



James Long

May 22, 1981 - July 6, 2016

James Long, age 35, of Tucson, Arizona and formerly of Spencer, died on July 6, 2016 in Tucson. Services will be 10:30 AM on Monday July 18th at the First Baptist Church in Spencer. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Spencer. Visitation will be 5 – 7 PM on Sunday at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

James Daulton Long, the son of Damon Truitt Long and Kathy Lynn (Rendleman) Christopherson, was born on May 22, 1981 in Napa, California. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1999. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Spencer. James enjoyed fishing, camping, boating, driving, being outdoors, music, computers, shoes and dogs.

Left to cherish James's memory are his children, Destiny and Landen Long of Spencer; his mother Kathy Christopherson and her husband John of Okoboji; a brother, Mike Long and his wife Sundae of Des Moines; a sister, Katrina Heller and her significant other Alex Henriquez of Spencer; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Damon Long; grandparents, Jim and Bev Rendleman and Daulton and Vera Bernice Long.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home
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Service

JUL 18. 10:30 AM - 11:10 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
1200 Grand Ave
Spencer, IA 51301

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Long*



Robinson Funeral Home - July 14, 2016 at 07:28 PM

KA

Beautifully done! Thank you!

kathy - July 14, 2016 at 09:45 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Christopherson, Donna Linn, Larry and Julie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Long.*



Linda Christopherson, Donna Linn, Larry and Julie - July 17, 2016 at 10:09 PM

SW

“ *Katrina, So sorry about the loss of your brother!! Susan Wedel*

susan wedel - July 17, 2016 at 07:08 PM

KA

“ *kathy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Long.*



kathy - July 16, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Long.*



July 15, 2016 at 11:03 PM

BM

“ I met jimmy in treatment and knew he was so special from the get-go. He was the only person I've met so happy and positive to be in treatment! He would be the first to wake in the morning and greet everyone with a friendly good morning, even if some people weren't so receptive at first. Everyone quickly grew to love jimmy. His stories from his past would have everyone cracking up and begging for more stories. He was humble and giving. He would always give me cigarettes until mine came in. But he wasn't scared to put his foot down if he felt he was being taken advantage of. After treatment jimmy stayed in close contact with everyone and often acted as the glue that kept our group together. He welcomed me into his home along with many others. I was lucky enough to spend the last night with jimmy on the Fourth of July. I'll remember him that night smiling, grilling for everyone and running out last minute for fireworks. His positivity was infectious and it was hard to be in a bad mood around jimmy. He visited me the day I lost my job and just drove me around as I cried. There's so many facets to his personality I could go on and on. The last text I received from him was him expressing concern for someone else, which is typical of a man who was so giving. I'll miss him dearly and wish I had gotten the chance to spend more time with him. RIP Jimmy. Miss you now and always.

Brenda Morrison - July 15, 2016 at 04:46 AM

KA

Brenda, I am so glad we got to know you! You have been a huge blessing to us. Please keep your Sobriety and keep plucking away! Remember...sponsor first, meeting second. Don't give up! No matter how many times it takes! Remember the people that love you and want to help you! Call anytime you need to! With much love, we got to meet under the best of circumstances and enjoyed each and every one of you! You guys are an awesome group!!
Kathy Christopherson

kathy - July 15, 2016 at 05:37 PM

Wendy
Cochran
McDonald

“ I remember the days of carting Michael and then Jimmy all over the place as if they were my babies, making strange little alcoves for them to sleep in comfortably. I loved those guys and Trina too and always wished we had lived closer growing up. While we were not close in distance after you moved from California, my cousins were always close to my heart as they still are.



My love and thoughts are with each of you.

Wendy Cochran McDonald - July 14, 2016 at 09:37 PM

CE

“ Oh Jimmy! I can't believe you are gone. Too soon my friend. We had so many good times and you have the biggest heart of them all. I will cherish all the good memories and please know you will always be missed and will always be deeply loved. To Jimmys family- you are all in our thought and prayers. RIP dear friend:,(

Christy Eral - July 14, 2016 at 09:04 PM



I was a good friend of his. I just heard of his passing. I been trying to locate him. I wish I knew how he had passed. I was in Arizona last year but never thought he was there. What a shame. I'm William T. Rand on fb. Feel free to add me as a friend. So sorry for your loss. I would of attended his service had I known.

