



Celebrating the Life of

Avon Long

Sunrise

February 6, 1943

Sunset

December 26, 2021

Service

Monday, January 3, 2022 - 11:00am

First Presbyterian Church of Roselle

111 W. 5th Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Rev. Mary Lynn Morrison, Pastor, Officiating

Life Reflections

Avon Long was born February 6, 1943 in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Dorothy and John Long, Sr. He departed this life for his heavenly home on Sunday, December 26, 2021.

Avon married the beautiful Deborah (Sims) Long in 1978. The union produced two amazing children, Byron, and Todd.

Avon was raised in Jersey City, New Jersey and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1961. While attending Lincoln High School, he was involved in extracurricular activities. He shined as a track and field star and in his stage productions in theatre. He went on to further his education for a two-year period at Rutgers University. During that time, Avon maintained full-time employment. Over the course of 32 years, he climbed the ranks at Western Electric, which became AT&T, and later became Lucent Technologies. Even after retirement, he spent more than a decade with Allied Universal Security.

Avon enjoyed a good time –including trips to Atlantic City to play the slots, testing his luck on scratch offs, or doing his Donald Duck impersonation, which was often requested and appreciated by adults and children alike. To relax, Avon maintained an impeccable lawn with his green thumb, and he stayed fit by going for walks and riding his bike. He enthusiastically watched sports and Jeopardy. It was not always about fun and games; Avon loved the Lord. He was an active church member. He served as a member of the Deacon Board, as a Trustee, as a member the Choir, and as a Church Accountant. Most importantly, Avon loved his family more than anything, which was evident during his annual barbeques.

Avon was predeceased by his beloved sister and brother Dolores Armour and Lamont Long. He was survived by his dear brothers, John Jr. (Barbara), Freddie (Patricia) and sisters Dorothy Johnson (Kenneth – Deceased), Joyce Pitchford (Charles – Deceased), Brenda Long (Vincent).

Avon is survived by his loving children: Byron and Todd (Hanifa), and his granddaughter, Za'niyah.

Avon leaves a lasting memory in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	Sandy Albano
Procession.....	Family
Welcome.....	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Obituary.....	Michelle Shelton
Hymn of Comfort.....	#341 “Blessed Assurance”
Prayer of Confession.....	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Assurance of Pardon	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Poem – Miss Me, But Let Me Go.....	Brenda Long
Prayer of Comfort.....	Hanifa Long
Scripture – Psalm 23.....	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Solo – His Eye Is On The Sparrow.....	Dennis Anderson
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 4-5.....	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Meditation.....	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Eulogy.....	Sheree Pitchford
Acknowledgement of Condolences	Michelle Shelton
Remembrance.....	Todd Long
Reflections.....	Byron Long
Prayer	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Hymn.....	#280 “Amazing Grace”
Commendation of the Spirit	Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison
Recessional	

Final Resting Place
Graceland Memorial Park
1900 Galloping Hill Road
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

Due to the pandemic, regretfully, there will be no repast.

Miss Me – But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little –but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me –but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go along. It's all part of the
Master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me –but let me go!



Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend
could say. Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought
of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

The Long Family

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