



John C. Long

December 27, 2025

John C. Long, 88, of Lititz, formerly of Lancaster, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025.

He was born in Lancaster, the son of the late Edgar and Miriam (Stradtman) Long, and was the husband of Carol Ressler Long, his high-school sweetheart.

A 1955 McCaskey High School alumnus and a 1959 graduate of Millersville State Teachers' College, he retired from teaching Industrial Arts at McCaskey and formerly taught at Lincoln Middle School and Spring Grove High School.

John was involved in many local organizations and loved wood-working, gardening, and fishing. However, his greatest love was being with his family.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, his daughter Jennifer, wife of Jeffrey Braas, and his son Michael Long, four granddaughters, and his great-grandson. Also surviving is his sister, Mary Ellen Bordner.

He was preceded in death by his three brothers, two sisters, and a granddaughter.

Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran

Church, 31 South Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602, on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service at Holy Trinity.

A family interment will be at Conestoga Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in John's name to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
31 S. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ I am very sad to see this. Mr. Long was one of my shop teachers at McCaskey. I was one of the very few girls in Industrial Arts. He was kind, funny and never made a fuss about a girl in his class. I sent him a Christmas card every year since I graduated in 1973. I was so sad to have the last one returned to me. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He made a huge difference in my scholastic life. RIP. Millie Shenton

Millie Shenton - March 02 at 09:04 PM

FF

“ From Nalic Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. Long.



From Nalic Family - January 23 at 11:03 AM

WH

“ Carol and family. I was so sorry to learn of your loss. Weather permitting I plan to be at John's service. again I am so sorry for your loss.
Wanda He

wanda Hebel - January 21 at 03:55 PM

LP

“ Love, Meg, Scott and Lori Puleo purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of John C. Long.



Love, Meg, Scott and Lori Puleo - January 20 at 02:58 PM

KM

“ Dear Carol and Family,
I am really sorry to hear about John's passing.
Mr Long was one of my favorite teachers at JP McCaskey. We kept in touch over the years. During a recent visit he brought me some sports pictures and articles. May his memory be eternal.

Kenneth G Myers

Kennth Myers - January 05 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Long.



January 05 at 11:35 AM

TA

“ The Kauffmans: Barb, Bill, Anna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Long.

The Kauffmans: Barb, Bill, Anna - January 05 at 11:35 AM

NM

“ Carol - please accept my condolences on the death of your beloved husband. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time.
Nancy Banzhof Marshall

Nancy Marshall - January 05 at 07:51 AM

RP

“ Carol. I didn't know John well but when we did see each other he was quite the gentleman and very interesting to talk with about various subjects. Prayers for him and your family during this difficult time. Ron Plutnicki

Ronald Plutnicki - January 04 at 12:31 PM

RH

“ John was my High School teacher in Graphic Arts and Photography at McCaskey 1969-71. He was much more than a teacher and we stayed in touch over the years. I took a trip to Rochester NY for "Life Week" with John in his VW bus during those years. He knew everything about everything ! But most of all it was his kindness to everyone that I'll always remember. I'll miss him.
Richard and Michele Hetzler

Richard Hertzler - January 04 at 10:32 AM

JG

“ John was a special friend. He was a coin specialist and helped us with some of our old coins. We also enjoyed when he and Carol would come to hear Terry play! He will be missed by many!! Rest in peace!!
Terry & Joyce Gehman

Joyce Gehman - January 03 at 09:24 PM

BJ

“ Your John was the first person we met at LA. That meeting was special and we were privileged to be known as the 2nd John Long. We miss his smile and our place here at LA will never be the same.

