



## Namen Joy Bollinger

March 23, 1934 - April 30, 2013

Namen Joy Bollinger was born on March 23rd, 1934, near Advance, MO to David and Bessie Bollinger. He was one of 9 children and was born fourth in line. Namen attended a one room school house called "Little Rock", near Bell City, Missouri. Rain, shine, ice or snow, the siblings walked to school every day except for the occasional trek made on horseback. He attended Advance High School where he graduated in 1952. The next several years Namen was employed as a supervisor with Tobin Construction building roads in the Kansas City area.

In 1954 Namen met Mary Wilson. She turned out to be the love of his life and "forever companion". The two eloped in 1956 and returned later to share their good news. The following year brought one of life's greatest joys, the birth of Namen Keith. He was such a blessing to their lives but as life has its challenges..., he only lived for a few months. Their empty arms were filled two and a half years later with a daughter, Kathy Lynn. St. Robert became "home" in 1964 and God blessed Namen with an amazing mind which led to many successful ventures. He enjoyed nothing more than the sound of a Cat motor and the smell of diesel smoke.

Namen loved his family passionately and they meant more to him than anything. He was a wonderful dad, loving husband, brother, uncle and grandpa. He cherished his family with his whole heart. Namen loved to

surprise Mary and Kathy with freshly picked flowers from along the road or from someone else's yard.

Namen met NO strangers; everyone who knew him felt that he was an "old" and "dear" friend. His bear hugs were known by all, family and friends alike. One of Namen's favorite past-times was talking about "the good ole' days". He loved to tell stories and visit with his family and friends. Namen made time for everyone..., no one was slighted. He loved his Church and Sunday School Class and was faithful to attend until his failing health made it impossible. His Church Home was the Crocker Assembly of God. Joshua 1:8 was his favorite Bible Verse and every prayer included the phrase, "Thank you Lord, that things are as well as they are".

Three days before his death, Namen and Mary celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary. On the morning of April 30th, 2013, Namen passed away in his home in Crocker, MO after a long illness.

Besides his first and only son, Namen Keith, Namen was preceded in death by his mother, Bessie (Cooper) Bollinger and his father, Dave Bollinger, three sisters, Verma, Vonda, Velma and a brother, Howard.

Namen leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Mary, of the home, a daughter, Kathy and her husband Dave, of St. Robert, two grandchildren, April (Steve) of Waynesville, Kale of Springfield, MO, three great grandchildren, Darien, Riley and Regan. He also leaves behind one brother, Merile (Juanita), of Poplar Bluff, MO, three sisters, Doris, Lois(Dale), Barbara (Otto) of Advance, MO, and his caregivers, Tina, Cheryl, Cody and Jeri.

Namen Joy will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Namen's faith and love of God shone through to all who knew him, without words but he might have asked you... "What do you think of this man named

Jesus”.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2013 in the Crocker Assembly of God Church with Rev. Gary Guthrie, Rev. Mike Davis and Rev. Marlin Durham officiating. Kyle Espinoza, great nephew of Namen, read letters that were written by Namen’s grandchildren. Pianist Betty Moore accompanied Namen’s sisters, Doris, Lois and Barbara, as they sang “Peace in the Valley” and “Jesus Will Outshine Them All”. Betty and Kim Moore sang “Beulah Land” and Kim led the congregation in singing “Amazing Grace”. Serving as escorts were Bill Walters, Clint Moore, Wayne Pursley, Bud Pursley, Kenny Gladden and Ray Slay.

Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Service

**MAY 3.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Crocker Assembly of God  
16642 Hwy 17  
PO Box 487  
Crocker, MO 65452

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Namen Joy Bollinger*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Naman, my siblings and I went to HS together at Advance. I recall seeing Naman at a couple of HS reunions and have a couple of pictures somewhere. My dad mentioned a few times that we were kin to Naman's family. Recently, I have become even more interested in my DNA and visited Moses Bollinger's grave near Patton MO. Naman and my brother George remained friends after graduation for a period of time. If interested, let me know and perhaps I can give you input on DNA...family tree. Condolences Mary.*

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**Mary Jane Francis** - December 04, 2018 at 04:48 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jane Francis lit a candle in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger*



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**Mary Jane Francis** - December 04, 2018 at 04:39 PM

SJ

“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger*



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**SARA JONES** - October 12, 2013 at 03:50 PM

HS

“ *Helen Sasseen lit a candle in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger*



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**Helen Sasseen** - May 07, 2013 at 09:50 AM

GP

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God give you peace and comfort in the knowledge that you will see your loved again some day. Gary & Jeanie Porter*

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**Gary & Jeanie Porter** - May 02, 2013 at 04:01 PM

ST

“ My condolences to Dave and Kathy and Mrs.Bollinger. Always will remember Namen as great man and held in highest respect.

*Stan Hood*



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**Stan** - May 02, 2013 at 01:56 PM

PC

“ Pulaski County Abstract & Title Company lit a candle in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger



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**Pulaski County Abstract & Title Company** - May 02, 2013 at 12:15 PM

LH

“ Larry & Freda Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger



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**Larry & Freda Hunnicutt** - May 02, 2013 at 09:21 AM

CS

“ Carol And Bob Stanton lit a candle in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger



Carol and Bob Stanton - May 01, 2013 at 04:52 PM

TT

“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, HE WILL BE MISSED

RUTH WALTERS  
TERESA TODD & FAMILY



TERESA TODD - May 01, 2013 at 10:01 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Namen was a sweet person he will be missed.

Sue Covert - May 01, 2013 at 07:27 AM

SS

“ Sherry Sundell lit a candle in memory of Namen Joy Bollinger



Sherry Sundell - May 01, 2013 at 05:58 AM

AH

“ *Annette Hance lit a candle in memory of  
Namen Joy Bollinger*



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**Annette Hance** - May 01, 2013 at 04:54 AM



Michael  
Davis

“ *Saddened by the loss of a great man of God, but heaven is richer  
as he is welcomed into Glory...Pastor Mike, Crocker Assembly of  
God.*

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**Michael Davis** - April 30, 2013 at 07:29 PM