



George Longtin

July 19, 1929 - October 23, 2019

George Longtin, 90, died suddenly on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Born on July 19, 1929 in Bennington, VT to Raymond and Leona Longtin, George lived in Bonita Springs, FL for 25 years, after moving from Old Saybrook, CT.

After attending Manchester High School, he worked for a local manufacturer. In 1953, he began his own corporation in a garage at age 24, MAL Tool and Engineering Company. He recognized a need for aircraft engine parts. In 1960, Gulf & Western bought MAL Tool, keeping George as president. This humble enterprise grew into a successful business, with plants and offices throughout the East Coast and overseas.

George loved practical jokes, going to extreme lengths for the ultimate prank. He enjoyed running, competing in many races, including marathons in NY and his favorite Marine Corps.

George leaves behind his loving wife of 55 years, Reesa and six children: Linda Watson, Dawn Denslow, Jeanine, Robin, David, and Jay Longtin, plus two sisters: Linda Case and Joyce Haley, as well as 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for George will occur on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 12:30 PM at Palm Royale Cemetery 6780 Vanderbilt Beach Rd., Naples, FL

34119. The family will receive friends at the cemetery from 12:00 PM until the time of service. No flowers, please. In honor of George, kindly dress casually.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences or stories please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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Cemetery Details

Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Previous Events

Family Greeting

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *George Longtin*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My sincerest sympathy to the Longtin family, Godspeed George.*

Jeff Burck

Jeff Burck - June 02, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *I knew George many years ago as a college friend of Jay. He holds a special place in my memory. I remember him being uniquely kind and generous. I also admired him as an entrepreneur. His stories about making turbine blades for jet engines were an inspiration throughout my career for what someone could accomplish starting their own business.*

I still think of him every time I refresh my ample stocks of household items. I thought it was funny then as a college student who ran down to the store every time I needed a roll of toilet paper. Now I'm that guy. I take great satisfaction in having ample stocks of everything I need on hand. As my stocks have grown, so has my perception of his wisdom.

My heart is with you through this transition.

Peter Mellen - November 04, 2019 at 07:22 PM

JL

“ Although I didn’t meet George until high school, we were both born 90 years ago on the same day. We were drafted and entered the army on the same day. And we both signed up for the paratroopers on the same day. We would work on cars together, pulling whole engines out to tinker with. We took these cars on many short trips, maybe to go see a ballgame or something. No money was no obstacle. We’d just sleep in the car, taking turns occupying the back seat royal, and front seat budget, accommodations. George and I shared a talent for making a few coins go far, once as far as maybe 50 miles. We’d completely run out of gas, and were forced to scrounge around the car seats looking for any lost coins, like so many crumbs, to buy just enough to limp home. But we made it, if only barely! I remember one summer getting a job at Empire Tool, and I got George one there too. I later left but George took that ball and ran with it. He advanced through the ranks and eventually started his own highly successful company, MAL tool, where this time he got me a summer job. Among other things, George was a runner. He’d often train by running through the North End and one of those times, he came across my mother. George wanted to know who was older, him or me. He claimed my mother told him, to his great delight, that he had me beat by two hours. George, you and I go back many years. I’ve known you longer than I’ve known just about anybody. And now I’m finally going to admit it. You’re my elder. Rest in peace, old friend.

Ed Koski

Jay Longtin - November 04, 2019 at 12:31 PM

WC

“ Dear Reesa and the Longtin family, I was so sad to read about George’s passing. I have such wonderful memories of going to work on Saturdays with my dad, eating doughnuts/watching cartoons, and seeing all the folks there (they were like a second family). Watching the video Jay posted brought me to tears ~ I was instantly transported back 50 years (and George sounded exactly as I remember him!). And the pranks! My dad (Skip) and George took practical jokes to another level. I have no doubt the two of them are raising a ruckus upstairs.

I pray that all your wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time.

Wendy Kundahl Clark

Wendy Clark - November 01, 2019 at 01:05 PM

DM

“ Reesa, Linda, Jennifer, Jeanine, Dawn, Robin, David, and Jay. I knew your dad when I was growing up with the girls. My dad worked for George, and my dad was also a friend of your Grandmother Longtin. I always liked your dad because he was so “down-to-earth”. Such a gentle soul. The world has lost a wonderful person, and the end of an era. God bless you all. Your wonderful memories will keep him alive in your hearts. God rest your soul George. With love,
Debbie Kaiser Morse.

