



## Thelma Willadean Long

April 8, 1928 - November 20, 2019

Thelma Willadean Long of Albia, age 91, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, under the care of EveryStep Hospice at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Thelma was born at home in Monroe County on April 8, 1928, to Earl and Freda (Dicks) Swift. She married Ralph "Clair" Long on September 5, 1948, at the Methodist Church in Albia and to this union one son, Jeff Long, was born. Thelma and Clair shared 53 years of marriage before Clair's passing on December 19, 2001.

A graduate of Albia High School, class of 1946, many people fondly remember her for working for JCPenney in Albia for 30 plus years.

Thelma enjoyed being outdoors and walking. She and Clair enjoyed traveling to Branson, MO, with their grandchildren each year and also enjoyed traveling to other places. She took pride in always having a clean home. Thelma's true joy in life was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and her great-granddaughter.

Thelma is survived by her grandchildren, Chris Long of Des Moines and Marcee (Jason) Brand of Waukee; their mother Donna Long of Des Moines; a great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Brand; a sister, Carolyn Wilson of Albia; her

nephews, Mark (Connie) Wilson of Ottumwa, Kevin (Angela) Wilson of Albia and Ron (Ann) Repp of Moravia and many good friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph "Clair" Long; her parents, Earl and Freda Swift; a son, Jeff Long; and an infant grandson, Jason Michael Long.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until service time, Saturday, November 23, 2019, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Thelma's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 23, 2019, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Willadean Long*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Thelma Willadean Long*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I believe I recieved a "Lift Up Thine Eyes" book in the mail by mistake. I see she had a grandson named Chris as well. Would love to make sure this book gets in the proper hands. My email is Hiexchris@gmail.com*

**Chris Long** - December 17, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thelma Willadean Long.*



November 21, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thelma Willadean Long.*



November 21, 2019 at 08:15 PM

JG

“ Jannett Gibb Gibson and Jerry Gibson purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Thelma Willadean Long.



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**Jannett Gibb Gibson and Jerry Gibson** - November 21, 2019  
at 01:17 PM

JG

“ Great memories of a really great lady. Thelma worked at J. C. Penny's with my mom Lucille Gibb and I used to babysit her son Jeffery. I visited her at the Care Center a couple years ago and enjoyed our talk so much. My condolences to her family, friends and all who knew her. Thelma was a really sweet and kind lady.

*Jannett Gibb Gibson*

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**Jannett Gibb Gibson** - November 21, 2019 at 12:59 PM

MA

*Jannett and Jerry,  
Thanks so much for the very kind words and for visiting with her. She absolutely loved visitors. Thanks for the beautiful flowers. She loved purple and so do I.  
Thanks,  
Marcee*

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**Marcee** - November 21, 2019 at 01:24 PM

DL

*Jannett and Jerry,  
Thank you for your kind words and your visits. She very much enjoyed them. Thank you for the very pretty flowers.  
Donna Long*

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**Donna Long** - November 21, 2019 at 02:01 PM



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November 21, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ Sweet Thelma’s room, was one of my regular stops at Monroe Care Center when I visited there. As a little girl growing up out In rural Monroe County, Thelma and her sister, Carolyn, lived a few miles away and I always was in awe of them both. I so loved our giggling chats together, she was a beautiful, lovely lady and I will miss so much our visits. I know she is in a wonderful place now with her loved ones. I smile when I think of you dear friend.

*Carol Kenworthy Stewart*

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**Carol Stewart** - November 20, 2019 at 08:17 PM



*Thanks so much for the nice words and for visiting her.  
Thanks,  
Marcee (granddaughter)*

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**Marcee** - November 21, 2019 at 01:22 PM



*Thank you so much for your kind words. She enjoyed visiting with you very much.  
Donna Long*

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**Donna Long** - November 21, 2019 at 01:57 PM