



Priscilla Long

June 10, 1940 - April 22, 2013

Long, Priscilla S. (Tuppi)

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Born and raised in Janesville Wisconsin, Priscilla was the middle child of John and Beryl Smith and was known as ‘Tuppi’ to both friends and family her entire life. She graduated Colorado University with a degree in speech pathology and married her college sweetheart, John Long.

After college, they moved to Los Angeles and then Paradise Valley where they raised their two children, John and Christy. While her children were young, Tuppi taught preschool and devoted her time to raising her children. With her husband, she collected art and co-owned a publishing company.

After 25 years of marriage, Tuppi and John divorced and Tuppi created the Long Gallery in downtown Scottsdale. Her art gallery and devotion to art were one of her greatest joys and accomplishments. After running the gallery for 20 years, Tuppi retired in 2008.

Tuppi loved being a grandmother, visiting her children in California and Alaska, the companionship of her dog “Ebony”, crossword puzzles, and getting together with lifelong and new friends.

Tuppi is survived by her sister, Sandra Mutchler of Colorado; son John (and

wife Lara) of California; and daughter Christy Long of Alaska; grandchildren Jonathan Ehlers (Washington), Jayden West (Alaska), and Tristan and Sailer Long (California).

She was preceded in death by her brother, Samuel Timothy Smith of Arizona, and her parents.

A celebration of Tuppi's life will take place on Sunday, May 5, at the Scottsdale Civic Center at 4 pm (Marshall Gardens). Christy and John would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the family, friends and care providers in Arizona that so graciously provided love, care and support to the family in the past couple of years. Friends are welcome to come with stories and pictures to share with all who loved Tuppi.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Tuppi I will miss you. I don't live close like I used to, and in recent years I didn't see you as often as I used to, but I have good memories even still of hanging out with you and Christy and John(ny) when I was young - such a long time ago! God bless you because now you're in a better place.

Roger

Roger Long (Jr.) - May 02, 2013 at 10:28 AM

GP

“ Tuppi was one of the very first to give me a chance in my painting career with her Long Gallery. She was a giver, and she was a wonderfully, kind woman who I am grateful to have known and to have worked with. May God bless her, her family and friends.

Sincerely,

Greg Packard

Greg Packard - April 30, 2013 at 05:02 PM

RL

“ Hi, dear Tuppi,

Everyone who your life touched here misses you. I'm so glad we visited last year during my time in Arizona.

I happily remember you as a close and loving friend ever since we were students at CU. Remember the Sink, Tulagi and the UT? Then you became my caring sister-in-law... more like a true sister. And a wonderful mother to Johnny and Christy. You freely gave your heart and time to my family and me. Your smile and sense of humor always brightened up a room... and a party! My goodness, where does time go? All these memories seem like yesterday!

I'm sorry I can't attend your memorial, because I'm far away in the Philippines. Still, we are together in spirit. I know you see my open letter to you and all the other messages in our tribute to you.

Now you are happiest forever in Paradise with God, Dr John, Beryl, Tim and Ebony.

God blesses you always, Tuppi,

Love,

Roger Long

Roger Long - April 30, 2013 at 06:04 AM

AM

“Tuppi was an amazingly warm, vivacious, and fun woman. I admired so many things about her including her gift of gab. She was so personable that she could make anyone feel at ease and as if they'd been friends for years. She had such a good heart and was always there to help a friend.

I'm very lucky to have worked for Tuppi, she was adored by so many and will truly be missed.

Alison Mandel-Stein

Alison Mandel-Stein - April 29, 2013 at 11:25 PM

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Christine Long - April 29, 2013 at 09:00 PM

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Christine Long - April 29, 2013 at 08:53 PM

LT

“ *Tuppi will always be in my heart as a wonderful friend and sister-in-law. She will be so very much missed by her family and friends - she left us too soon! My love and condolences go out to her family. Rest in peace, Tuppi. I know I'll see you again one day. Linda Thompson*

Linda Thompson - April 28, 2013 at 02:59 PM

KD

“ *Kaelen Dickman lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Long*



Kaelen Dickman - April 28, 2013 at 09:59 AM

DT

“ Some of my fondest memories with Tuppi was that she was filled with magic. One of my earliest memories was when I was in the kitchen helping the women get food ready for dinner at the Long's and Tuppi opened the oven and took out the bread wrapped in foil without using oven mitts. I ask her how she could do that she smiled at me with that big smile and said she was magic! She had a way of warming up any room she entered, her laugh was contagious and her smile was always filled with warmth and caring. I will forever remember her back packing outfits..... to this day every time I see a pink fuzzy bathrobe and fuzzy pink slippers it brings me back to the fun back packing trips we did as children.

Christy and John, thank you for sharing her with me. She was a fabulous mother and friend to everyone she met.

I wish I could attend her service however I have a prior engagement that weekend that I can't miss. Please know that I will be with you all in spirit.

We need to get the gang back together..... soon.

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Love you both with all my heart.

Dori

Dori Tate - April 27, 2013 at 03:59 PM

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Christy Long - April 27, 2013 at 02:14 PM

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Christy Long - April 26, 2013 at 11:20 PM