Bonnie and John - January 03 at 11:04 AM

DE

“ Dear Carol and Family,
It is hard to fathom that John has passed on to that "Higher Calling." He was truly a vibrant, warm person who shared so much with so many of us. I well remember when he and Sam had given a program on their book about Lancaster's antique bottles and the publisher was slow in having it available for that evening. Living so far away here in Massachusetts, I had asked Sallie McMinn to attend the event and to purchase a book for me. She added my name to those awaiting the arrival of the books. Some weeks later, the phone rang at our home in Oak Bluffs, and it was John and Sam telling me that the book was now available! They just wanted to doublecheck my address. Well, we had the greatest 45 minute conversation, recalling memories of long ago and laughing and chuckling! Those two were such good friends and wonderful company. How I cherish to this day, that opportunity to just have that type of friendship after all of these years. On occasion, while working at Willow Valley, I would see him visiting Vince Nolt, etc. I send to you, Carol, my deepest sympathy. At some point I am hopeful that this time of grief for you and your family will transition to wonderful memories that will be of comfort. John was a fine person, and I feel privileged to have known him.

Most sincerely,

Debbie (Deborah) Benson Everett, North Andover, MA

Deborah B Everett - January 01 at 06:26 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John C. Long.*



December 31, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ *Joe Nolt lit a candle in memory of John C. Long*



Joe Nolt - December 31, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ *Joe Nolt sent a virtual gift in memory of John C. Long*



Joe Nolt - December 31, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Mr. Long. You taught me a great deal. Some of my life parts include your teachings. Through action, you taught. Through example, you taught. Through being patient, you taught. Thank you for imparting so much to so many. I am grateful and humbled to have known you, to have worked beside you, to have fished with you, and to have spent time at the beach with you. You are the epitome of George Bailey in the classic, "It's a Wonderful Life!" I will see you again, but not yet. Not yet. Joe Nolt, III*

Joe Nolt - December 31, 2025 at 08:54 AM

SB

*Carol,
Dad, Jim McMullin, was devastated to hear of John's passing. They were such good friends. You and your family are in our hearts.
Sandy Bloom*

sandy bloom - January 01 at 09:12 PM

JM

*Carol,
So sorry to hear about your loss. No more comparing hearing aids in church. Peace be with you
Janice Mettler*

janice mettler - January 03 at 06:27 PM

LJ

*Carol, my sincere condolences on the depth of your husband John. I remember John from our Millersville days as one of the truly friendly, nice guys. Always pleasant and considerate.
Lew Jury*

Lewis Jury - January 04 at 10:19 AM

ML

Mr. Long is one of my favorite teachers at McCaskey. Not only is he an excellent teacher, he is a true gentleman. I still use things he taught me all these years later. I write in the present tense because fond memories will be forever etched in our hearts and souls. He treated students with respect, and in return, we showed him respect and gratitude. Very progressive, sharp and kind. I'm sure The Lord received him with a warm embrace; he is safe. Peace and Love to Mr. Long's family and friends. Turn to The Lord for solace through prayer, and remember that Mr. Long would not want any one to experience an ounce of pain.

Martin Lafferty and Family

martin Lafferty - January 05 at 12:19 AM

JH

I was sad to hear of Mr. Long's passing. I have very fond memories of his Graphic Arts and Photography classes at McCaskey in the 70's, as well as, working on his painting crews. He was instrumental in the direction my life took as he encouraged me to pursue Industrial Arts and teaching as a career. Very few teachers have that impact on their students but Mr. Long certainly did with me. I am grateful to have known him. My condolences to Mrs. Long and his family.

Jeff Hutchinson - January 05 at 10:03 AM

JW

Carol so sorry to hear of John's passing. Haven't seen either of you and John for years, but have many happy memories of John when he was younger. We used to go ice skating at Maple Grove quarry. Also I think I recall that he went to the Dell and another place close by to dance. Having lost my husband a year ago I know exactly what you are dealing with. My prayers are with you and your family. If you ever need to talk please give me a call!

judy witmer - January 05 at 09:51 PM

MW

My dear friend Carol, ❤️ My heart aches for you during this incredibly difficult time. You are in my deepest thoughts and prayers. God bless and watch over you. Marlena.

Marlena Wert - January 06 at 02:33 PM

HG

After a brief luncheon meeting today with a few former McCaskey teachers, I learned today that John passed in late December , 2025. Judy and I are sorry for your loss. John was our contact person at Luther Acres. He was of great help in our transition to future retirement living. May the Peace and Love of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with Carol and the Long family now and always. Harry and Judy Gaul.

Harry Gaul - February 03 at 02:41 PM