



## Warren Harding Long

February 14, 1921 - December 28, 2013

Warren H. Long, 92, of Rockford, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 at the Nora Springs Care Center.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 3, 2014, at the First Presbyterian Church, Odebolt, Iowa, with Pastor Kevin Freese officiating. Burial was in Odebolt Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Warren Harding Long was born to Thomas and Susie Long at Fairland, Oklahoma. He graduated from Fairland High School in 1939, and from Miami (OK) Junior College in 1941. He worked for the War Department, Washington, DC. He was promoted and spent a year in the Panama Canal Zone. Back in Washington, DC, he enlisted in the US Army Air Corps. Following discharge, he again returned to Washington and volunteered to serve as a civilian employee of the War Department for 15 months in Korea. Upon his return to the states in 1947, he enrolled at Drake University in Des Moines, IA., earning a BA degree in Economics. He took the opportunity to take the tests for the US Border Patrol. He qualified and was called into service on July 29, 1949, reporting to the station in El Centro, California. During his career he served in 10 other stations, patrolling our borders. He was on the B. P. Pistol Sharpshooter team for a number of years. At the time of his retirement on January 31, 1978, he had been elevated to the position of assistant regional commissioner of the Border Patrol which involved supervision of stations from

Minnesota to the Pacific Ocean.

During the years at Drake University, Warren met his future wife, Grace Reuber, of Odebolt, Iowa. They were married in her church on Sunday, October 19, 1952, and celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in 2013. Following Warren's retirement, they built a home near Kearney, Mo., where they lived until moving to Rockford on December 10, 2008. Warren was an avid chess player and joined other opponents on Tuesday evenings in Kansas City, MO. He was sorry to be unable to find any people who shared his hobby in the Rockford area.

Warren is survived by his wife Grace; sister Vivian Linderoth, McMinnville, OR; sister-in-law Helen (James) Schumburg, Rockford; nieces, Veronas Closson, McMinnville; Colleen Ewing, Forest City; Sandra (Kyle) McGonigle, Des Moines; Janet Schumburg, Rockford; nephews Steven Schumburg, Cedar Falls, and Tom Linderoth, McMinnville; several grand nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Thomas, Jr.; sister-in-law, Dorothy Higby; and brother-in-law, Ray Linderoth.

The family requests that memorials in his name be made to the National Border Patrol Museum, 4315 Transmountain Drive, El Paso, Texas 79924

Fullerton Schumburg Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 302 West Main, Rockford, Iowa 50468 641-756-3311, [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Odebolt Cemetery

Odebolt, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Presbyterian Church  
Odebolt, IA

## Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Presbyterian Church  
Odebolt, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Warren Harding Long*

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“ *Warren was a cousin by marriage but a part of our family as much as Grace. I grew up seeing them when they came to Odebolt. I will miss him. Rich Freese Sterling Alaska.*

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**Richard Freese** - September 07, 2017 at 04:59 PM