



John Haliburton Longley

September 29, 2017

John Haliburton Longley died peacefully on September 29, 2017 in New Hope, Mn at the age of 90. John was born on March 11, 1927 in Little Falls, MN to Chester and Cora (Anderson) Longley. He graduated from the Little Falls High School in 1945 and enlisted in the Army. John graduated from the University of Minnesota and the Yale Divinity School. John met his soulmate, Kathryn (Kay) Ann Chalmers and they were united in marriage on June 23, 1951 in Madison, MN. John was a United Church of Christ pastor, serving Minnesota churches in Benson, Richfield and Hutchinson until he retired in 1989. For the next 22 years, he and Kay lived happily at Lake Alexander. John loved Kay with all his heart and soul. Their lives together centered around God and family. When Kay was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, he faithfully and lovingly tended to her until the day she died, never leaving her side. After Kay's death, John joined Sue and her family in their home in New Hope, MN. Grandson Carson not only became his caregiver but

his true

companion providing him the same loving, gentle care that John had given Kay.

John was loving, kind, gentle and humble, a deeply spiritual man who dedicated his life to God.

He was intelligent, funny, open-minded, strong, athletic and, at times, competitive. He had the

voice of an angel and loved to sing, often breaking out in song wherever he was, much to the

embarrassment of his son, Paul. He sang in the church choir and he and Kay sang duets

together. John continued to serve his church and community through volunteer efforts. He

enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, camping, watching any sporting event on tv or in person and

spending time at the cabin on Lake Alexander. John and Kay loved camping with their family

and traveling. Their travels included trips to England, Norway, the Holy Lands and a Caribbean

cruise. For many years, they helped built homes with Habitat for Humanity.

John is survived by his 4 children: Susan (Scott) Wieker of New Hope; Joan (David) Hansen of

Brooklyn Park; Paul Longley (Sandi Ripczinski) of Coon Rapids; and Mary (John) Betker of

Stewart, MN, 8 grandchildren: Katie (Jeremy) Hughes; Christopher Wieker; Carson John

Wieker; Kelsey (Jacob) Hostettler; Elizabeth Hansen; Rachel Hansen; Joelynn (Darren) Vollmer;

Cory Betker; and 5 great grandchildren: Clara Hughes; Harper Hughes; Blayke Vollmer; Jesse

Vollmer; and Liam John Vollmer. He is preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn

(Kay) Longley;

parents, Chester and Cora Longley; 2 sisters and brothers-in-laws, Nancy

(Don) Mead and

Elizabeth (William) Lines.

In Lieu of flowers or memorial gifts, family asks that individuals make

donations on their own to

charities or relief efforts of their choosing.

Memorial service will be held on Oct. 9th at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven

Funeral Chapel

and Memorial Gardens, 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429. Visitation:

12.00 pm, Service:

1:00, Fellowship following service.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I just found this listing. My grandfather Dr. LM Anderson, was CH Longley's brother-in-law. Cora was my grandfather's sister. I've been doing more and more ancestry and trying to connect the dots of my family. I remember meeting John at my grandfather's home in Red Wing one time. He seemed very kind and gentle.

Sam Anderson - May 13 at 12:00 PM

RL

“ My family has neat memories of the Longleys. Your Grandfather was our dentist and both your Grandfather and your Dad were good friends of my Dad, Dave Larson, and they often hunted together. I remember meeting you "kids" when you were little and were at the cabin on Lake Alex. Your parents were so thoughtful and kind. I appreciated your Dad's stopping to see my Dad and Mom at their apt. in Little Falls when my Dad was up in years. I last saw your Dad when my Father died in Nov. 1994. I am praying for you at this time in the days to come. I know you have many good memories to recall. I live in South Carolina and teach at North Greenville University (a Southern Baptist Liberal Arts institution)so can't come for the memorial service but I will be thinking of you all. I know that even though the last years were challenging for your Dad that you will miss him in the days and months to come.

Rachel C. Larson

Daughter of Dave and Lillian Larson from Little Falls

Rachel Larson - October 06, 2017 at 11:09 PM

LH

“ We were so sorry to hear of John’s death. We have fond memories of the jaunts to the cabin/home for Retired Clergy gatherings. John and Kay were at the U with my sister, Norma and I believe they did an exchange when caravanning years ago so they could be near their “John’s”.

*Blessings on your family as you grieve John’s loss,
Liz and Jerry Hankins*

Liz Hankins - October 06, 2017 at 08:34 PM

KW

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. I remember John and Kay and how helpful they were to me as a seminary student. John was my mentor while I served part time as a student pastor and youth leader at Emerson Avenue United Church of Christ in the late 1960's. I know that John and Kay touched the lives of many people. I rejoice in their ministry.

Keith Weber

Keith Weber - October 05, 2017 at 12:16 PM

SW

Thank you Keith, it's wonderful to hear from you!

Sue Longley Wieker - October 06, 2017 at 04:34 PM

MC

“ Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Haliburton Longley.



Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ - October 04, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Haliburton Longley.* ”



October 03, 2017 at 12:58 PM