

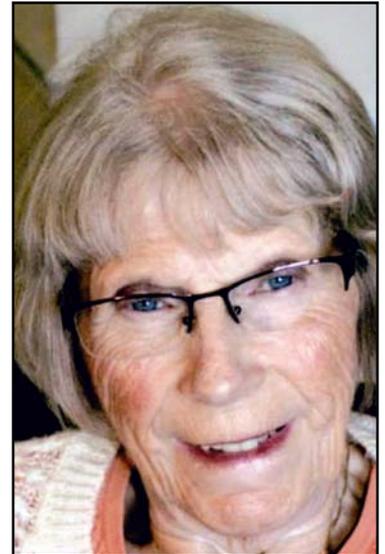
TRIBUTE TO ADA LONG

BY HER HUSBAND VERNON LONG

A Faithful Wife, a Faithful Mother and a Faithful Pastor's Wife.

Ada was a **faithful wife** for 59 years. She was always there when I needed her. We had a great marriage and the few disagreements we had were over minor issues. She was always willing to forgive when I asked for her forgiveness and I failed to be the husband I should have been. **Proverbs 18:22, Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.** Much of the favor I obtained from the Lord was due to the good wife I found, even before we both became Christians. Ada was definitely '**a prudent wife**' (**Proverbs 19:14**), understanding things, that at times were hard for me to understand.

Ada was a **faithful mother**. When I was running from the Lord's calling into the ministry, working three jobs, and not at home that much, she did what I should have been doing—**bringing our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Ephesians 6:4**. She did a good job, as our two living children, Sheila and Matthew, are serving the Lord. Our oldest daughter Cindy (now deceased), who had strayed from the Lord, came back to Him and was more involved in the youth ministry than we ever knew. Her pastor mentioned this during her funeral message. I know the results of our children being what they became was a result of a mother's prayers. All glory goes to the Lord, but in our family altar time, with our children participating, we did our best to **train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it, Proverbs 22:6**. I have many '**precious memories**' of our family altar times. Ada definitely loved her children. **Beloved in the sight of my mother, Proverbs 4:3**. She really loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Ada was a **faithful pastor's wife**. Many judge a pastor's wife by the talents they have, i.e., singing, playing the piano, etc. I want no one to think that I am not thankful for pastor's wives that have such talents, but the qualities that Ada had in her life as a pastor's wife outweighs any talents she could have had. I was a deacon before I answered the call to preach and she definitely met all the qualifications of a deacon's wife as given in **1 Timothy 3:11, Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.**

I could say much more about Ada being a faithful wife, a faithful mother, and a faithful pastor's wife. I can say that she was **faithful in all things**, besides being a faithful wife, mother, and pastor's wife. She will be missed, not only by those of our family, but also by the many friends she had over the years. **Revelation 14:13, And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.**