karen** - June 03, 2016 at 09:30 PM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss he was always very nice. I took all my fur babies to him he was so good with all of them. Jackie Hatton

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**Jackie Hatton** - June 03, 2016 at 07:27 PM

AD

“ A little story about Doc Long. My wife and I were wanting to adopt a cat and we asked Doc if he had any in mind. He told us that a farmer had brought a litter in to be checked out and one was very sick, the farmer couldn't afford the medical expense for the kittens care and left it to be put down. Doc explained to us that the little guy had won him over and he cared for the little guy at his own expense. We went to pick up the kitten, asked Doc how much owed him for the kittens medical expenses, Doc just told us to give him our love and that was payment enough. When we picked up the kitten we were told it was a female, so we named her Abby. The time came to have the Abby fixed, we called to see when we could pick her up. Doc told us we might want to change Abby's name to Abe as she was actually a he. That is when we named him Doc, after the man that gave him a chance to live. You are a Great Man Doc and will be missed :((

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**alan Dail** - June 03, 2016 at 07:26 PM