



## Josephine Marie Long

September 30, 1928 - March 30, 2019

Josephine Marie Long of Willcox died at her son Chris's home in Safford on March 30, 2019 at the age of 90. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 30, 1928 to Joseph Pinna and Agatha Gandolfo Pinna both of Marsala, Sicily. She married David H. Long, Jr. on November 14, 1951 in Chicago. In 1952 with her husband she moved to Arizona until moving to Ohio in 1954 where she resided until 1972 and then moved back Arizona until her death. Josephine was a loving homemaker, loved to garden, make delicious bread, enjoyed canning and loved babies. One of her greatest enjoyments was staying in touch with family and friends, never forgetting a birthday or anniversary. She was a member of the United Church of God. Survivors include her children; David (Kathy) Long III of Springfield, Ohio, Anna (Brad) Harkins of Oro Valley, Teresa (Mike) Mills of Willcox, Joe (Debby) Long of Willcox, Joel Long of Flagstaff, Jeff (Cheryl) Long of Pima, Matt Long of Willcox, Daniel (Donnette) Long of Central and Chris (Christy) Long of Safford. Also surviving are 26 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband David H. Long, Jr. in 2011, her infant son Bryan Elliot Long, her parents Joseph and Agatha Pinna, a sister Anna Diller and her daughter-in-law Melody ( Joel's wife). A visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Westlawn Chapel. Graveside Services will follow at 11:00 am at the Safford Union Cemetery in Safford, Arizona. A luncheon will follow at the Central Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2597 Church Ave, Central, Arizona 85531.

You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com) Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

# Cemetery Details

## Safford Union Cemetery

574 W. Discovery Park  
Safford, AZ 85546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

## Graveside Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

Safford Union Cemetery  
574 W. Discovery Park  
Safford, AZ 85546

# Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Marie Long*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Aunt Josie was a kind and loving presence in my life. A reminder that just because you live far away, family is never forgotten, but always remembered and loved. The time and care she took to write to me, even when writing became more difficult, were not in vain. I loved receiving her letters and writing back in return. She was such a wonderful person and I will miss her dearly. I take comfort that hers was a life well lived, surrounded by those that loved her. I love you aunt Josie, Rest In Peace.*

**Jennifer Polleck** - April 07, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ *Jennifer Polleck lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie Long*



**Jennifer Polleck** - April 07, 2019 at 10:06 PM

DW

“ I was blessed to have met Mrs. Long when I was a child! Her and her family were friends with my grandparents Ed & Aurelia Whelan! What an amazing woman! A lady with the kindest heart and soul! Loved the weekends when the family showed up to visit! What a great time! I'm sorry that the family has lost a wonderful serval lady but I know she's in heaven and happy! Sending you all so much love & many prayers! God Bless



Love & Light  
Donna Whelan-Post  
Visalia, CA

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**Donna Whelan-Post** - April 06, 2019 at 06:19 PM

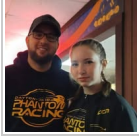
MC

“ Martie R. Carreon lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie Long



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**Martie R. Carreon** - April 06, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Grandma, I just wanted to tell you that Lilly, Ashley and I love you very much and we hope that you know that you will be missed. It seems unreal that you're gone, but we know you are happy to be with God and Grandpa in Heaven. I know you will look down on us from time to time to see how everyone is doing. I will think of your beautiful smile and dream of how happy you were when I look up at the sun and see it shining through the clouds. Until the day that we meet again. We love you.



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**Derek Long** - April 06, 2019 at 12:35 AM

RW

“ Ruth Wickham-Denton lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie Long



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**Ruth Wickham-Denton** - April 05, 2019 at 08:26 PM

AM

“ Alma & Felipe Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie Long



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**Alma & Felipe Mendoza** - April 04, 2019 at 04:05 PM

AH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Anna Harkins** - April 04, 2019 at 09:28 AM

CD

“ *If roses grow in Heaven Lord then pick a bunch for me place them in my Grandma's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her I love her and miss her and when she turns to smile place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile.  
Rest in Heaven Beautiful and watch over us, love your granddaughter Christina*

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**Christina Davis** - April 03, 2019 at 05:33 PM

CC

“ *So sorry for your loss, your all in or thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you all.  
The Chad Case Family*



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**Carol Case** - April 03, 2019 at 07:51 AM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Josephine Marie Long.*



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April 03, 2019 at 02:13 AM

KL

“ To my beautiful “other mother”. Thank you for accepting me into the family and always making me feel a part. I not only gained a wonderful husband but a “bunch of brothers and sisters. Love, Kathy



Kathy Long - April 02, 2019 at 07:01 PM

DL

“ Dearest Mom,  
I was the beginning of your Long clan. I was fortunate to have 66 years of your motherly love that was unconditional. I am thankful for you, the memories, and the blessings you gave to me. Even being miles apart you were always close in heart! Love you Mom.....David  
Until we meet again!



