

## Robert E. Long

November 21, 1940 - April 27, 2010

LONG, Robert E.

Dr. Robert E. Long, 69, died on Tuesday, April 27, at his Hartford home of 32 years, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Boston on Nov. 21, 1940, Bob attended Boston State B.S., Boston College M.S., and Columbia University Ed.D., Federal Fellow.

Retired in 2001 as an educator of the visually impaired, most recently in the Hartford Public Schools, Bob also worked as Chief of Children Svcs., BESB; and for The Lighthouse NYC; Amer. Fed. f/t Blind; Greater Pittsburgh Guild f/t Blind; and taught at Jersey City St. Coll., U. of Colorado, and Hunter College. He belonged to several professional organizations. Bob served for 3 years on the Hartford Bd. of Ed., and was a board member for the Hartford Public Library. As a Third Age Initiative, L.G.H., participant, he helped found Readers as Leaders. Most recently, he served as a hospice volunteer.

He founded and coached the Hartford Public H.S. crew, presided over the Noah Webster PTA, the HPHS PTSO, and HPHS governance board. Bob coached chess, soccer, and football. Bob was a foster parent and Dad to many youth who sat around our table, regaled with storytelling, political and social justice discussion, and wit, or who joined us for biking, sailing or hiking trips. Bob created some of our richest family bonds during several U.S. camping trips. Bob was an avid reader, wood and stone carver and sailor; he delighted many with his harmonica playing. As a life-long advocate for social

justice, he marched on Washington with Martin Luther King, was an antiwar activist as a grad student and student govt. president at Columbia, and recently as a JP, performed many same-sex marriages.

He is survived by "the love of my life for 35 years", his wife, Gloria Gruber Long, and his 6 children: Julie Misenti and her husband Nicholas, Jennifer Long and her wife Amy Ojerholm, Robert E. Long, Jr. and his wife Skye, Justin Long and his wife Ariana Silverman, Colman Long and his wife Elsie Vazquez-Long, and Gannon Long; and his grandchildren: Kali Edwards and her husband Jeremy, and Zachary, Travis, and Forrest Misenti; and sisters: Nancy Seglin and her husband Jeffrey, Jeanne Berrigan, and his sister-in-law, Sachiko Long. He is also survived by several loving nephews and nieces, grand nieces and nephews, sisters- and brothers-in-law and cousins.

He is pre-deceased by his daughter, Ceya, mother, Catherine, father, Edward, brother, Edward, Jr., and brother-in-law, William Berrigan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 8, from 11:00-12:30, followed by visiting until 2:00, at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Online condolences may be offered at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com). Donations may be made to Foodshare.

# Tribute Wall



“ Bob believed in me. As one of his last acts as chief of children's services at BESB, he arranged for me to be hired, and I went on to become the only blind education consultant at BESB. I only wish I had had the opportunity to work with him. I got to know him from teacher meetings, and was always inspired by his dedication, commitment, thoughtful insights and advice, good common sense, and wonderful sense of humor. I loved his stories. I wish I could have known him better. The world has lost a magnificent human being.##imported-begin##Marcia Nigro Dresser##imported-end##

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September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bob,

*Thank you for teaching me to play chess. I had so much fun learning about it and playing chess on Wednesdays with you. You would always show me how to play and would never get frustrated. You always offered me a snack and talked with me while we were playing. You were always one of my friends. I will never forget you.*

*Love,*

*Henry##imported-begin##Henry Cobb##imported-end##*

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May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob will be missed by all the nieghbors who knew him in the west-end.Although we no longer reside in the west-end,we remember his kindness and sincerity.Our condolences to all his children@family at this time,Gary@Christine,Robert@Michael Moffitt##imported-begin##Gary @ Christine Moffitt##imported-end##

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May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Bob passing. His contributions to family, community and state leave a lasting memorial. Our love to you all.##imported-begin##Beth and Ivor Hugh##imported-end##

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May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of the Bilingual Team at Windham High School, we want Colman and his family to know that we sincerely feel the loss of his father. Unbeknownst to us, his life was truly an example to follow.

