



Colin Edward Long

June 24, 1982 - October 24, 2023

Colin Edward Long, 41, of Newark, DE, passed away on October 24, 2023, suddenly and unexpectedly at his home. Colin was born June 24, 1982, in Towanda, PA, the son of Keith Long and Terrie Fries. He attended Towanda and Athens Schools and was a graduate of Athens High School Class of 1999.

In June 2003 he enlisted in the Navy Submarine Division as a plankowner of USS Virginia until 2005.

In 2003 he moved to New London, CT, in 2005 he moved to Galena, MD and in 2015 he moved to Wilmington, DE and eventually landed in Newark, DE.

Colin was employed as a Foreman by Victory Fire Protection.

He loved being with family and friends and would do anything for anyone, he had a true heart of gold, an all-around great guy. He was a huge animal lover and was always chatting and connecting with friends and family on Facebook. He enjoyed anything musical, drumming, going to concerts, and collecting albums.

In 2013 he met Kim Boan and they began to build a life together. Along with her son Austin and Tiana Boan and then eventually they were joined with a very special Grandson James Boan, who he loved beyond measure.

He is survived by:

His beautiful daughters, Amiah Shoultes, Waverly, NY, Hanna and Madelyn, DE.

His father, Keith and Kim Long, Towanda, PA & New Smyrna Beach, FL

His brother, Brendon and Kathleen Long, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Dear friend, Kim Boan

Step-son, Austin (Tiana) Boan

Grandson, James Boan

Grandfather Paul Larrabee, Elmira, NY.

His nephews: Evan Kilmer, Rylin Westerfield, Lukas Westerfield

Aunts: Julia & James Barnes of Towanda, Donna & David Spier of Clifton Springs, NY, Colette Franklin, Monroeton, PA, Denise and Dale Bowers, Columbia Crossroads, PA.

Uncles: Ray & Dona Fries of Sebastian, FL, Robert Herda, Towanda, PA, Doug and Brewster Moore, Oxford, MI.

Several cousins and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Teresa "Terrie" Ann Fries;

Maternal Grandparents Ray and Ida Dunfee Fries

Paternal Grandparents Ed and Kathy Jo Long

Grandmother Dolores Larrabee

Aunts: Constance "Connie" Owen, Veronica "Ronnie" Weisensee, and
Frances "Fran" Herda

Uncles: Michael J. Owen, Butch Franklin

There will be a military celebration of life on June 2, 2024 at 1 pm at the
Towanda American Legion 912 South Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848.

Cremation handled by: Cremation Legacy Funeral Services.

The memorial contributions may be directed to Bradford County Veterans
Memorial Park Association (BCVMPA), 724 Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848,
in honor of Colin. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting w
www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Towanda American Legion Post No. 42
912 South Main Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Steve Wheeler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colin Edward Long.

Steve Wheeler - May 31, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Colin Edward Long.



May 31, 2024 at 08:54 PM

MB

“ Didnt low him well my condolences to the family as I know Keith and Brandon and went to school with Greg Michelle bull

Michelle bull - November 23, 2023 at 09:19 AM

KS

“ Keith and family, sorry to hear of your loss of your son. Losing a child is hard but hope that your memories will help you during this very sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Kathy Stephenson - November 05, 2023 at 01:29 AM

PL

“ *A memory I will not soon forget. Colin learning to SKI. Then sleeping on our couch with his father.*

Paul Larrabee - November 03, 2023 at 09:29 AM

BR

“ *To the Long families , I'm so sorry for your loss. May you have wonderful memories. To help you thru this time of sorrow. RIP..*

bernita rice - November 02, 2023 at 11:36 AM

BM

“ *Keith and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.*
Brenda O'Hart Mosier

brenda mosier - November 01, 2023 at 12:40 PM

DR

“ Time continues to pass, and the memories of our youth will fade.

Occasionally, someone comes back into our lives to remind us of the sweet innocence of childhood. When we hadn't yet experienced years of hurt, or struggle & strife.

We connect, and reflect upon who we were, who we are now, & how the heck did we get here?

In between those moments of laughter & sadness, we realize there are tiny holes in our memories. Spaces that we don't quite remember, or worse yet- don't want to speak about.

As we share those secrets through silence, we both know what it means. Regrets. Mistakes we've made. Choices we thought would go one way but ended up another.

The friction or reality of who we are inside, just children, to who we are outside, bruised adults.

Colin & I shared many of these moments of friction. Where I was surprised that someone as loving as him had struggled even for a bit. When I saw he's still that kind, sweet little boy who was one of my first friends as a child. It broke me, just a little, but not because of his actions— it reminded me of my own regrets in life. My missteps.

It was through those moments talking to one another that we grew in other ways. The comfort of talking to someone whom you once knew so well. The fears peeling away, knowing that you were safe for discourse without judgment.

At the end of it all, after catching up, & becoming friends yet again, we realized we were stronger with someone who knew our core. We were stronger with someone whom we could share our weakest moments.

*And for that, for 7'ish years now, is who Colin has been to me.
Someone who made me stronger on the outside and a little lighter
on the inside.*

For that, I am forever grateful.

Deanna Ramirez - November 01, 2023 at 03:01 AM

SE

“ *Sue Eicher lit a candle in memory of Colin
Long*



Sue Eicher - November 01, 2023 at 12:04 AM

LR

“ *I remember being around 13 and Colin was hanging out at my
house on summer day with a few other friends of ours swimming
and just having a blast. Unfortunately I was able to swim as I broke
my arm and Colin sat on the deck with me (said if you can't swim
and have fun neither can I). He was truly an amazing man. We
hang out a lot in our younger years. I'm truly gonna miss seeing his
post and the great pictures he posted
RIP Colin*

Lois Raymond - October 31, 2023 at 07:17 PM

MM

“ To Keith, Brendon, and Family: My heart is heavy knowing of your loss. I remember Colin and how he liked to follow Brendon and Stephen around and "do what they did" but had to be reminded he was a "little kid". Our old neighborhood was always filled with children's laughter and an adventure was always being planned. My heartfelt condolences and a hug is on its way to you all. RIP, Colin.

Mary Kay Ward - Monroeton - October 31, 2023 at 04:12 PM

TT

“ You'll be missed always 💖 and miss you my cousin!

Tara trask - October 31, 2023 at 01:02 PM

CH

“ My thoughts and deepest sympathy are with all of the family in your loss.



Claire Holton-Lizon - October 31, 2023 at 11:16 AM

CC

“ I remember him in my 6th grade class. He was a memorable student who taught me many things. We connected on Facebook and we became friends. I will miss his updates. My thoughts are with his family.

Corlis Campbell, Colin's 6th grade teacher

Corlis Campbell - October 31, 2023 at 08:01 AM