



## Ellen Scott Long

April 7, 1961 - July 5, 2019

On Friday, July 5, 2019, Jane Ellen Long (née Scott) passed away at the age of 58.

Ellen was born on April 7, 1961 to Jane and George Scott in Athens, Georgia. Her father was in the textile industry, so the family relocated from Georgia to New Hampshire to Alabama before returning to Georgia for Ellen's last two years at Gainesville High School where she graduated in 1979. At the urging of her mother, she attended Vanderbilt and studied civil engineering where she received her Bachelors of Civil Engineering in 1983 before moving back to Atlanta with her best friend Amy Pudvin. After working for several Atlanta civil engineering firms, she was hired at W. L. Jordan & Co. by Shepherd (Shep) Long. The two of them worked together for several years before she moved on to Greenberg Farrow. She and Shep married in 1995 then had Madeline in 1996, the absolute love and focus of her life. When Chick-fil-A called on her to assist with their national expansion program, she jumped at the chance to continue working with the much-needed flexibility to raise Madeline. This culminated in the founding of Long Engineering in 1997. From then on, she would love and nurture her daughter, attend the many school and music events, and dream up excuses to be with her whenever possible, all while balancing the growth and success of her company. Over the past 22 years, Shep, Ellen and Madeline traveled together extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Africa. Concurrently, Long Engineering flourished, being named one of the Top 100 Fastest Growing Engineering Firms in the United States 9 times, Best Places to Work the past two years, and one of the 25 Largest Engineering Firms in Atlanta this past year. Ellen was named one of the 100 Influential Women to Know by Engineering Georgia magazine in 2018. She was an incredible mother, the best wife and friend a husband could ever hope for, a talented leader and mentor to people in her industry, and a joy to all those that met her.

Ellen is survived by her daughter Madeline, her husband Shep, Shep's two children Tyler Long, with husband Zachary Rigole, and Cara Aki, with husband Makana and daughter Nohea; her brother Marshall Scott and his wife Barbara, and their daughter Tanner; and sister Jennifer Clay, with husband Paul and children David, Allison, and Meredith.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jane and George Scott.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Ellen's memory to support Kennesaw State University's CARE Services for homeless students. It was something she cared about and recently served on the board. If you can, please make checks payable to the Kennesaw State University Foundation, noting that the gift is for the Ellen Long Endowed Scholarship and mail to KSU Foundation, 1000 Chastain Rd NW, MD 9102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Donations may be made online at [www.kennesaw.edu/give.php](http://www.kennesaw.edu/give.php). Click on GIVE NOW and choose OTHER to write in "Ellen Long Endowed Scholarship."

# Events

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**JUL** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

56 Whitlock Ave SW, Marietta, GA, US, 30064

# Comments

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Scott Long.



Yesterday at 08:08 AM

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“ Mrs Ellen is a true treasure to all who knew her. She will be missed. I Can't imagine what Shep and their daughter is going through. They have been more than employers to me they have become my friends. Ms Ellen and I shared stories, triumphs and worries about our daughters and my granddaughters. She reminded me of the saying “dynamite comes in small packages”, she talked about finding a quiet place for her and Shep to retire in, this is so tragic and sad. I will miss this extraordinary woman that I admire, respect and love.

Martha Herrin



Martha Herrin - July 17 at 03:47 PM

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“ Her beautiful smile and sweet manner will be so terribly missed. I am so sorry for both of you that she was taken from y'all at such a young age. You are in everyone at AYC's thoughts and pravyers. Peggy Lewallen

peggy Lewallen - July 11 at 03:31 PM