



*In Memory of*  
***Durwood Long, Sr.***  
*July 23, 1927 ~ April 10, 2008*



Durward J. Long, Sr., 80, of Silvis, died Thursday, April 10, 2008 at Genesis Medical Center, Illini Campus, Silvis.

Durward J. Long, Sr., was born on July 23, 1927 in Moline, the son of George D. and Mabel Jamieson Long. He married Waunita Johnson on August 16, 1952 in East Moline. She died January 3, 2008.

He graduated in 1945 from United Township High School. He went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from Augustana College in 1949 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1953. Durward served in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II. Durward practiced law for more than 50 years in the Quad Cities area. He was qualified as an attorney and counselor to practice law before the Supreme Court of Illinois; United States Court of Appeals (7<sup>th</sup> Circuit) and the Supreme Court of the United States of America. He later taught at Kaplan College in Davenport. He served as editor of the University of Illinois Law School Law Forum. He was a member of Phi delta Phi. Durward served as President of the United Township High School Board; President of Bethany Home Board; President of the Child Care Association of Illinois; President of the Rock Island County Bar Association and on the Board of Directors for Union Federal Savings and Loan. He also served as legal counsel for the City of East Moline and on the Illinois State Bar Ethics Committee. During his career, Durward was involved with the Kiwanis Club; Legal Aid in Rock Island County; the Illinois State Bar Association; the American Civil Liberties Union. He was a member of the East Moline Masonic Lodge and a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Durward J. and Gail Long, Jr., Davenport; daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Dan Kahle, Springfield, Ill. and Jacqui and Brandt Glasener, Clovis, Calif.; grandsons, Declan and Aidan Glasener, Clovis and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and sisters, Georgia Long and Mabel Margery Long.

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## **EDITORIAL: Service, family, not power motivated Durward Long**

Today, the Quad-Cities will say goodbye to a longtime leader and dedicated family man. Durward J. Long Sr., 80, a lifelong East Moline, died Thursday. He'll be laid to rest today on Arsenal Island.

He leaves behind a legacy of community service and a respected career as an attorney who was not afraid to take on big corporations to protect the rights of others in areas such as the environment. "Environmental laws are going to get more and more important in the future as citizens seek to protect their rights," he said back in 1974. "Clean air and water is everybody's right, and when there is pollution, that violates your rights." His words would prove to be prophetic.

He made no apologies about putting family first, including his wife to whom he was married for 55 years until her death in January, and their three children. He was a homegrown product, graduating from United Township High School and Augustana College in 1949. He received his juris doctor from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and served in the Navy during World War II. "Power doesn't motivate me," Mr. Long said in that 1974 profile. If it did he would most certainly have chosen to seek one of the high profile political posts for which others frequently asked him to run.

Instead, he served as president of Bethany Home Board and the Rock Island County Bar Association. He also was active in Kiwanis, Legal Aid, the state bar association, and the American Civil Liberties Union. He served as legal counsel for the city of East Moline and as president of the United Township High School Board. He once summed up well why such positions are so important. "The local school boards are one of the last places where people can have a say where their money is being spent," he said. "School board members are more accountable, they have to be, the people have to meet the voters when they got to the supermarket, face to face. They're not in Washington, removed the people, making decisions."

Throughout his life, Mr. Long remained well connected to his community. His leadership and dedication to family and that community will be missed.

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