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Leonard Lawrence Long Sr., a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and decorated U.S. Army veteran, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2025, at the age of 90.

Born in Quitman, Georgia, on February 17, 1935, Leonard was the second of six sons born to Alene Aaron Long and William Francis Long. From a young age, he carried a quiet strength and deep sense of duty—qualities that would define both his military service and his family life.

In 1954, Leonard answered the call to serve his country and began what would become a remarkable military career. He rose through the ranks from enlisted soldier to Chief Warrant Officer and was later commissioned as a Captain. Leonard proudly served in the U.S. Army Special Forces as a Green Beret and Master Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. His bravery and leadership in Vietnam earned him numerous honors, including the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, and the Meritorious Unit Citation, among others.

But for all his accolades, Leonard's most treasured roles were at home. He was the steady foundation of his family devoted husband to his beloved wife, Gail Long, with whom he shared 63 years of steadfast love and partnership. He was a proud and loving father to his son Larry (and wife Louisa), and his

daughter Ara (and husband Robert). To his grandchildren, Brianna and Tayton, he was their Papa—a source of wisdom, humor, and unconditional love.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Alene and Francis Long; his brothers Ervin, Cornelius, and Rodney. He is survived by his wife Gail; his children and grandchildren; his brothers Hugh (and wife Megan) and Charlie (and wife Anne); his sisters-in-law Olivia and Millie Tyson; his brother-in-law Joe Sports; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will carry his memory forward with pride and affection.

Leonard's legacy is one of service, courage, and unwavering devotion—to his country, his brothers-in-arms, and most of all, to his family. His quiet strength, wise counsel, and deep love will be missed beyond measure.

A military ceremony honoring Leonard's life and service will be held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Friday, June 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

JUN 27. 9:30 AM (CT)

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1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ara Fesperman lit a candle in memory of Leonard Lawrence Long Sr.*



Ara Fesperman - July 12, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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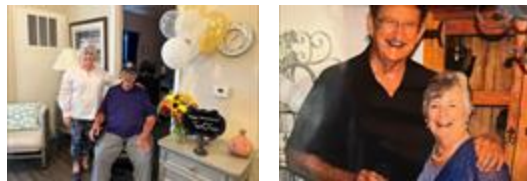
“ *Warmest condolences, O'Sullivan Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Leonard Lawrence Long Sr..*



Warmest condolences, O'Sullivan Family - June 25, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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