



Samuel M. J. Long

January 25, 1950 - September 27, 2014

Samuel M. J. Long of Cadillac passed away Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus in Grand Rapids. He was 64. He was born on January 25, 1950 in Lansing to Samuel M. & Edith C. Long and they preceded him in death.

Sam graduated from Cadillac High School in 1968 and in the fall of that same year he joined the United States Air Force and served during Vietnam and also served in the Air Force Reserves after the war. He returned from the war and went to college and received his bachelor's degree. He started working in the hotel management field and worked in many states. He moved back to Cadillac and had been employed at Cadillac Concrete Pipe and Culvert Co. and Western Concrete for many years and was most recently working at the Sands Resort.

Sam enjoyed being around his family especially his nieces and nephews and also his close friends. He also was a person that enjoyed reading and sitting by the lake.

Survivors include his sisters: Gloria Pecora of Lansing and Mary Sue (Curtis) Martin of Cadillac; 11 nieces and nephews; 4 grand nieces and nephews; special friend, Alta "Al" and an "adopted" son, Eric. In addition to his parents Sam was preceded in death by a sister, Judith C. Becker and a

brother-in-law, James Pecora.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, October 24, 2014 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Deacon Jim Siler officiating. Burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac with full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family from 10:00 AM until services Friday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

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“ *The great love we have for our forever friend, Sammie, will keep him close to us always. Nearly 50 years of friendship have been stored in that Treasure Chest of Memories that lies deep within our hearts. At any given moment in time, we can pick a wonderful memory and relive it. PEACE be with you.*

Blair and Sylvia Sebastian - October 30, 2014 at 01:53 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear about Sam, very nice picture in the paper, he had a great smile.*

Jan and Jim Ransom - October 24, 2014 at 05:37 AM