



Garland C. Long

March 19, 1950 - December 23, 2011

Garland C. Long, 61, died suddenly at his home at his home in Redmond, WA on Dec. 23, 2011. He was born in Wenatchee, WA on March 19, 1950 to Woodrow W. and Joy Long. He graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1969, attended Wenatchee Valley College while working in a dental laboratory as an apprentice technician. Within the first year he assumed full responsibility for the crown and bridge department. He then opened Gar Long Dental Arts, Inc., employing 6 technicians serving dentist in the Wenatchee Valley for a number of years. After closing his dental laboratory, he became partners in a kitchen and bath design store, J Vincent Blair. Gar then decided to move on and open a construction company, Spring Creek Construction. He worked as a general contractor for about 10 years, designing and building custom homes in the area. He built a couple of drive through coffee stands opening the business of JB Steamers. He re-opened Gar Long Dental Arts, Inc., and continued working in the dental laboratory. In 2000 he married Carol Johnston-Long; they worked together in the laboratory for about 7 years prior to closing the business. Looking for sunny weather, they moved to Morehead City, NC and continued working in the dental laboratory as a home business for about 1 year. Gar then accepted a job in a large dental laboratory in El Dorado Hills, CA, working there for almost 2 years. He was currently employed at Nakanishi Dental Laboratory in Bellevue, as manager of the crown and bridge department.

He is survived by his wife Carol Johnston-Long, step children, John Martin, Anna Beeman, Matt Pope and Kelly Pope, grandson, Brody Beeman, his brother and sister in law, Michael and Ruth Long, sister and brother in law Marsha and Jack Hensel, nephew, Chris Long, his wife Genevieve, their 2 daughters, Ella and Anna, niece, Kelsey Fein, father and mother in law, Reed and Ileen Johnston, sister in law and brother in law, Diane and Dr. William Boehle, their 2 sons and wives, Justin and Robin Boehle, David and Julia Boehle.

A Memorial service is being held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 2:00 pm at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Rd., East Wenatchee, WA. Online condolences and memories can be left for the family at: www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Gar was my manager,lider and my friend.....there are no words to express such a loss....i am gonna miss his presence at work,the moments when he gave me very good advises,moments when we laughed and had fun!The lab is not gonna be the same without Gar!He change my life!I am gonna remember him my whole life! May God bless you Carol and give you strenght and be with you in moments like this!

John Bodea - January 05, 2012 at 09:25 PM

DS

“ man cannot say enough great things about gar.He was such a great guy to be around at work and play.He will be and is truely missed by so many.Rest in peace my friend and thankyou for you great spirit you shared with us!

david r. smith - January 04, 2012 at 09:12 PM

PW

“ My condolences to the familyhe will be missed by so many. Be strong as this pain shall pass.

Paula

PAULA LONG WEEDMAN - January 04, 2012 at 03:29 PM

CY

“ We are both so sorry to hear of Gar's sudden passing. He was a great guy with a big smile and a zest for life. From Gar I learned the importance of detail and a job well done. Our prayers are with all of you as you move through this time of loss.

Calvin and Claudia Yamamoto - January 04, 2012 at 01:49 PM

TS

“ Carol and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Gars passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a great man. I enjoyed my time working for him at the espresso shop and the dental lab. He was a great boss, always patient and kind. He will be missed.

Tanya Stroschein - January 03, 2012 at 10:34 PM

KW

“ *I worked for Gar at his laboratory in Wenatchee. Like he did, I apprenticed as part of my work experience project during my senior year at Wenatchee High School. After graduation he employed me full time until his retirement to go into the building/remodel industry. He was a great mentor and craftsman. He gave me a gift to build success in my life that I still use today. We had fun times together in the lab, skiing at Mission Ridge, boating on Lake Chelan, building one of his many homes or just hanging around with family and friends. He was very giving of himself to anyone that would recognize his kindness. I will miss my mentor, friend and colleague.*

Kevin Ward - January 03, 2012 at 05:50 PM

KL

“ Carol-

Please know that my thoughts and well wishes are with you and your family. Gar was one of the kindest people I had met over my last 18 years in dental technology. He will be missed.

Karen Leitner - January 03, 2012 at 01:24 PM

LO

“ We hope that Gar has found the peace he sought and we pray for you to have the strength to go on with your life.

Lou,Carol - January 03, 2012 at 12:46 PM

PD

“ Please accept my condolences for your loss. Even though we had the same mother, I never did get to know Gar or the rest of the kids. I always wondered what happened to all of you. Was very surprised to read about his untimely passing in the paper. Please accept my heart felt sympathy. Patty

Patty Maloney Davisson - January 03, 2012 at 12:54 AM

GE

“ Carol, Marsha, Mike & family:
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry I am not going to be there for Gar's service. I think Shakespeare said it best "Pray, love, remember..." God bless you all at this difficult time.

Genette - January 02, 2012 at 11:06 PM

LG

“ Rest in peace, dear friend.



Love, Lew & Genette - January 02, 2012 at 09:46 PM

BC

“ Carol and Family,
We were so saddened to hear about Gar. He was a great guy who will be missed by all who had contact with him. We will miss him and his laughter up at the lake in the years to come.

Bill & Donna Clark - January 02, 2012 at 07:06 PM

DB

“ Carol & Family,

I had the privilege of meeting and getting to know Gar through Nakanishi Dental Lab. There's no way one could meet Gar and not be impressed with his kind, gentle, compassionate spirit. Gar was a true gentleman who will be vey much missed by those whose lives he touched.

Dan Beck

Dan Beck - January 02, 2012 at 03:42 PM

EH

“ Carol and family I'm really sorry to hear about Gar. I worked with Gar the last 3 years and have become a better Dental Technician because of him. He was patient and was very good at everything he did. He was great at fixing things at the lab and always had a solution to any problem we had. He will truly be missed by us all at the lab.

*Ed Hoyden
Lynnwood, WA*

Ed Hoyden - January 02, 2012 at 02:10 PM

RS

“ Mike -

I never knew your brother, but sorry to hear of his passing. I lost my younger brother two years ago and although it wasn't that sudden it was and is still hard to believe and accept.

*Bruce
'64*

R. Bruce Smith - January 02, 2012 at 12:22 PM

JS

“ *Our condolences for the family and prayers for Carol during this time of sorrow, we know not why and must believe that God had a reason, Gar was a man we were fortunate to call our friend and a man we were lucky to have known. Peace be with him.*

Jack & Jan Snyder - January 02, 2012 at 11:56 AM

SV

“ *Mike, Ruth and family,*

So sorry to hear of Gar's passing. My sympathy to your family.

Sharon Vespier - January 02, 2012 at 01:44 AM

TH

“ *My sympathy to the family as I am uttered in words to say. I met Gar when he became a new contractor and I sold construction supplies to him here in Wenatchee...he always needed a handful of free carpenter pencils. Gar was one of my favorite builders and I looked forward to our visits in the field. He will be missed by all, but his charismatic persona will always be with us....God bless the family.*

Ty Howard - January 01, 2012 at 03:21 PM