Debbie Kaiser Morse - October 29, 2019 at 01:50 PM

TB

“ Dear Reesa, I am so very sorry to hear about George's passing. In the thirty years I have known you and George, I always so enjoyed talking with him and hearing his stories. He had such a great sense of humor and I am sure he will be severely missed. It is so nice to read what others have written on this tribute wall - it not only confirms what I knew about him, but also adds so much more. Please accept my deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences. The world has lost a great, kind, and wonderful man.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,
Tom Badik*

Thomas Badik - October 28, 2019 at 03:50 PM

SN

“ (For the family and) Jay,

I can tell by that photo you sent, which makes me so proud to see, that your Dad may have moved on from his life's work in the mid 90s but his heart remained in what he created.

I am so glad we had that visit in NH. I will never forget those four hours we shared, the reminiscing, and the new stories I learned about the early days of the company George Longtin created.

His company has been my life's career. The opportunity he created for me and my family was a Godsend for a young, typically rebellious, and misguided 20 year old that was not thinking of the future at the time.

George saw the potential in so many people and his practice of promoting from within allowed many others just like me live to have successful and rewarding careers. He will always have a place in my heart for what he allowed me to accomplish and become without having an actual degree. In fact today, in this mega conglomerate company of 45,000 or so employees (Aerospace is about 18,000) I now report to, people from all over our global community believe I have an Engineering degree. I do perhaps...It's a "MAL Tool and Engineering" degree.

In as much as the business operations have changed today and become so convoluted with directives and requirements, the basic principles around the importance of Quality and happiness of your Customer that George instilled in all of us that worked under his leadership are still alive today. These principles are the true success of our "little" NH business today, one of the businesses that George built. The NH plant is a place that GKN Aerospace send teams to learn best practices. Teams come from all over the world to walk our machining cells and to see how it should be done. This is your Dad's legacy still alive today.

As I have followed George's lead through my own career and taught those same principles to those that I have mentored and promoted and may someday replace me when I am ready to retire, that legacy your Dad started and the principles he preached will continue to carry on.

May God bless you and your Mom and your families. And may God

*give your Dad that special place he is due.
Most kind regards and dearest heartfelt sympathies sent.
God bless you,
Steve*

Steve Neuser - October 27, 2019 at 08:50 PM

JL

“ *Family meal after service*



Jay Longtin - October 27, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Longtin*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - October 27, 2019 at 02:36 PM

KE

“ *Reesa, Tom and I are so sad to hear about George's death. I always looked forward to the warm greeting I would receive from him anytime we were at our condo and, most recently, when I saw you 10 days ago.
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sorrowful time. We will miss him!
Kathy Eggleston*

Kathy Eggleston - October 27, 2019 at 01:02 PM

EE

“ Dear Reesa and Family,

We are so saddened to learn of George's passing, and want to offer you all our sincerest condolences on your loss.

We have been friends for so many decades, George and I did business together when I worked at P&WA and you were Elissa's matron of honor at our wedding in '61. We shared so many good times together, but, unfortunately, have been out of touch for a long time since you moved to FL.

George was a real "mensch", and he will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

May his memory remain for a blessing, and may he rest in peace.

Love,

Elissa and Elliott

Elissa and Elliott - October 27, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Black - October 27, 2019 at 12:11 PM

RN

“ I started working for Mal Tool/Cepco in 1976. George, in my eyes was a genius. Not only did he “work smarter, not harder, but he also had fun while working. Pulling pranks not only on his workers, his competitors, but also on customers (as the stories go). He appreciated every one if his employees from the top manager right down to the sweeper. I thought I may not see George again after his retirement and moving out of the north east. But in 2017 his son Jay drove George and Reesa to the North Charlestown ,NH facility for one last visit. After having lunch and listening to many stories from George, we laughed the entire time he was there. It was a very emotional day for us as well as for George as we knew it would probably be the last time we’d see him. With all of these stories, How can we ever forget George and his beautiful family? RIP George. Take care if yourself Reesa. Forever in my heart,
Rose Norton

Rose Norton - October 27, 2019 at 10:24 AM

RN

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Rose Norton - October 27, 2019 at 09:51 AM

KL

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Katherine Longtin - October 26, 2019 at 09:43 PM

Jay Longtin

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Jay Longtin - October 26, 2019 at 09:39 PM

SN

This collage was assembled by Rose Norton and presented to me at her retirement party. Today it hangs in the lobby of MAL Tool and Engineering North Charlestown, NH. Today we are known as GKN Aerospace NH but for the many of us that still work here and started our careers under George, we will always be MAL Tool / CEPCO.

Steve Neuser - October 28, 2019 at 06:52 PM

Jay Longtin

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Jay Longtin - October 26, 2019 at 05:09 PM

SN

Love this and loved that visit hearing that story and so many more.

