

Larry E. Bolden

December 3, 1943 - May 21, 2024

Larry E. Bolden was a faithful man of God. He loved the Lord, his precious family, and all he met on the pathway of life. He was a guiding light to so many, always offering kindness, love and laughter to friends and family. Watching his family grow and learn about the Lord was his greatest joy. His wisdom and guidance will be missed by so many.

Larry E. Bolden was born on December 3, 1943 in Knoxville, Tennessee to Rev. Robert and Maxine Bolden. He served with the 173rd Airborne in Vietnam as a first machine gunner and a paratrooper in 1964-65. On November 11, 1965 he married Retta Patterson. In June of 1967 Larry accepted the call to the ministry, and so began a life of dedication to serving the Lord with his beloved Retta always at his side. His first church as a pastor was Bible Baptist in Harriman, Tn followed by Calvary Baptist in South Pittsburg, Tn from 1969-1971. From 1974-76 he served at Westside Baptist in Rossville, Ga. In 1976 Larry founded Southwest Point Baptist Church and ministered there until his retirement in 2021. Throughout his life the number 307 was always significant to Larry and his family because it was his military ID. On May 21, Larry Bolden entered the gates of Heaven and rejoiced with the Lord at 3:07 pm. What a joyous reunion!

Larry Bolden is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Bob and Maxine Bolden, his brothers Scotty, David and Mike Bolden, great grandson

Grayer Johnson, and mother and father-in-law Herbert and Catherine Patterson. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Retta Bolden and his children. Left to cherish their Dad's memory are Amelia (Larry) Johnson of Bridgeport, Alabama, Rebekah (Paul) Gass of South Pittsburg, Tn, and Larry Bolden Jr of Kingston, Tn. Also so dear to him are his grandchildren Daniel (Amanda) Boyd, John Wells, Jacob Wells, Nathaniel (Hally) Johnson, Joshua (Kendall) Wells, Matthew (Amberly) Bolden, Luke (Layne) Johnson, Anna Bolden, Hayden Brackett, Sara Emma Gass, Timothy (Ash) Bolden and Paul (Katy) Bolden. Blessing this family also are great grandchildren Camren (Olivia) Sitzler, Emma Boyd, Brayden Boyd and Keiley Johnson. Siblings dear to Larry are Rebekah Lawhon, Sam (Gloria) Bolden, Tim (Shannon) Bolden and Teresa Bolden. A lifelong friend, Johnny Ward, will always remember a great friendship and shared love for the Lord that lasted many years.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by the celebration of Larry E. Bolden's life and service to the Lord at Southwest Point Baptist Church on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 7 p.m. Ministers leading the service will be John C. Wells, Johnny Ward, Jimmy Garner, and Randy Griffis. Friends and Family will meet at Southwest Point Baptist Church at 12 p.m. on Saturday May 25, 2024 to go in procession for Interment in Calvary Cemetery at 1 p.m. Serving as pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Bolden Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Southwest Point Baptist Church
2271 Decatur Hwy, Kingston,
Kingston, TN 37763

Funeral Service

MAY **24.** 7:00 PM (ET)

Southwest Point Baptist Church
2271 Decatur Hwy, Kingston,
Kingston, TN 37763

Burial

MAY **25.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Cemetery
1715 James Ferry Road
Kingston, TN 37763

Tribute Wall

KE

“ So sorry for your loss you are in our thoughts and Prayers

Kenneth and Angie Martin

Kenneth - May 24, 2024 at 06:10 PM

DN

“ Doug and Emma Nelson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Larry E. Bolden.



Doug and Emma Nelson - May 24, 2024 at 08:15 AM

AT

“ Allen & Melanie Townsend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry E. Bolden.

Allen & Melanie Townsend - May 23, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry E. Bolden.



May 23, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



May 23, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *The Williams Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



The Williams Family - May 23, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Boudreaux purchased the Divine Light for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



Boudreaux - May 23, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Calvary Baptist Church, Kingston, TN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry E. Bolden.*

Calvary Baptist Church, Kingston, TN - May 23, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



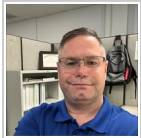
May 23, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ *The Birt Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



The Birt Family - May 23, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *Dwight Harman lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Bolden*



Dwight Harman - May 23, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



May 23, 2024 at 09:21 AM

US

“ *USG purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



USG - May 23, 2024 at 09:21 AM

BA

“ *I will never forget the friendship between Brother Larry and my Father Mike Arthur. My Dad always talked about how great Brother Larry was to him. I'm am sorry for your loss, but I Know Larry is rejoicing with the many people he helped and gone on before him.*

Brian Arthur - May 23, 2024 at 09:07 AM

LC

“ *Love - Harold & Lisa Cox purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



Love - Harold & Lisa Cox - May 22, 2024 at 10:51 PM

LC

“ *Love - Harold & Lisa Cox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry E. Bolden.*

Love - Harold & Lisa Cox - May 22, 2024 at 10:51 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Bolden*



Brenda Williams - May 22, 2024 at 10:17 PM

BW

Larry was a giant of a man in his love of The Lord, his friendship, his laughter and his love of people..Heaven gained a precious soul

Brenda Williams - May 22, 2024 at 10:21 PM

KK

“ *Keith, Elizabeth, and kids purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



Keith, Elizabeth, and kids - May 22, 2024 at 10:15 PM

KC

“ *Prayers and love to the Bolden family. I know he will be missed by many, but I know he is rejoicing with our Heavenly Father.*

Kayla (Pierce) Chinn - May 22, 2024 at 09:02 PM

NP

“ *Larry was so very special to so many people!! Larry performed the wedding ceremony for me and Kenny in 1969 and in 1996 he married our daughter and her husband. We love all the Bolden family and pray God will give comfort and peace in the days ahead. Love and prayers, Kenny and Nancy Plemons*

Nancy Plemons - May 22, 2024 at 08:35 PM

DC

“ Larry, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Delores Chambers

Delores Chambers - May 22, 2024 at 06:30 PM

TA

“ Timothy & Ash planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry E. Bolden.

Timothy & Ash - May 22, 2024 at 05:25 PM

TA

“ Timothy & Ash purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Larry E. Bolden.



Timothy & Ash - May 22, 2024 at 05:25 PM

DP

“ Pastor Bolden was a true man of God. I'm sure that when he crossed into heaven, he heard the words Welcome, my good and faithful servant. Prayers for his family and friends in the loss of a father, grandfather and friend. Sincerely Darlene Bowers Prewitt

Darlene Bowers Prewitt - May 22, 2024 at 05:25 PM

SW

“ Retta, I am so sorry to hear about Larry. Much love and prayers to you and your family.

Susan Wry - May 22, 2024 at 03:53 PM

BA

“ *Brian and Gina Arthur purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Larry E. Bolden.*



Brian and Gina Arthur - May 22, 2024 at 03:47 PM