David Long - April 02, 2019 at 06:44 PM

Chris Long

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chris Long - April 02, 2019 at 06:35 PM

JP

“ I will miss Aunt Josie very much. She was a wonderful, kind and caring person. She always remembered my birthday and my daughter's birthday and we received a card every year with a brief handwritten note inside telling us what was going on in her life. We, of course, would reply with news of our family. I began corresponding with Aunt Josie more often in the last two years and looked forward to her letters.

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**Joanne Polleck** - April 02, 2019 at 04:59 PM

JP

“ Joanne, Larry and Jennifer Polleck purchased the Lavender Dreams for the family of Josephine Marie Long.



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**Joanne, Larry and Jennifer Polleck** - April 02, 2019 at 03:59 PM

KH

“ We did not know your sweet mama but our hearts and sympathy reach out to you and your family with love and blessings for peace and comfort in the days ahead. Uncle Ivan and Aunt Kathy

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**Kathryn Hancock** - April 02, 2019 at 01:03 PM

AH

“ Dearest Mom (Princess), At last you get to rest and have a well deserved vacation! You have given so much of yourself for so long! Now your name has been placed in the book of life and you can receive the reward you so looked forward too. Know that i love you and I can't wait to walk with you into your own rose garden. Even roses can feel blue sometimes and that is how i feel about you now. Good Night momma for now.

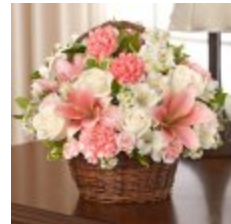


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**Anna Harkins** - April 02, 2019 at 11:48 AM

HF

“ Henry Schein, Inc., Jacksonville, FL purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Josephine Marie Long.



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**Henry Schein, Inc., Jacksonville, FL** - April 02, 2019 at 10:27 AM

HL

“ Henrietta Lackner lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie Long



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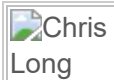
**Henrietta lackner** - April 02, 2019 at 01:59 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Marie Long.*



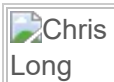
April 01, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Chris Long** - April 01, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ *Mother you have always loved me unconditionally through every phase of my life. I will forever treasure the conversations, and the crazy things we done and laughed about. I miss so much the touch of your hand and the warmth of your heart. I am selfish and I want you here with me now, but I know but the Lord has your company where you feel no pain or have no ailments. I love you Mama and we'll see you someday and once again hold that hand. Rest High.*

**Chris Long** - April 01, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *Noel & Arlene Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie Long*



**Noel & Arlene Forsyth** - April 01, 2019 at 12:23 AM

NF

“ *Noel & Arlene Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie Long*



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**Noel & Arlene Forsyth** - April 01, 2019 at 12:19 AM

JL

“ *Mom. You are and always will be so dear and close to me. I cannot finds words that are eloquent enough to describe all the Blessings, Great memories, wisdom, Love you have provided and shown to me throughout the years. You were an Angel here on earth for all this time and I will miss you So terribly, but I have peace knowing your home and still watching over me and all of your children and family. Rest In Peace my Dear Sweet Mother. My Prayer will be always that I may Stroll thru Heaven with you some day!*

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**Jeff Long** - March 31, 2019 at 09:14 PM

TM

“ *1 file added to the album Mom's Pictures*



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**Teresa Mills** - March 31, 2019 at 06:32 PM

LB

*What a beautiful lady! I'm sorry for your loss! It's hard to lose our Moms! What a legend she left all if you!*

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**LaDonna Burgess** - March 31, 2019 at 09:48 PM

SC

*She was a beauty inside and out! Gonna miss her.*

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**Shannon Canter** - April 01, 2019 at 04:24 PM

DB

*My love and prayers are with all of you. Your mom was a very special person! Debra Martin Boss*

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**Debra Boss** - April 03, 2019 at 12:26 PM