William Rand - April 17, 2017 at 06:21 PM

MS

“ You always had the biggest heart and would do anything for your friends and loved ones. My deepest condolences to your family and children. RIP jimmy.

Morgan Stuckey - July 14, 2016 at 08:13 PM

Jenn
Abbey

“ We are always family no matter what. Me and the boys send our love and prayers always.



Jenn Abbey - July 13, 2016 at 08:15 PM

Jenny
Caskey

“ I will forever remember the many conversations, long trips, and crazy fun times we had....you went too soon my friend, RIP Jimi Long

Jenny Caskey - July 13, 2016 at 11:24 AM

JY

We will miss you Jimmy. You went way to soon, your family is in our thoughts and prayers. The Yeager's

Jesse Yeager - July 13, 2016 at 08:05 PM

JC

“ Will forever remember the many conversations, long trips, and crazy fun times we had.... RIP Jimi Long

Jenny Caskey - July 13, 2016 at 11:19 AM

ST

“ Jimmy had a way of drawing you in. With his kind heart and loving nature, Jimmy was there when you needed me. He had a way of making you feel safe when he was around. What I loved the most is he never expected anything in return. Not too long ago, I talked to Jimmy and he expressed to me his great love for the Lord. My heart smiles knowing his faith was strong. My prayers are with you all! I'll miss you, Jimmy! ❤️ You were a light in a dark world.

Strachia - July 12, 2016 at 11:06 PM

KA

“ 18 files added to the album *New Album Name*



kathy - July 12, 2016 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ *Jamie Maher lit a candle in memory of James Long*



Jamie Maher - July 12, 2016 at 08:33 AM

JM

I'm so sorry for this loss in our family. Jimmy you are so missed

Jamie Maher - July 12, 2016 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ *Jeri Hayden And Family lit a candle in memory of James Long*



Jeri Hayden and family - July 12, 2016 at 06:44 AM

NB

“ *Nadezda Banashak lit a candle in memory of James Long*



Nadezda Banashak - July 12, 2016 at 06:00 AM



“ *With a heavy heart and reluctant fingers, I type this very personal message, on a very public forum, to my family and Jimmy's friends.*

Firstly, Jimmy ... I'm truly saddened by your departure, even though I know you were at peace with God. I know your Dad found God before he left us and so I can only take solace in knowing God's promise to His children and I am so thankful that you believed and trusted Him. When you left us Jimmy, a hole opened that swallowed our hearts ... that hole is too deep to fill so we are left to try to accept and understand why you had to leave us so soon--even though it's not our place to second-guess God's plans. Since you were called Home, I know you're awaiting God's beautiful promise and so I pray that God have mercy on your soul.

To Trina & Mike and the families of their issue ... I'm so sorry that you will not get the opportunity to grow old with your brother and that you will miss his love and spirit. I'm sorry that your children will no longer get to enjoy their uncle and his humor. I'm so sorry that you have to experience this type of growing pain.

To Destiny & Landen ... My hearts breaks for you! I miss my father (your great grandpa) every day, and I / we lost him when I was grown; I can't bear to imagine what it's like for your to lose your father so young. You will never be privy to the wisdom that he could have shared with you during your own trials of life. You will no longer receive his loving hugs but when you are down and feel like 'if only I could talk to my Dad', try to think of what you knew about him and his advice ... it will help you to decide what he might have offered to you. Landen will need help to keep his Daddy's memory alive.

To Kathy / Jimmy's mother and my big sister ... I can't find the right words to say because all of them are so painful. As you are my flesh & blood--who I've known for my entire life, and as a mother of 3 sons--where one of them is less than a year younger than Jimmy, I cannot bear the pain that you are feeling when I imagine being in

your shoes, and I can hardly bear my own pain--the pain I feel for you. I tend to sweep painful emotions under an invisible rug in my head and think about other things (when I can't take the painful emotions) but I'm having a real challenge doing so with Jimmy's passing because I hurt so badly for you. I am so truly sorry Kathy! As you know, I've had to make 'extra' investments in the secondary / adult upbringing of 2 of my own boys ... some kids take longer to raise because life is a challenge for them to figure out; when parents like us care to make these extra investments, we await the pay-off (the pay-off being self-sustainability of the adult child) ... well, take comfort Kathy & John in knowing that you DID make the investment because some parents do not. Take comfort in knowing that Jimmy 'got it' and was 'right there'. Take comfort in knowing that Jimmy appreciated your love and investment and felt he couldn't have done it without your support. Take comfort in knowing that you exposed him to God, just as God wanted you to do and that Jimmy trusted and still does trust God's promise. Take comfort in knowing that we will see him again, and he will be without the burden of the wicked world upon him. Take comfort in knowing that your family is here for you during this terrible tragedy and always--because that's the way we were taught and raised and so, we share the pain and bind together. I know my words sound nice and probably won't help ease your pain so I pray for you ... all of you.

