



## JOSEPH MELTON LONG JR.

Mr. Joseph Melton Long, Jr., age 87 of Houston, passed away Wednesday, June 18, 2007 in Crockett. Mr. Long was born October 2, 1919 in Galveston. Mr. Long was a longtime resident of Houston and retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad after 41 years as an Engineer. Then, he and his wife, Bernadean, moved to Centerville to fulfill his dream of a "slow paced, peaceful country life." Mr. Long's joys were his family, tending his garden, riding his tractor and drinking coffee at Hopewell Store and let us not forget, "shopping," reading of the daily newspaper in his recliner (and saving everyone of them) and shelling pecans (which was almost passion for him).

Survivors include his sons David Michael Long, of At-

lanta, GA and Joseph M. Long III and wife Margaret, of Centerville; daughter Vella Jean Malek, of Alvin; son-in-law, Art Oswald Jr., of Houston; 11 grandchildren Denise Hyland, Robin Johnson, Arthur Oswald III, Stewart Oswald II, Carmen Long, Jamie Long, Jessie Long, Joseph M Long IV, Justus Long, Shelly Studebaker and Holly Higgins; 12 great-grandchildren Tanya Hyland, Shawn Hyland, Jennifer Hollis, Kendall Hollis, Geoffrey Hollis, Amanda Oswald, Collin Oswald, Stewart "Triple" Oswald III, Austin Oswald, Jackson Ramos, Brittany Pack and Griffin Studebaker.

Preceded in death by his parents Joseph Melton Long, Sr. and Mittie (Lindsay) Long; first wife Geraldine (Walkner) Long; his loving wife of 40 yrs, Bernadean (Stuart) Long; daughter Jodine (Long) Oswald; and a brother, J.L. Long.

Funeral Services for Mr. Joseph Melton Long, Jr. were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 18, with graveside services

at Parker Cemetery in Houston County held at 2:00 p.m.

Pallbearers were Shawn Hyland, Mark Hyland, Arthur Oswald III, Joseph Melton Long IV, Danny Kemper, Jim Green and Robert Ames.

You can go online to [www.waltersfuneralhome.com](http://www.waltersfuneralhome.com) to view the DVD prepared for Mr. Long, to view the obituary and to sign the guestbook.

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