



Dale Howard Long

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Dale Howard Long passed away on Jan. 5th, 2026 following a long battle with prostate cancer.

Dale was born in Tucson, AZ on Oct. 2nd, 1950 to Robert R. Long and Arabel Yocum. His grandfather was Roy H. Long, founder of Long Realty. His father was a WWII veteran, later realtor and co-owner of Arizona Mortuary.

He attended high school in Tucson, Canyon del Oro, and later graduated from NAU Flagstaff, with a B.S. in Education degree (1977). He taught and coached tennis at Montana State University in Bozeman, and later at other locations, like Omni Tucson National. He was a good tennis player.

Dale had two brothers - Robert and Jeff, both of whom pre-deceased him, Robert by just three weeks. He also had four Long 1st cousins – Randy (Carol), Russell (Christy), Steven (Jody), and Roy (Brynn), and four Yocum 1st cousins – Barbara, Greg, Shirlee (Jim), and Toni (Robert). Dale was generally on good terms with his entire family and, like his parents, had many good friends in Arizona and New Mexico, or wherever he happened to be living. He was a positive, optimistic person with a big smile and generally cheery attitude and always ready to “come over and hang out.”

He was an outdoorsman and occasional hunter who loved firearms and knives. He loved to attend periodic gun shows in the Tucson area. He would also collect minerals and conduct rock-hunting guided tours.

Dale was a student of religion, but mostly spirituality, and, when healthy, an avid reader of important works.

For some 10+ years, Dale had been living on a property in Luna, NM, where his older brother, Robert, also lived in a separate residence. Dale was a part-time guardian and helper and would



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frequently make medical and grocery runs. In the Luna area, he was also called upon to substitute teach in the local schools, where he interacted well with the students.


In essence, Dale was a good-hearted, honest, and friendly person who had many friends, and had a good sense of humor. He will be missed dearly.




Events

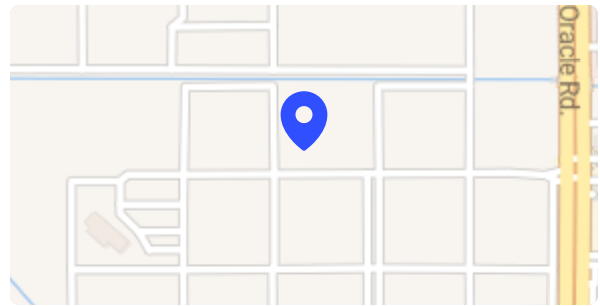
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, February 4, 2026

 12:00 PM MT


 **Evergreen Mortuary Chapel**
3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson AZ 85705

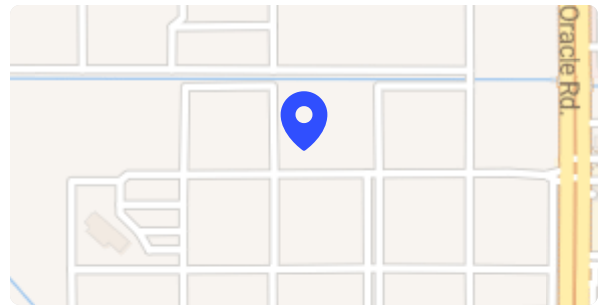


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Joel Ewing posted:

Oh Geez.....too many memories to list. Was his brother Jeff's (RIP) age, and hung out with him over at that gorgeous Long's home with it's huge Eucalyptus Trees and the Arizona room.....eating ice cream sundaes and watching the 3 channels on local TV. This would have been '67 thru the early 70's. Was with Jeff and hanging out up at Skyline C.C., where parents Bob and Arabel were playing tennis. Jeff and I heard our names being called over the intercom there, and when we met up with them moments later, found out that Dale had "blown his foot off".....supposedly from a home-made bomb (chlorine and wesson oil.....don't do it please!) and well.....suffice it to say that I was around their family a LOT. Maintained good upbeat relationship always with Dale....he could be just funnier than all get-out! I always enjoyed running into him wherever it happened to be, and we always laughed and picked up where we left off the last time we'd run into each other. I'm an ardent, steadfast "Believer", and truly hope that I'll get to cross paths with Dale when I cross over. In the meantime, rest easily, Dale.....you are missed and will be forever. PS.....years ago he gave my wife Dail and me some kind of exotic cactus.....and I managed to keep it alive (miracle) and it's HUGE now for what it is. It screams DALE each time I look at it..... I told him about it being really big and healthy about a year or less ago, and he had forgotten giving it to me. He was truly glad that it had survived and would be an item that would make us remember him each time we see it. Rest Easily, Dale. Well done! Miss you, Brother and don't forget US down here....until we get the chance to all laugh and carry on together again. God Bless us all. Joel and Dail Ewing Tortolita, Az. Joel (CDO '73).

April 13 at 3:41 PM



Madeline Perkins lit a candle in honor of Dale.

When I was 11 years old I moved to Tucson from Utah, my step father thought it was good idea to get my energy out early Saturday mornings so he hired his friend Dale, to come over and pick up about 6am and take me to the neighborhood tennis court where Dale taught me about back hand and how to angle the tennis racket just right, he also knew right where to aim the tennis ball to have me sprinting all over the court.He always had his dog (Josie at the time) with him and loved to create hyroglifics on different rocks and stones. Truly a loving man and a tennis pro that many knew of. Dale will be missed ☐



February 22 at 8:40 PM



Shelly Batawel sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Long family.



February 1 at 10:53 AM



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Shelly Batawel planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dale.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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