John 6:40 ...

For it is My Father's will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

With Lots of Love, Gwen (on behalf of the entire Ball family)

Dave Ball - July 11, 2016 at 10:43 PM



“ As I sat here relaxing I felt a tear run down my face n the reality of Jimi being gone really hit. I will miss his big smile n hugs so much. I will always have the wonderful memories with me

Ellen Bohnenkamp - July 11, 2016 at 10:04 PM

DL

“ I will never forget growing up with Jimmy starting at Jefferson Elementary. Katrina, Mike and Jimmy just moved to Spencer and I found loyal friends for life. Overtime our paths have not crossed much, but the memories of boxing matches in their basement or Kathy helping the youngest Jimmy find the biggest egg in the Easter Egg hunt will always be there. He was a friend that will be missed until we meet again. Dan

Dan Lowe - July 11, 2016 at 07:37 PM

JA

“ Jamie lit a candle in memory of James Long



Jamie - July 11, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ Michael McMichael lit a candle in memory of James Long



Michael McMichael - July 11, 2016 at 08:40 AM

BG

“ I am sad to hear about Jimmy's death. I was his teacher at Jefferson School. My prayers to his family and friends. Keep Jimmy's memories close to your heart.
Brenda Griffin

Brenda Griffin - July 10, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ My baby brother. I still am having a hard time grasping that this is real. Inkeep thinking I am gonna wake up from this bad dream. That your crazy butt will come randomly walking through the door with your big smile, funny jokes, and crazy stories that made us all get to thinking. Not to forget your love you had for us all. I can't believe we will never get to see you again. I don't want to beleive and accept it. I love you more than you know. This sucks.

Katrina Heller - July 10, 2016 at 08:09 PM

MK

“ So sorry to hear of the great loss to your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Maddie Kampf - July 10, 2016 at 05:10 PM

MS

“ Wow! Jimmy you always had a way to put a smile on ppl's faces with ur jokes! Oh how you'll be missed but never forgotten! Heaven is getting a angel to watch over all of us!!! 🙏
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misty slawson - July 10, 2016 at 03:15 PM

SC

“ Jimmy was just a child when I last saw him in CA. I'll see you again in Heaven! R.I.P.

Steve Carney - July 10, 2016 at 09:38 AM

KK

“ Kathie Kruger lit a candle in memory of James Long



Kathie Kruger - July 10, 2016 at 02:04 AM

AP

“ Jimmy had such a good heart. I remember telling me several times how much he loved his family. He said he would take a bullet for us all. Family was very important to him. Actually family meant everything to him. He will greatly be missed by us all. I love u Jimmy. Love Auntie Pam

Auntie Pam - July 09, 2016 at 07:01 PM

NJ

My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. I am totally in shock of Jimmy's death. RIP Jimmy.

Nick Jones - July 10, 2016 at 06:14 PM

KA

To my beautiful son, I love you so much! I was proud to be your mom. Your kind heart, giddy laugh and crooked smile will forever be in my heart. I remember the last time we hugged and every word of our last phone call. You had such a hard life here on earth. Now that the Lord has taken you home, you may Rest in peace. It's over! Until we meet again, I will cherish every moment I was honored to be you mom.

kathy - July 12, 2016 at 07:52 AM



Elaine
Brown

*Dear Jimmy,
I remember you as this little, energetic, bubbly boy when I first met you and your family here in Ca. I haven't known you since those earlier days but have reconnected with your Mom in the past few years and have seen pictures of your beautiful children. I read the dedications to you and see how much you meant and touched the lives of others. Your family loves you dearly and you will be sadly missed. I pray for comfort and care for those you left behind and for the everlasting peace and joy of eternity, for your sweet spirit, with our Savior Jesus.*
Elaine Brown

Elaine Brown - July 13, 2016 at 05:15 PM



KA

Thank you!

kathy - July 14, 2016 at 09:46 PM