

## Edward Born-Long



BORN-LONG, Edward Peter Aug. 24, 1942 Feb. 14, 2018

Ed Born-Long lived life big. He was a presence, the man everyone was drawn to, the life of the party, a gentle giant. He was a rascal and a vagabond and a romantic and a true friend. He loved telling stories about his unusual life. The best way to get a sense of Ed comes from the opening to an autobiography he began writing in 1994. "I headed down the highway at the age of 12. I've been in all the fifty United States. I never did get the Army to see things my way. I cashed bad checks from Tijuana, Mexico, to the Seattle World's Fair. I turned 21 in prison. I was emcee at a burlesque club. I was road manager for a rhythm and blues band. I was on Haight-Ashbury in '67 and on Beacon Hill in '68. I bummed around Europe through ten different countries and had a place on the Mediterranean for two years. I've had a song written about me. I spent one year down in South America. I've been the father of twin boys who died at birth, one daughter who I have lost track of [and found again in 2002], and a daughter who was murdered. I spent seven months living on a beach in Mexico. I was the deejay at a gentlemen's club. I ran the re-roofing project of a 14-acre building in Houston. I have been responsible for getting a quarter of a million dollars raised for SafePlace. I had to get married three times before I finally got it right. I have been happily married for 20 years [now 35] and was personally congratulated by the governor of Texas on our 19th. And I held my brother's and mother's hands when they died." Ed entered life as Edward Peter Born on August 24, 1942, in Chicago. He moved to Austin in 1978 and married Christine Long on Valentine's Day 1983, hyphenating their last names to Born-Long. Ed and Chris lived and loved on their three acres called Cactus Hill in Cedar Creek, Texas. Ever the romantic, Ed died on their 35th anniversary, Valentine's Day 2018. Ed's energy has moved to a new plane now, joining his younger daughter Annie, his brother Bruce, his mother Bee, and numerous other family and dear friends who have gone before him. His family still on this earth are his wife Chris, his elder daughter Emilie King and her husband David King; his four grandchildren Paul, Stephanie, Tevin, and Justin; his three great-grandsons Jonathan, Austin, and Marcus; his nieces Jeana and Charity and nephews Derrick and Christian, along with their children; and a whole bunch of far-flung cousins. The family plans to hold a memorial celebration in a few weeks and will scatter Ed's ashes at Cactus Hill. If you are so inclined, please make donations to SafePlace: <http://www.safeaustin.org/get-involved/give/donate/>

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