



Theodore W. Long, Jr. "Ted"

April 22, 1944 - July 11, 2024

Theodore Long, Jr. "Ted" Obituary

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Theodore W. Long, Jr., affectionately known as Ted, was born on April 22, 1944, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Theodore W. Long, Sr., and Ethel O. Long. His parents, both college graduates, instilled in him strong values, a love for education, and a commitment to community service. After an extended illness, Ted passed away peacefully on July 11, 2024.

Ted's educational journey began at Sumner High School in Kansas City, Kansas. He then attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, before transferring to Wichita State University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration. Between undergraduate and graduate school, Ted proudly served his country in combat during the Vietnam War.

Ted's professional career started in 1970 at Ernst & Ernst, now Ernst & Young, where he excelled in public accounting.

In 1972, Ted married the love of his life, B. Elaine Long. Their partnership was a testament to mutual respect and unwavering love. They moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Ted was transferred to the company's headquarters. Elaine, a talented artist, accepted a position at American Greetings. Together, they raised two daughters, Phaedra and Mercedes, and settled in Shaker Heights, Ohio, in 1989.

Ted and Elaine were partners in marriage and pillars of the Cleveland community. Elaine was active in The Girl Friends, Inc., The Links, Inc., and The Little Gardens Club of Greater Cleveland. Ted was a respected member of the Boule, Alpha Phi Alpha, the Trout Club at the Cleveland Natural History Museum, and Canterbury Golf Club. Ted was the first African American to be invited to join Canterbury Golf Club, opening the door for other African Americans in the greater Cleveland area to become members. His hobbies included golfing and fly fishing, passions he enjoyed sharing with friends and family.

After Elaine's passing in 2008, Ted found solace in her beloved hobbies of gardening and art. He developed a deep appreciation for wood-burning artwork, sculpture, and gardening, carrying on Elaine's creative spirit in his

own way.

Ted's career at Ernst & Young spanned over 35 years, and he was one of the first African-American partners at the firm. He specialized in public accounting, primarily in attest and advisory services. Ted's dedication to his profession was evident through his active involvement with the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the Ohio Society of CPAs, where he served on the Board of Directors. He also contributed his expertise to the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company's Board of Directors, chairing the Audit Committee.

Ted's commitment to the accounting profession extended to his roles with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). He served as Great Lakes regional director, director-at-large, and chair, contributing to numerous committees, including Global Strategies, Administration and Finance, and the Past Chair Advisory Council. In 2023, Ted received the prestigious William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award from NASBA.

Ted's dedication was further reflected in his service on the Accountancy Board of Ohio, where he served two terms as chair of the board.

Beyond his professional achievements, Ted was a dedicated community leader. He served as an officer and board member for various civic, nonprofit,

and professional organizations in the greater Cleveland area. His contributions included roles with The First Tee of Cleveland, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, United Way Services of Cleveland, and Cleveland Metroparks.

Ted took immense pride in his daughters, Phaedra and Mercedes, supporting them in all their endeavors. His role as a father brought him his greatest joy, and he cherished every moment spent with his daughters.

He is survived by his beloved daughters, Phaedra and Mercedes Long; his sisters-in-law, Colleen Temple Magee, Sandra Temple Hall, Brenda Temple Tull, Valeria Temple Thompson, and Kelli Terrell Temple; and his brothers-in-law, Knox Tull and Collis Temple Jr. Ted also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, community members, and friends who will cherish his memory and legacy.

As we celebrate Ted's life, we remember his contributions to the accounting profession, his dedication to community service, and his passion for art and nature. Most importantly, we honor his profound love for his wife and daughters. Ted's legacy will continue to inspire us and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Theodore W. Long, Jr.'s name to

the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland. Please see complete info below.

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Theodore W. Long, Jr. "Ted"*
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at E. F. Boyd & Son
Funeral Home, Inc.
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

A Memorial Tree was planted for Theodore W. Long, Jr. "Ted" - April 21, 2025 at
03:16 PM

CF

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Theodore W. Long, Jr. "Ted" by Cecil Flamer. Plant a Tree I met Ted before our admission as partners to Ernst & Ernst in 1969 and 1970 respectively. As trailblazers (he in Cleveland and me in Baltimore) we sought each other's counsel and shared our aspirations for ourselves and those who would follow in our pathways. We were invited to gather with leaders of Ernst & Ernst on several occasions to voice our visions for the successful integration and evolution of people of color in the firm. Ted, while always soft-spoken provided passionate and thoughtful input to those sessions. I admired his qualities, and he was a source of inspiration for me as I traveled through my 35 years with the firm. I also admired his calmness and proficiency on the golf course. I regret that we were not able to arrange the much-talked-about exchange of golfing experiences (me as his guest at the Canterbury Club and he as mine at the Caves Valley Golf Club). I thought I would certainly be able to convince him to make a side trip to Baltimore on one of his trips to DC so that I could fill my share of the commitment. But I soon came to understand that those trips were for the two most important people in his life and he loved his time with his daughters more than the opportunity to play a round of golf with me at a Top 100 course. Throughout what became the last years of his life we regularly exchanged phone calls and I could always count on his electronic holiday greeting card messages. RIP my dear friend ,Cecil Flamer

Cecil Flamer - April 21, 2025 at 03:16 PM

ED

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Theodore W. Long, Jr. "Ted" by Evan Morse, DVM. Plant a TreeTHANATOPSIS" So live, that when thy summons comes to join, the innumerable caravan which moves, to that mysterious realm where each shall take, his chamber in the silent halls of death. Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night, scourged to his dungeon. But, sustained and soothed, by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave, like one who wraps the drapery of his couch, about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams." The key to being at peace with one's death is living every day with integrity and gratitude. My Brother, Theodore Long, did both with exceptional grace!!! Evan Morse Evan Morse, DVM

Evan Morse, DVM - April 21, 2025 at 03:16 PM

LT

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Theodore W. Long, Jr. "Ted" by Leslie Ruth McDavid Trotter. Plant a Tree I still have Mrs. Long's paintings in my childhood bedroom on Shaker Blvd. Sending you LOVE. Leslie Ruth McDavid Trotter

Leslie Ruth McDavid Trotter - April 21, 2025 at 03:16 PM

DM

“ I met Ted at AmeriTrust bank in 1983 when he was part of the external auditing team from Ernst and Young. I was Chair of the audit committee. It was such a wonderful experience to see this quite handsome and elegant black man fulfilling such an important role. In 1999 we worked together again, having been recruited by Andre Thornton to be a part of the founding trustees of The First Tee of Cleveland. Ted provided the expertise to keep our IRS filings and all requirements of the corporate office of the First Tee current and in compliance. We on occasion had a fun golf game. He was a fine golfer. Now he is a Saint in Light, in that great cloud of witnesses, where we will all see him again. Thanks be to God for the life of Ted Long, thanks be to God for love that cannot be taken from us, Thanks be to God! My sympathy to Phaedra and Mercedes.

Doris A. Evans, MD - July 29, 2024 at 11:07 PM

MH

“ Our condolences to Ted’s family. Everything Ted did, he did well and with sincerity. Ted was as well respected as he was so easy to like. We have many fond memories of Ted, his humility, and of his full life's experiences.

Mark & Beth Harris - July 29, 2024 at 01:57 PM

LM

“ Lee and I met Ted and Elaine when her sister came to visit. Lee and Sandra went to Kent together. That built a friendship that has lasted almost 50 years. Ted’s memory is a blessing 🙏🏾

Lolita McDavid - July 16, 2024 at 09:05 AM

BT

“ Deepest condolences to Phaedra and Mercedes. Your father will be greatly missed.

Bari Teamor - July 15, 2024 at 02:30 PM

MD

“ I first met Ted at the Ernst & Ernst Accelerated Accounting Program at Miami University in Oxford, OH in 1970. We both returned to the E&E Cleveland office where we began our Accounting careers and maintained a friendship for almost 54 years. He was a very special person who will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him. Rest in peace my friend. My deepest condolences to his daughters.

Michael O. Davis - July 15, 2024 at 09:31 AM

WD

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Walter C Davenport - July 15, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SM

“ Condolences to Ted’s family.

Sharon E. Milligan - July 14, 2024 at 08:42 PM