



Anneliese Long

November 21, 1929 - October 24, 2023

Anneliese Long was born in Karlsruhe, Germany on November 21, 1929, to Karl and Lina Bechtold, and passed away on October 24, 2023. Anneliese was a young girl in Germany during World War II, and she had many stories to tell about the war, including seeing Adolf Hitler face-to-face. She came to America in 1958 on the Queen Elizabeth Ship, and settled in Fithian, IL. She married Carl Pruitt on 10/08/1958, and three months later became a widow due to Carl's death on 1/9/1959. After Carl's death, she returned to Germany for a while, and this is where she met American Soldier, Arlie Long of Muskogee, OK.

She later returned to Fithian, IL to raise her daughter in America, and she started corresponding with Arlie, who was stationed in San Diego. Arlie hitchhiked all the way from California to Illinois to sweep her back to California with him. Arlie and Ann finally settled in Muskogee, OK and were married November 2, 1962. She later became an American Naturalization Citizen on June 10, 1980.

Arlie was one of 9 children, so their days were spent playing a lot of Pitch Card games with the multitude of brother & sister in-laws, while all the cousins-by-the-dozens played at Grandma Maymie's house.

Bar-b-Queuing with her life-long friends Ferris and Ruth Long, and all their

family, Kenny, Kathy & Jimmy, Becky, Crystal and Tiffany was a must, and Ann always made the Maggi Salad, because everyone demanded it.

Ann loved any kinds of games, and she was always the entertainment committee at Christmas, held her own at Catch Phrase, and she knew how to throw an excellent Easter Egg Hunt. She absolutely loved chocolate, garage sailing, going to the casino, and she never left the house without her jewelry on. She was a member of the American Postal Workers Union Auxiliary and was a candy striper volunteer at Muskogee General Hospital for many years.

During the years of the APWU Auxiliary, she made many special friends, where they worked on political campaigns, and she acted as the group's secretary. She and Arlie attended many conventions and danced the night away. Helen Pride of Muskogee is a special and dear friend that recently mailed cards to Ann just about every day, during her time of struggle. Every day was a race to the mailbox, and every card put a smile on her face. She also looked forward to phone calls from Magda from Germany, so she could speak German and keep up on things happening in her hometown.

She is preceded in death by Mother, Lina Emma Bechtold; Father, Karl Ludwig Bechtold; Sister, Lotte Diel; Brother, Herbert Bechtold; her husband, Arlie Edward Long; son, Michael Edward Long.

Family survivors include her Two daughters, Silvia Leyh of Oakwood, IL, and Mona Koehn (husband, Lewis) of Muskogee, OK; One nephew, Thomas Bechtold of Bavaria, Germany; One Niece, Lia Murr of Karslsruhe, Germany; Five grandchildren – Tracy Saults (husband, Mike) of Danville, IL, Gena Loda (husband, Kevin) of Danville, IL, Brandon Williams of Muskogee, OK, Megan Long of Honolulu, HI, and Brian Long of Greenfield, IN. Four great grandchildren – Alissa Nixon of Champaign, IL, Hailey Bennet of Champaign, IL, Carlie Jo Reitz of Oakwood, IL, and Bradley Williams of Port Charlotte, FL.

The family would like to express a big “Thank You” for all your thoughts, prayers, and well wishes. The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Anneliese’s name. Two suggestions are the American Cancer Society or Fort Gibson National Cemetery ([pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov)).

Anneliese was a loving wife, mother, Oma, and friend. She might be gone, but never forgotten!

Services for Anneliese will be held at a later date.

The family of Anneliese Long has entrusted her care and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home & Crematory, Muskogee. 918-910-8883.

Online condolences may be left for her family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](https://www.clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Silvia and Mona I'm so sorry for your loss we loved your mom and I have so many memories that I will cherish. I know they are all together now. Prayers for you guys and your family* 💕

Kathleen Adair - October 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JH

“ *Silvia, Mona and all the kids. You were blessed with a wonderful mother and grandma. She meant the world to all of you and I know you were her world. May she rest in peace. My heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to you all.* ❤️❤️



Janie Hackett - October 26, 2023 at 05:51 PM

MK

“ *Mona & Family, we are all so very sorry for your loss and heartbreak. The tribute provided for the Amazing Anneliese gave those of us that didn't know her such a wonderful picture of the amazing woman she was and will forever be in the memories of her friends and family. For that I light this red candle that symbolizes love and strength as it is obvious that it truly represents much of this lovely lady.*



Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mona and your entire family. Know your NCA family too is here for you. God Bless, Mishelle & Phil

Mishelle Kochel - October 26, 2023 at 10:18 AM

MK

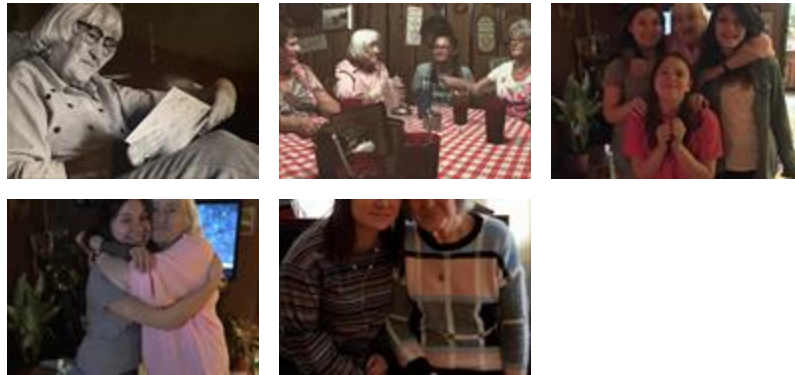
“ *Mishelle Kochel lit a candle in memory of Anneliese Long*



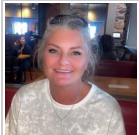
Mishelle Kochel - October 26, 2023 at 10:06 AM

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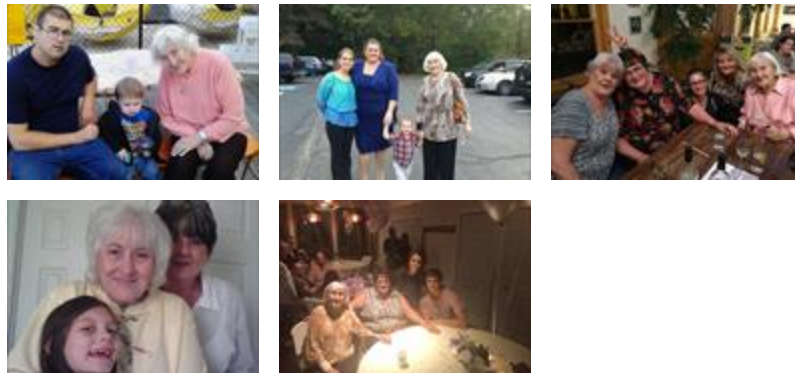
“ *I'll never forget the memories we had of you* □



Hailey Bennett - October 25, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Tracy Saults - October 25, 2023 at 05:09 PM

LS

“ *Mona and Family, Thoughts and Prayers for your loss; words are of little comfort at moments like this, but Mona know that you are a Wonderful Daughter and Mom was a Strong, Independent and determined Lady! Hold the memories close, Love and Good Thoughts continue your way...Lauri Shaw-Wood*



Lauri Shaw-Wood - October 25, 2023 at 03:46 PM

SF

“ *I am so sorry Mona on behalf of myself and the entire National Cemetery Administration. You are a wonderful person and team member and there is no doubt your mom is just like you. I am hopeful that you and the surviving family can find peace and rest in the wonderful memories that you have had with her through the years. Stephan Frank*

Stephan Frank - October 25, 2023 at 03:37 PM

GL

“ *She always greeted you with her Hollywood smile and her personality was truly warming. She was loved and lived a life of joy! Lifting her up!*

Gary and Tamara Long - October 25, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ <https://youtu.be/a0H9C80LAQ8>

Tracy Saults - October 25, 2023 at 03:25 PM

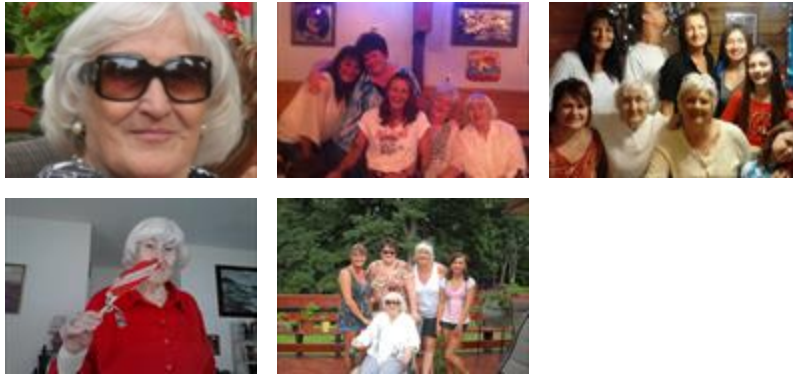
MI

“ *Silvia, Tracy, Gena and families I'm so sorry for your loss! I'm so glad that I got to meet Ann at some of our Holiday parties, I can see why she was the life of your parties and why she is dearly missed! I'm always happy to hear Tracy's stories about their conversations. My thoughts and prayers are with you! Michelle*

Michelle - October 25, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*



Tracy Saults - October 25, 2023 at 01:57 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Saults lit a candle in memory of Anneliese Long*



Tracy Saults - October 25, 2023 at 01:49 PM