



Arthur Longtin

November 15, 2010

Arthur L. Longtin, 96, of Hot Springs passed away Monday, November 15th in a local hospital. He was born April 1, 1914 in Kankakee, Illinois to the late Arthur Longtin Sr. and Alma Alexander Longtin.

Mr. Longtin was of the Catholic faith; a Veteran of the United States Navy serving as a Flight Instructor having trained for three years in Arizona with Opal Anderson, who also instructed Amelia Earhart; he had the first sea plane base on Lake Hamilton called the Minnow Bucket. He was a Lieutenant with the Harris County Sheriff's Department in Houston, Texas; and also served as Deputy Sheriff under former Sherriff Elza Young in Hot Springs. He was Past President of the Optimist Club in Chicago; a member of First National Mass Initiation of World War II Veterans into the American Legion; he was a well accomplished businessman; one of Chicago's most sports minded citizens and merchants; having founded Longtin's Sporting Goods; sold the first Riddell Football Helmets to Vince Lombardi and the Green Bay Packers. He was predeceased by a son, Phil Longtin and one brother, Dick Longtin.

Survivors include his wife, Camille Carson "Rocky" Longtin; three sons, Joe Longtin, Richard Longtin and Jim Longtin; one daughter-in-law, Janice Longtin Carhart; one sister, Rita Greenfield; seven grandchildren, Jimmy Lee Longtin, Philip James (Monica) Longtin, Leslie Camille Longtin (Joe) Bayless, Rachel Elizabeth (James) Curlin, Sarah Jane Longtin, Richard Greyson Longtin and

Carson Wayne Longtin; two great grandchildren, Georgia Grace Longtin and Philip Lindsay Longtin.

Visitation will be 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Thursday at Hot Springs Funeral Home. Interment will be at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock with Chaplain Ralph Farese officiating. Military Honors by VFW Post 2278.

A special thanks to the staff of Garland Nursing and St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Longtin Family, Your father was a long time friend of our family. We fondly remember his great support during our "Trojan Years". We are so sorry for your loss. The Hannon Family

Lisa Madden - November 19, 2010 at 06:57 PM

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“ Dear Joe, My condolences go out to you and your family. Tim & Jorja Fourroux, Shirley Gibson, and all your race track friends.

Tim Fourroux - November 18, 2010 at 06:12 PM

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“ On behalf of the Ministers of St John's Church, and of St Joseph's Mercy, I thank you for the privilege of having a part in the final days and journey of Mr Longtin. I was glad to get to know Joe somewhat, and for us all want to express to you all our genuine sympathy, care and our confidence in the Resurrection Mercy of the living Lord. I will be offering a remembrance Mass for you and you will remain in our prayers, Masses and heart-thoughts throughout this time and the days ahead. Sincerely and faithfully, Fr. Alan Rosenau

Father Alan Rosenau - November 17, 2010 at 03:55 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Carole Wilson - November 17, 2010 at 03:07 PM

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“ *I would like for you to know how wonderful I thought your father was. I remember talking with him throughout the years i have been with O'Neal and you could not have asked for a nicer person than Art. He was always a pleasure to work with. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Blair Ragsdale - November 17, 2010 at 01:32 PM