



Hackney Eugene Long

Hackney Eugene Long, 75, of Amarillo died Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Dr. Jill Walters and the Rev. Dr. Robert Pace officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Hackney Eugene Long was born May 7, 1941, in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo to Wanda Louise Coan Long and Hackney Lee Long. He attended Lee Bivins Elementary School, Stephen F. Austin Junior High School and graduated from Amarillo High School

in 1959. He attended Amarillo Junior College, where he was president of the student body, and University of Texas at Austin.

He started work at North American Aviation, which later evolved into Rockwell International, in 1963 and retired as a senior computer specialist in 1984. During this period, he worked on the S-II, Apollo and Space Shuttle projects. In 1984, he followed his lifetime ambition and opened an antiquarian book store named The Bookcase. In 2002, Hack moved back home to Amarillo and brought his bookstore with him. Health reasons necessitated selling The Bookcase in 2015. Hack always said he had good luck with the women in his life. His mother loved him dearly and taught him the rights and wrongs of the world. His older sister was a very supportive cohort. Shirley Swanson, his wife and first great love, was a wonderful life's companion for 36 years, three lovely daughters, each something special in their own unique way, and in the last years of his life, another true love. Hack had a lifelong interest in politics and history and his fellow man. His relaxation was reading and crossword puzzles and his deepest feelings were for his God.

Hack was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was kind, gentle and soft spoken with a strong will.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; and his wife, in 2000. Survivors include a special friend, Diane Mason of Amarillo; a sister, Wandalee Fontaine of Amarillo; his daughters, Kathy Ebert and Clint of Forest Grove, Ore., Jeanine Mansfield and Bill of Santa Ana, Calif., and Peggy Mosberger and Michael Doney of Amarillo; three cousins; a nephew; three nieces; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; the Salvation Army; or a favorite charity.

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