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Christian “Chris” J. Long, 52, of Decatur, IL passed away, June 29, 2019 peacefully at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Chris was born September 4, 1966, in Flint, Michigan, the son of James and Priscilla (Prior) Long. He married Shelly Vreeland on August 4, 1990 in Holly, Michigan. Chris earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Alma College, where he studied French and business. He was employed with the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Executive for Lincoln Trails Council, proudly serving the organization for 30 years. He became an Eagle Scout during 1984 and was a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. He enjoyed gaming, collecting fountain pens and shooting sporting clays. He was a Billet Dad with the Blaze Hockey organization, sponsoring boys from all over the world.

Chris was bigger than life. He was a loving husband, Dad and a friend to many. He always had a word of encouragement and a quick wit, to help lift up others.

Surviving are his wife Shelly; son, Matthew of Decatur, IL; mother, Priscilla Long; and sisters, Jennifer Mullennix of Maryland and Stacey Vecsei of Fenton, MI; and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Matthew and Sharon Vreeland.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Long.

Chris’ memorial will be in the Decatur Civic Center upper lobby on August 17 from 1-3.

Contributions can be made at https://www.gofundme.com/f/zqsyae-long-family?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=fb_u_g

Memorials: Decatur Memorial Hospital, for bariatric bed and PNC Bank for Trust for Matthew Long, College Fund.

Chris was a donor for Gift of Hope.

Condolences may be left to Chris’s family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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PW

Paul Wilkinson posted:

I knew Chris for many years as I worked for the BSA for 33 years. Always enjoyed seeing Chris at conferences and trainings. His sense of humor always made these activities more enjoyable. My thought and prayers to the entire family.

July 30 at 4:01 AM

RL

Robert And Peg Larson posted:

Dear Shel and Matthew, Peg and I were so saddened to hear of Chris's passing. What a great man he was and a wonderful boss. He was ALWAYS making me laugh! He always pushed the staff for excellence and we always knew that he sincerely cared about us and the BSA. Please know your family is in our prayers. Knowing Chris made me a better person.

July 7 at 11:19 AM

DF

Donovan/Gerling Family posted:

We're praying for you! So very sorry for your loss.

July 6 at 4:27 PM

KJ

Kerry-Ann Johnson posted:

Hi Shel my family is sincerely saddened by the passing of Chris. We are praying for you and Matthew.

July 6 at 5:45 AM

SE

Shad Edwards posted:

Truly a great person, loved by everyone that ever met him. Chris was a gentle giant, an icon to Scouts, and a friend to all. Many condolences to his family. The world is better place because of him and we were lucky that you allowed us to share Chris.

July 2 at 3:31 AM



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Dale Musgrave posted:

Shelly and Matthew, Jerelyn and I are sorry to hear of Chris' being called home by God. I hope that you can take some comfort in the knowledge that Chris touched so many people and we are all praying that you feel Gods Grace and comforting presence and that He brings you peace during this difficult time. My God bless you and Matthew, hold you in the palm of His hand. With deepest sympathy, Dale Musgrave

July 1 at 6:12 PM



Marc Richardson posted:

I enjoyed my time mentoring Chris when he was a SE. I always left our meetings feeling better about the world then when I started. He was a kind and loving soul. Rest In Peace my friend and break a lot of clays in heaven!

July 1 at 3:32 PM



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