Steve Neuser - October 27, 2019 at 08:59 PM

AG

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Anne Grutkowski - October 26, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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Anne Grutkowski - October 26, 2019 at 03:56 PM

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Anne Grutkowski - October 26, 2019 at 03:36 PM

JL

“ George telling story



Jay Longtin - October 26, 2019 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ 8 files added to the album Longtin



Chris Mason - October 26, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Longtin.



October 26, 2019 at 10:25 AM

BG

“ Dear Reesa,
From Manchester to West Palm Beach we have many happy memories of you & George.
Our condolences to you & your family on George’s death.
Keep all your happy memories of his well lived life to sustain you at this sad time.
Fondly,
Bob & Pat Gargano

Bob & Pat Gargano - October 26, 2019 at 08:58 AM

FK

“ With deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers are with Reesa and the entire Longtin family.

Frank & Beverly Keeney

Frank Keeney - October 26, 2019 at 08:46 AM

SD

“ George accomplished a lot in life. He was very inspiring guy, with a great upbeat attitude. I admired him.

He was always very warm and welcoming to me. I really enjoyed my short time with him, in person and during telephone conversations. I will always remember discussing the relationship between personality, heart rhythm, and business success. He offered comfort and insight when I was facing some challenging heart related concerns.

Our family is saddened to hear of George’s passing, and we feel for the Longtin Family.

Scott Davis

Scott Davis - October 25, 2019 at 10:09 PM



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Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - October 25, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ From our first arrival in Waterford Norman & I were welcomed by George & Reesa and they became our most special friends & neighbours. George was a delight to be with and a fount of fascinating stories. Words cannot express how much we will miss him. Our love, sympathy and condolences to his family and the very core of his strength and happiness - Reesa.
In fondest memory. Helen & Norman (UK)

Helen Grave - October 25, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of George Longtin.



October 25, 2019 at 02:07 PM

RH

“ To the Longtin family, please accept my deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences at this difficult time. George's son, Jay, and I were roommates and best of friends at Georgetown University in the mid to late 1980s. (And we remain close to this day.) As you know, George was an avid runner and marathoner. When he would come to visit Jay (and David) who was also at Georgetown, George would always invite Jay's friends over to their townhouse and ask us if we wanted to go for a run with him. My memory is that George must have been in his mid to late 50s at that time. And even at that age, George could flat out run. His pace per mile on a long run was roughly 7 minutes and 20 seconds per mile (about 8.2 miles per hour). Every time Jay and I ran with George he would leave us in the dust. Each run was the same. We would keep up with George for the first few miles or so. But George was just toying with us and when he grew tired of the slow pace George would turn on the jets and blow us away. One time after he had just started to break away from us (and Jay and I were huffing and puffing after him to try and keep up), we heard George call out to some people on the street that two young kids were chasing him and they should call the cops. Thank goodness Jay and I must have been so slow that the people on the street figured there was no way we could be chasing George and, even if we were, George was not in any danger of us ever catching up to him. George was a great man. He had a great sense of humor and was always kind and generous. We miss him. Rest in peace.

Rob Hotz

Rob Hotz - October 25, 2019 at 01:55 PM

WE

“ We’ve known & been friends of George (& Reesa) for 22 years. Always enjoyable to have a chat, lunch or

dinner with George. Many interesting stories both of his personal & business life. We particularly enjoyed our differences between his Red Sox & our Yankees. The 4 of us had a 90th Birthday Party when he enjoyed a gift of a Signed Baseball of all the 2018 World Series Red Sox players & a traditional bag of peanuts from Fenway Park. George we miss you...With Love & Respect, Mary Ann & Bill Etzweiler

William Etzweiler - October 25, 2019 at 01:48 PM

PW

“ Reesa, Ree and I are so very sorry to hear of this. George and I ran together on so many training runs, fun runs, races, and marathons. Thousands of miles over the years. Always wonderful conversations as we were running shoulder to shoulder. Please give our condolences to all the kids and grand children.
Pete and Ree Webster

peter webster - October 25, 2019 at 01:40 PM

MP

“ Reesa, Very sorry for your loss. Many you be comforted by all your memories.

Michelle Pacitto

Michelle Pacitto - October 25, 2019 at 01:35 PM

PK

“ Our deepest sympathy. Peggy and Ron Kestenbaum

peggy kestenbaum - October 25, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of George Longtin.



October 25, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Longtin*



William B. Shikany - October 25, 2019 at 12:24 PM



RIP DAD

Jay Longtin - October 25, 2019 at 01:03 PM