



## Mrs. Sharon - Long

January 11, 1946 - March 14, 2023

Sharon Long was a long time resident of the Central Coast since the early 70's. Unfortunately, her struggle of the last 5 years ended March 14, 2023. Sharon married William Earl Long December 25, 1972, and together they raised two children in San Luis Obispo, where she resided until she passed. Sharon was consistent, but most importantly she was consistent in her love. Once she loved you it didn't stop because you disappointed her. She lived up to what she believed.

In Sharon's 77 years of life, she made several life changing decisions. One of these was to begin studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses. Although obstacles were placed before her that could have caused her to stop studying the Bible. Eventually being joined by her husband William and their two children.

Sharon struggled with reading due to a public school system that had no interest in helping her develop those skills. But once Sharon joined the Theocratic school of Jehovah's Witnesses, she not only learned to read but went on to teach others the Bible. Small in stature, she had extraordinary strength to get through the most difficult challenges in her life. She believed her strength came from a secure foundation of her faith that what she read and learned from the Bible was true and real.

Sharon struggled with health issues for decades but never allowed that to stop her from taking care of her household as a Christian wife, mother and sister in her congregation. She loved to travel and meet new people. It came easy for

her to strike up a conversation as though she had known you her entire life. She always tried to see the best in people.

Eventually confined to spending most of her days in a care facility, she maintained her joy. She loved to sing spiritual songs with her friends who visited weekly and brought soul to the center by singing along with her husband to the sounds of Motown. Nurses would always know Sharon was good if they could get a smile from her. She looked forward to Fridays because that was the day she got to go home with her husband for the day. Mostly just sitting together and holding hands and napping together. But it brought her a sense of normalcy. Sharon appeared to seem frail. But her inner strength was nothing to play with.

Sharon leaves behind to mourn:

Husband: William Earl Long

Son: Javet Long

Daughter: LaPrece Delamar and husband Andrew Delamar

Geneva Theresa Stuart, a loving niece she raised the first 6 years of her life And countless loving nieces & nephews, great nieces & nephews, great great nieces & nephews, and sis- ter & brothers-in-laws. And many amazing spiritual brothers and sisters.

Our lives will not be the same without her in it. But we must not look back at what we could have said and done. We must look forward to the prospect of seeing her again as laid out in the scriptures.

So let us live our lives in the way that Sharon would be most proud of.

We wish to express our gratitude for the many cards, contributions, kindnesses, thoughts, prayers, and for your attendance of the celebration of Sharon's life.

Services for Sharon will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 890 W. Foothill Blvd. San Luis Obispo. April 29th at 1:30.PM