



## John R. "Toad" Long

August 19, 2010

John R. "Toad" Long (May 16, 1945) rounded third and made his final slide home on Thursday, August 19, 2010. Born in Toledo, he joined his parents, Jesse R. and Cerelda "Betty" Long, mother-in-law Martha MacDonald and sister-in-law Ginger M. Long who have already crossed that plate. John was an avid baseball fan. He loved the Detroit Tigers (win or lose) and The Green Bay Packers (ditto). Learning to move forward without him are his wife of 40 years, Melody; sons: Aaron of Delaware, OH and Major Jesse and wife Major Valarie Long; brothers: Gary (Lynne) Long of Toledo and Willis F. Long of Madison, WI; many beloved nieces and nephews; and special friends Mike and Donna Sue Froman. John graduated from the University of Toledo in '67 with a Bach. of Science degree and from the then just plain Ohio State with a Ph.D. in Chemistry. He was employed by GFS Chemicals, Inc. in Powell, OH from 1997. He loved his job and his co-workers who became his "family". John sang with the Praise Team at Sawmill Baptist Church (where he was also an Elder) and played guitar or piano with them. He spoke to area groups about the Shroud of Turin. During his "glory years" John played softball with many teams, winning Player of the Year in 1977 in the NIST League in Gaithersburg, MD. John loved his Lord, his family, his kitties and had many special friends. You know who you are. Contributions in John's memory may be made to HomeReach Hospice, 3595 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43214 or a charity of your choice-or buy a ball and bat and teach a child to play the game. Toad says batting left-handed is the best! Family will receive

friends from 4:00-7:00pm. TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010 at SAWMILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 10635 Sawmill Road, Powell, Ohio 43065 with funeral services following at 7:00pm. with Pastor David W. Nuhfer, officiating. Graveside burial services will be held at 12:00 Noon Wednesday at Toledo Memorial Park, 6382 Monroe St., Sylvania, OH 43560. Arrangements by the Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John R. "Toad" Long*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of John's passing. He quietly had more sense about chemistry and life than the entire US EPA (I actually meant that to be a complement, though he might have regarded the simile as a bit of a put-down!). He was a fixture at Illinois for each year's G.F. Smith memorial lectures, and was a key player in bringing the lectureship into existence. Having watched what cancer does to people, it is a blessing he doesn't have to deal with it any more, but there is a hole in the chemistry world as well as in your personal world with his passing. Please accept my sympathies.*

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**Alexander Scheeline** - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hey, Mel: So sorry you and the boys lost John; it was a shock to me, too, as I had no idea he was ill. Doug is not doing well, either; has clinical depression and just getting over a prostate operation, benign. Sure hope we can "hook-up" again sometime and renew ole times. Only see Marcella and Peg frequently, no one else. Did you know that Alice Reynolds died last year of six years with alzheimers? Sad! My thoughts are with you at this very very sad time. Hang in there, Kiddo! The boys need you! When you have time, e-mail me and we can "chat". I don't do Twitter or Facebook; don't have the time. Love ya oodles, Judy*

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**Judy Kornemann** - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Hello Melody, I received the sad news of John’s passing in an e-mail from Scott Castle. Beth and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. As you know, John and I have kept in touch since his NRC Postdoctoral internship at NBS/NIST. During that time, John and I became good friends and respectful colleagues. We retained this friendship and professional connection over the years, sharing a mutual interest in Inorganic Chemistry. I feel privileged to have known John and will miss him greatly. Joe Ritter

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**Joe Ritter** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Melody and family- I am sorry to hear of Johns'passing. I enjoyed working with him at Aldrich (so many years ago) -he was a favorite of everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Bev Horick

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**Bev Horick** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dear Melody, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. I didn't realize he was ill. I am praying for you as you go through this difficult time. Love, Susie

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**Susie Thompson** - August 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Dear Melody and family - There are no words to say how sorry we are for your loss. We didn't know John but I'm sure the memories that you have of him will make him live on in your hearts. Love and prayers for you, your family and friends.

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**JoAnne (Dahms) Vernon** - August 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Mel and family, I am so sorry to hear about John. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. LeeAnn*

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**LeeAnn Binion** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Melody and Family- Although John and I never worked at the same place at the same time, our lives criss-crossed alot at Aldrich in Milwaukee and Aldrich-APL in Urbana. John was higly regarding by many of my colleagues in both locations and will be missed. I always appreciated John taking the time to speak with me and guide me in paths he had tread previously - a mentor indeed. It is with great joy that he has the opportunity to meet his Lord and Savior. His pain is now gone - praise God for that. May he rest in peace and may you know that he will be missed by many - far many more than you even know personally. God's Blessings to you all.*

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**Mike Willis** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Melody and family: I am so sad to hear that John has passed but I am glad he is in a better place. He fought a long tough battle and was a source of inspiration with his strength and attitude. He was a memorable man and a beloved coworker. My prayers go out to you for strength and peace. Susan*

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**Susan Stocker** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM