



Clyde Lowell Long Jr

March 22, 1949 - August 1, 2025

Lt. Colonel Clyde Lowell Long, Jr., age 76, passed away on August 1, 2025, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A proud native of Roswell, New Mexico, he was born there on March 22, 1949.

Clyde's life was marked by a deep commitment to service and education. After graduating from Roswell High School in 1967, he pursued higher education with determination and distinction. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music in 1972 and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 1996, both from Eastern New Mexico University. Between these he earned multiple advanced degrees, his first, a Master of Science in Management from Webster University in St. Louis in 1988, and then a Master of Military Arts & Science from the Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas in 1989. He went on to become an instructor at the same university after receiving this degree.

His distinguished military career spanned over two decades. Serving in the United States Army from June 1972 to June 1993, Clyde rose through the ranks and commanded at every grade from Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel. During this 21-year career he served with distinction across various assignments ranging from the Special Forces Green Berets and Air Cav to a Battalion Recruiting Command. Notably, he also served as the Professor of Military Science at James Madison University-an appointment that reflected

both his leadership and academic acumen.

Following his retirement from the military, Clyde continued to serve others through education. He spent seven years as an elementary school teacher, bringing his dedication and discipline into the classroom to inspire young minds, and future teachers; including his son and granddaughter. Additionally, he volunteered for numerous years, and thousands of miles, transporting his fellow comrades in arms around New Mexico and West Texas through the SENMVT.

Clyde will be remembered by those who knew him as a witty, loving, and strong man whose presence left a lasting impression on all who crossed his path.

He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years Virginia "Genny". His children Jonathon Long, NY, Melinda & DJ Lichtenwalter of Georgetown, TX, Michael & Stacey Long of Rio Rancho, NM. Stepchildren, Brandi Stevens of Dallas, TX, and Jeff & Jeanette Stevens of Georgetown, TX. Twelve Grandchildren. Siblings Carol Cooper, Meryl Kettler, Joy Cooper, and his brother Glen Long. He was preceded in death by his father Clyde Lowell Long Sr. and mother Anna Knowles Long, along with his first wife Donnabeth Stein Long.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, beginning at 11:00 AM. Full military honors will be present to honor Clyde's dedication and service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to SENM Veterans Transportation in Roswell, New Mexico [senmvt.com](https://www.senmvt.com)-a cause close to Clyde's heart.

Click here to donate: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/embed/donation-form/help-us-drive-for-our-veterans>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
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Tribute Wall



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Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - January 15 at 11:33 AM

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“ Clyde was a great person. Knew him throughout Chaves County grade school, Roswell middle school, and Roswell high school. He always had a great smile for everyone and enjoyed being with others. His memory will be held in great regard by those who knew him. He served in the military and he was a dedicated family man. Sending heartfelt condolences to the family. Dixie (Wolfgang-Painter) Loy.



Dixie L Loy - August 06, 2025 at 05:50 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear the passing of Clyde. I will always have fond memories of him and how he always showed Tessa how he brushed his hair with his brushless brush lol. My condolences to the family. You all are in my prayers.

Angie Gomez - August 04, 2025 at 06:06 PM