

1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton

November 17, 1941 - April 11, 2021

James Clarence "Jim" Bolton, son of the late Clarence Bolton and Amanda Jane (Sherman) Bolton, was born November 17, 1941 in Bernice, Louisiana where he grew up a sharecropper's son.

As a young teenager, Jim grew up in Bernice, Louisiana where he attended and graduated from Westside High. Jim was elected class president three out of the four years of high school and earned the nickname "Prez". During his high school years, Jim was an all-star football player. He played offensive and defensive, but he was known as one of the best running backs. In fact, everyone tried to talk him into trying to go on to the pros. But Jim had other plans.

He enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement. He had attained the rank of First Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon-4, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Achievement Medal-2, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon-1, Army Good Conduct Medal-7, Meritorious Service Medal-3, Sharpshooter Qualification Badge M-16 Rifle and Marksman Qualification Badge 9mm Pistol.

Jim was united in marriage to Christine Katherine Wakkila and they were

blessed with one son: Christopher Leonard Bolton.

While serving in the military, Jim worked as a ward nurse and after coming to the Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri area, he worked in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital in almost every department in the hospital.

After retiring from the military, Jim continued to serve as a substance and behavioral abuse counselor at the Piney Ridge Center of Waynesville for many years. He was a mentor to so many kids and was always willing to help them.

Jim was a 33-year loyal member and contributor of the Midway Serenity Group. He would answer his phone all hours of the night and day to help those that needed help.

In his spare time, Jim enjoyed going hunting, fishing, working in his vegetable and flower gardens, bowling, and cooking. When it came to holidays, he would always take care of the meat for the dinner he would be helping with. He loved to come up with new recipes for his grill and was always trying new things. And he was the best grill master there was!

Jim lived a life of serving others and that attitude of service came from a very important decision he made in his life, accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was a faithful member of the Hickory Hills Baptist Church and served as a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. He also was the head grill master at all the church fellowships.

Jim went home to be with his Lord Sunday, April 11, 2021 in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri having attained the age of 79 years.

Jim is survived by his wife: Christine Bolton; one son: Christopher Bolton of Pensacola, FL; one grandson: Isaac Figueroa of Bethlehem, GA; five siblings: Shirley Talley of Pensacola, FL, Beverly Bolton Anderson of Muskegon, MI, Kenneth Bolton of Lilly, LA, Karen Bolton Hall of Bernice, LA, and Jethro Bolton of the State of California; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and a host of friends.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Jim's attitude of service and loving others will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2021 in the Hickory Hills Baptist Church of St. Robert, MO. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jim Bolton and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM.

Hickory Hills Baptist Church Of St. Robert

Funeral Service

APR 16. 11:00 AM.

Hickory Hills Baptist Church Of St. Robert

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 22, 2021 at 11:14 AM

OM

Jim was my AA sponsor, the best of the best! OkM

Oliver K. Manuel - February 03, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

CA

“ *Sending love and prayers to the family of Sgt Bolton. He was my Sgt when I was stationed at Ft Leonard Wood Army Hospital. He promoted me to Spec 4 back in 1979. He was very kind and a good leader. It's funny but I was thinking of him and after some research I sadly find him here. Rest In Peace my fellow soldier.*

Cynthia Anderson- Spec 4 US Army - April 24, 2021 at 12:11 AM

DD

“ David Dodds lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton



David Dodds - April 19, 2021 at 11:55 PM

ST

“ Brother you will always be missed. I'm so glad to have had a
friendship with you. I respected you so much. As you helped heal so
many people on their path to a better life. Mine included. May you
RIP. Love you brother.

steve - April 17, 2021 at 12:16 AM

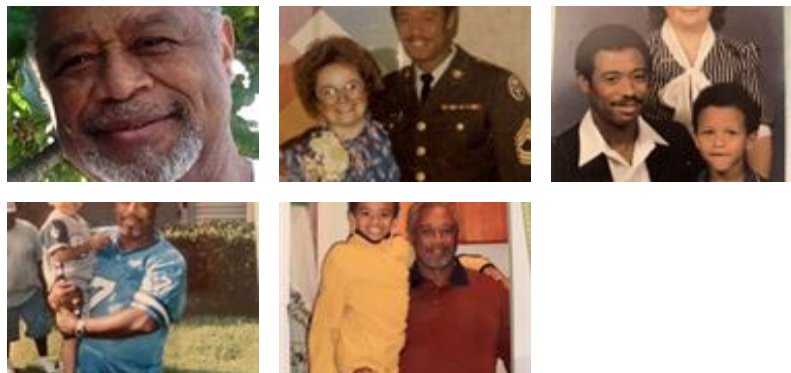
DL

“ My condolences to the family. He was such a kind man...always a
smile on his face.

Dagmar Lambert - April 16, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 15, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Jim B! We called him Morgan Freeman, he was CALM COOL & COLLECTED! Mr Serene! I most definitely wanted what he had as he lived by Gods Will & was a light in so many lives! I will always say his name! Love you Jim!*



Kathleen Frayer - April 15, 2021 at 01:44 PM

LT

“ *So sorry for your loss Chris and Christopher. Jim will be missed by so many, a kind and gentle man.*



CSM (ret) LeRoy and Fronze Tronstad

LeRoy Tronstad - April 15, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Beach lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton*



Debbie Beach - April 15, 2021 at 09:11 AM

DM

“ My mentor, my friend, and my brother, you have meant so much to me and my children. I love you and can't express how painful losing you is. I am blessed to have had you in my life and I treasure our close relationship. I know you are at God's side now, smiling down and saying "Dan, don't feel bad, rejoice because I'm with my Lord and it is glorious." You will always be in my heart Jim and memories of all our adventures will forever be in my mind. I cannot and will not say goodbye, I will simply say, I will see you again. 🥺🥺



Daniel Martinez - April 14, 2021 at 08:04 PM

JU

“ Juanita lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton



juanita - April 14, 2021 at 06:17 PM

CB

“ CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton



CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson - April 14, 2021 at 09:35 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton*



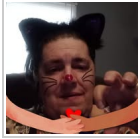
Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 14, 2021 at 09:30 AM

MS

“ *Michael & Kristy Shupe lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton*



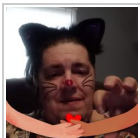
Michael & Kristy Shupe - April 14, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Kat De Vido lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) James Clarence "Jim" Bolton*



Kat De Vido - April 14, 2021 at 05:34 AM



“ *Rest In Paradise, My Dear Friend.. You will be missed by many. But the impact you have made, on countless lives, (including my own), will never be forgotten. Thank You For Your Service, To Our Great Country...May God Bless You & Yours, At This Time, And Always.*

Kat De Vido - April 14, 2021 at 05:33 AM

BL

“ Mrs.Bolton and Chris I’m so very sorry for your loss.Mr.Bolton was always a good neighbor and family friend. I remember when passing him on our road he would always smile and wave. There are many other memories about him all of them are of a nice and kind man who will be missed dearly by every one who knew him. I know.he was a loving husband to his wife he was a amazing father to you Chris. Again I’m very sorry for your loss Barbara.

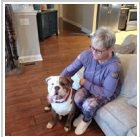
Barbara Stockton Lewis - April 14, 2021 at 01:01 AM

KC

“ I'm sorry to find out about the passing of Mr. Bolton. I would babysit his son, Christopher, when he was a little guy, in the 1980s when I was in high school. I remember him as a soft spoken and very nice gentleman. I extend my deepest condolences to his family.

Karen Churn

Karen Churn - April 13, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ The Daniely's



Colleen Daniely - April 13, 2021 at 07:04 PM