



Ferrell Dewitt Long

November 14, 1935 - February 12, 2026

Ferrell DeWitt Long, aged 90 of Jacksonville, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on February 12, 2026. She was born on November 14, 1935 in Jacksonville. She was the only child of Bernard and Mildred DeWitt, growing up in such places as Live Oak and Jacksonville Beach. In 1953 she graduated from Robert E. Lee High School where she met the love of her life, Max. They both attended Florida State University and were proud Seminoles. She was awarded the title of "Kappa Alpha Rose". Max and Ferrell were married in 1956 until his death in 2012.

Ferrell was a member of First Baptist Church for 50 years, and faithfully served in the Chancel Choir for over 40 years. Her strong faith, optimism, joy and love for Jesus shone through to all who knew her. She was a dedicated member of the ladies Sunday school classes and a strong prayer warrior.

Ferrell loved her family fiercely and if asked, she was always happy to brag a little or share a photo or update. Throughout her life, she had a deep love of country and patriotism. Her hobbies included reading, games and watching Hallmark movies. She loved the beach and especially being with friends, which was always a great source of joy. More than anything she loved her sweetheart Max, and missed him every day until she could join him again. Surely, they're doing the jitterbug together.

Ferrell leaves quite a legacy. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She is survived by 3 children: 2 sons, Brad (Cathy) Long of Ponte Vedra, FL, Kevin Long of Wilmington, NC, and daughter, Beth (Mike) Long Rausch of Crescent City, FL; 8 grandchildren, Megan (Barry) Sproles of Tallahassee, FL, Molly (Jeremiah) White of Jacksonville, FL, Brooke Long of Whittier, NC, Bradley (Lexi) Long of Ponte Vedra, FL, Morgan (Jeff) Berger of Macclenny, FL, Madison (Zach) Norman of Callahan, FL, Emma Long of Austin, TX, and Abby Long of Jacksonville Beach, FL.; 12 great-grandchildren: Norah, Max, Jude, Teagan, Everly, Colton, Reese, Forrest, Kylie, Brett, Sophia and Tripp. Ferrell is also survived by wonderful brothers and sisters-in-law, extended family and friends.

Memorial service will be held at 11am on Friday, February 20, 2026 at First Baptist Church of Jacksonville Lindsay Memorial Auditorium. Visitation will precede the service from 10-11.

Heaven is definitely sweeter and the heavenly choir just gained a special lady.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jacksonville Lindsay Memorial Auditorium
125 W Ashley Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

TA

“ *What a joy Miss Ferrell was. She was a treasure to serve with in the choir. I know was loved by and will be missed by many.*

Tammy - February 17 at 12:42 PM

JG

“ *What a legacy this sweet lady has. A wonderful life. A beautiful life.*

jeannie gracy - February 16 at 11:15 PM

JA

“ *We loved Ferrell and Max!!! Such encouragers and they loved their church and the Lord with all their hearts. Heaven is sweeter for sure! Praying for the family.*

Judy Ackerman - February 15 at 09:13 PM

CB

“ *My deepest sympathies to you, Beth, and all your family for this loss, I know how much you must be missing her. Thinking of you all, and hoping you find peace in remembering her.*

Coleen Fitzgibbon Boucher - February 15 at 08:17 AM

FW

“ *What a sweet kind lady. I do not remember seeing her without a smile on her face. Mrs. Long was a constant and beautiful presence in the choir at church...and at all of those softball games. She is with our wonderful Lord. Brad and Beth, you and your families are in our prayers.*

Flint and Michelle Williams

Flint Williams - February 14 at 09:03 PM

JM

Such a grand lady!!! She was so kind and loving! It was a joy to call her friend! She shared her love for Jesus with everyone she met and will be truly missed.

Joyce Munro - February 14 at 10:52 PM

PC

Beth and family, I was saddened but rejoicing of Ferrell's homegoing. She was united with her Lord Jesus Christ and her beloved Mxi. I was in choir with Ferrell for many years. She was a special dear friend of George/Audrey Contois, who knows, they probably greeted her at home. May God bring you peace, love, and happiness during this difficult time. I know you only have sweet memories of your mama!!💔



Patricia Contois - February 15 at 04:15 PM

CM

Beth and family, I am praying for you in the loss of your dear sweet mother. She was poised and beautiful, gracious and kind, and always with a smile. I am praying for all of you in your loss and Heaven's gain.

Carole McChriston - February 16 at 06:34 PM