

In Memoriam: Crawford Long, II, MD

Modified from Crawford Long's obituary, published in the Atlanta Journal Constitution on November 7, 2012

Crawford Williamson Long, II, MD died peacefully in his home on November 5, 2012 surrounded by his loved ones. Born to Claude Burns Long and Louise Christina Smith in Gainesville, Florida on December 5, 1925, Dr. Long was a descendant of the family of Crawford W. Long MD, the man who discovered anesthesia.

The Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists honors the pioneering efforts of Dr. Crawford Long through the infrequent presentation of the Crawford W. Long, M.D. Award to members for distinguished service to the Society. Only 10 members have earned the distinction in a half-century of consideration.

At the age of four, Crawford and his family moved to Jacksonville, Florida where he spent his youth. Even with all he accomplished later in life, Crawford's proudest memory was becoming an Eagle Scout at age thirteen.

During [WWII](#) he was an assistant foreman at the Jacksonville Shipyard building liberty ships. At eighteen, he joined the US Air Corps where he became an aviation cadet and entered officer's training. He served in the [Korean War](#) as an Air Force pilot and flew forty-eight combat missions against MIG-15's with Russian Pilots. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for the invasion of Inchon and the air medal with four oak leaf clusters among other awards. Following his return from Korea he joined General, Curtis Lemay's Strategic Air Command. Among other duties he flew strategic reconnaissance missions over the North Pole and dropped two atomic bombs over Frenchman's Flat Nevada.

At the end of the war he attended [Tulane](#) University on the GI Bill. He graduated from Tulane's School of Medicine with an MD's degree and was the President of his Medical Society. His internship in OB/GYN was spent at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, LA. After this, he entered into private practice in Atlanta in 1961, joining the practice of Dr. John McCain. Dr. Long was the head of the Sheffield Cancer Clinic, which at that time was the state hospital for cancer patients. There he performed exhaustive and complicated cancer operations, which often took more than nine hours. He later shared his knowledge as a clinical instructor at Emory School of Medicine at Crawford Long Hospital, and was on staff at Georgia Baptist and most recently Northside Hospital.

Over the years, he delivered approximately 7,500 babies. He loved his work and found each delivery and new little life a miracle. Each patient was the most important person in the world to him. He lived a life of service to others; his work has been his ministry. He recently retired from private practice with his son, Dr. George D. Long, at Northside Hospital who continues the proud tradition. Long was a very inquisitive person, always interested in acquiring new knowledge. He was well versed in many walks of life and made friends wherever he went. Long loved poetry and could recite many pieces.

Dr. Long was preceded in death by his former wife, Annie Frances Dalton, a son, Crawford W. Long, III, brothers, Claude B. Long, Edgar Long, and Vincent Long. He is survived by his wife, Mimi C Long, children, Dr. George D. Long (Debbie), Frances Christina Ashworth, brother, Frederick C. Long, grandchildren Crawford W. Long IV, Clarke B Long, stepchildren, Bryan Rose, and Chandelle (Mark) Spargo, and step grandchildren Sienna Spargo, Giovanna Spargo and Carter C Rose.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Atlanta Mission (www.atlantamission.org). A memorial service will be held on Thursday November 8, 2012 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dobbs Chapel at 2 PM.