With our regards,  
Andrea, Joannie, Mika, and Johnny##imported-begin##Bilingual Team WHS##imported-end##

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May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was very fortunate to have known Bob for a long time. His children were my art students at Noah Webster in the early 80's Bob was an exceptional father and husband; he was also selfless and a gentle human being, who deeply cared about others. Bob will be missed and never forgotten because his extensive work as a teacher and a Board Of Education member made a great difference in people's lives.

My sympathy goes to his wife and dear friend Gloria and his all family.

The happy memories he has left will keep Bob alive in the hearts of those who had the opportunity and pleasure to have known him.

Angela Fazio##imported-begin##Angela Fazio##imported-end##

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May 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of the passing of Bob LOnG. He and I worked at Noah Webster together. I also had the pleasure of having Justin, Coleman and Gannon as students-just great young people. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this time.

Ms. Barbara Rowlson###imported-begin##barbara###imported-end##

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May 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We just feel hollow down at 122 Warrenton Ave. He's missed walking by our windows. Our thoughts are with Gloria and the entire family.###imported-begin##Matt and Jayne Morrell###imported-end##

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May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Gloria and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss and will be thinking of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Janey Fisher###imported-begin##Janey Fisher###imported-end##

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May 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Meeting and Greeting Bob in the long halls of Noah Webster always set my heart alight, knowing that I was saying hello to a enlightened human who made the world a far better place for those of whom who knew him and for those who benefited from his caring and wisdom. I am so sad to hear of Bob's passing. May God hold you all gently in his arms as you seek the future from this time forward.  
Most Sincerely, Maureen  
Black..blackmm42@hotmail.com###imported-begin##Maureen  
black###imported-end##

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May 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gloria and family  
I was truly saddened to hear of Bob's passing. We frequently sat at the same table during the many Special Ed. Cluster meetings we attended over the many years we both worked for HPS. He was an amazing person who's kindness and compassion were only surpassed by his intellect. Whenever I would run into him at one Hartford event or another, he would always stop and chat for a few minutes. Bob was a true gentleman who will be missed by so many. My condolences to all of you whom he loved so much! May your wonderful memories help you get through this most difficult time.###imported-begin##Kathy Piquette###imported-end##

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May 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Long Family,  
Today, I'm saddened that Bob is no longer with us. I worked with Bob during his time as a board member for the Hartford schools. He always had a ready smile and often lightened the mood during difficult times. He had a knack for finding a way to make things work. Hartford schools is all the better, as am I, for having had Bob in our lives. Thank you for sharing him with us.##imported-begin##Sandy Cruz-Serrano##imported-end##

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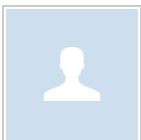
April 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Long Family,  
You have my heartfelt condolences. I am a paraprofessional who for several years worked w/Visually impaired students and had the pleasure to work w/Mr. Long. My son who is now 18 still remembers that day we went sailing on your boat in Mystic. It was an experience that we both never forgot!!! Those who have had the pleasure of being in his presence are aware that he was an extremely intelligent, warm, caring, giving man, husband and father who will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##CHRISTINE SMITH##imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Gloria, I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved husband. My prayers are with you for strength and comfort during this time.##imported-begin##Robin Taylor##imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was very saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Robert Long. I knew him for a brief time as I taught instrumental music to his children Justin, Colman and Gannon when they were students at Quirk Middle School. They were surely a reflection of their father who cared a great deal about the arts in the Hartford Public Schools. My sincerest condolences to my colleague Gloria and the entire Long family.##imported-begin##Barbara Wolejko##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am truly saddened to hear of the passing of Bob. I considered him to be a wonderful educator, an amazing advocate for the "voiceless"/alienated, and a true gentleman with a great sense of humor. My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Elka Ford Spencer##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Long Family

*During my long career as principal of West Hartford's Hall High School, I admired and respected Bob's background. He was a great asset to our profession and was devoted to his family.*

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Bob Dunn, Former Principal##imported-begin##Robert E. Dunn##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Goodbye my friend. I cherish the memories of camping and hiking with you and our kids. You are the brother I always wanted with apologies to my 2 sisters and we shared many thoughtful times and some hilarious / outrageous times too.

You are missed.

##imported-begin##Jim Coleman##imported-end##

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April 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM