



Irma R. Long

May 3, 2020

Irma R. (Brown) Long passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at home where she had lived since 1948. She would have been 101 years old at the end of May. She was the daughter of Arvid M. Ridderbjelke and Georgia Belle (Rowe) Ridderbjelke. She was the wife of the late Clarence E. Brown, Jr. and of the late Charles H. Long. She was a Cranston, RI resident for 73 years and was a member of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church. Mrs. Long worked as a secretary for many years, most recently in the executive offices of Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank for twenty years.

She is survived by her five children, Stephen R. Brown (Marianne), David R. Brown, Christina M. Brown, Peter S. Brown (Janie), Jon A. Brown (Sally). She is also survived by her step-daughter Judith Richard (Glenn).

Mrs. Long is survived by seven grand-children, Stephen J. Brown (Lorelle), Sean T. Brown (India), Jonathan M. Brown (Kelly), Christian R. Brown (Larissa), Sarah E. Brown, Ryan J. Brown (Mallory) and Kristen Cambra (Ray). She is also survived by five great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

In addition to both of her husbands, she was pre-deceased by her step-daughter Carol Bush (wife of George Bush), her grandson Brian Richard and her son-in-law Robert MacGillivray.

She was intelligent, strong and assertive to the end. She loved her family fiercely. She is irreplaceable and we will miss her always.

The family wishes to thank the many people who cared for our mother with compassion and dedication in her final years including nurses, CNAs, and neighbors, and especially Dulce Correia, Lucy Girard and Tracy and Liam Smith. Their kindness can never be repaid.

A service of remembrance will be held at a later date. Gifts in her name may be sent to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church, 229 Wilbur Avenue, Cranston, RI 02921.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Irma seems to have lived life on her own terms, fiercely and independently. Even toward the end, aided by family and caregivers, she was pretty much able to chart her own course. Pete's tribute below made me laugh -- sounds about right. Kudos to you, Irma. You are admired and will be missed.*

Susan Abarca

Susan Abarca - May 11, 2020 at 06:52 PM

DM

“ *Condolences to the family. She sounds like a strong, independent and inspirational woman.*



Donna Moniz - May 10, 2020 at 10:20 AM

KC

“ *I find myself describing you as a wise, beautiful woman. You became my grandma when I was 5 and I was certainly blessed to have you. May you Rest In Peace grandma. You will be truly missed. 💔*

Kristen Cambra - May 09, 2020 at 08:11 AM

JB

“ *Condolences to the family. She was a strong women with a kind heart. I am sure she is happily reunited with Charlie.*

Dr. Jason Boudjouk

Jason Boudjouk - May 09, 2020 at 04:56 AM

JR

“ We were blessed the day Irma married our Dad. She was the best Step-Mom We could have had. And hit the jackpot with the best Step-Family as well. I would say No step there. Just family. Irma gave my Dad the love that would take him to 98 years young. She filled all our hearts with memories to sustain us fir the rest of my years. And oh how she adored my husband Glenn. She would call him her 5 th son. We will miss you Mom. Go rest. You surely have earned it. 💜💜

Judy Richard - May 08, 2020 at 12:22 PM

PB

“ Bye, Mom. Will miss talking to you about the house, Charlie, Dad, business, architecture, weather, family, cars, evolution, getting old, being young, books, music, RI politics, shoes, ships, sealing wax and all the rest.

Janie and I are remembering watching TV with you and Charlie a few years back: you both drove us nuts. You were talking over the top of the TV, asking questions because you hadn't been listening, disputing the valuations on Antiques Roadshow ('Oh, that can't be right'), and then Charlie kept repeatedly pointing out how many of Lawrence Welk's sidemen were dead: 'That one's dead.....He's dead, too'. You sang along with Joe Feeney, which was awful. We all laughed so hard we couldn't see straight.

Safe travels, Ma: you did good. Love, Pete and Janie.

Pete Brown - May 08, 2020 at 11:09 AM