

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late James Bolton, are deeply grateful for the many expression of kindness and sympathy shown, during our period of bereavement. May God continue to richly bless and cradle you in the palm of His hands.

Services Entrusted To:

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Celebrating **The Life of**

Mr. James Bolton



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Monday, September 26, 2022
1:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Algerron Williams, Sr.
-Officiating-

Obituary

James Bolton was born to the late Amy and Joseph Bolton, on February 10, 1927, in Richland County, South Carolina. He departed this life on Friday, September 16, 2022. He grew up as one of seven children. His siblings, all of whom preceded him in death, were Cornelia Hopkins, Nicie Ann Byrd, David Bolton, Samuel Bolton, Joseph Bolton, Jr., and Johnny Bolton.

During his adult life, he married the late Mable Bolton, formerly of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She was the love of his life. They lived a happy life. They traveled to visit relatives, entertained friends and relatives, and shared work responsibilities until she passed. He never remarried after her death. James Bolton lived his life as a proud man of multiple talents. He was a carpenter/contractor, mechanic, farmer, and businessman. He became one of the most sought-after carpenters in the Columbia area. He mastered every aspect of the building and construction trade. He took great pride in his work. While he never worked as a mechanic, he was quite talented at repairing machines. In addition to his other activities, he worked as a small farmer. He often worked a full-time job and came home to work on the farm, raising crops and animals. He was also a businessman for most of his adult life. In the 1950s, he built and operated his own store/entertainment venue, where his wife sold sandwiches, drinks, and small foods. July 4th barbecues were a favorite of the community, friends, and family. He was well known for his bbq, hash, and rice. In the 1960s and 1970s, he worked for prominent employers around Columbia, and operated an independent contracting business. During his retirement years, he operated a community convenience store/gas station in Lower Richland County.

James Bolton enjoyed a full life, both in terms of his longevity and experiences. He was a straight-talking honest person. Whatever he had to say to anyone, he said directly. He did not have time for deception or disagreement. He was so sure of what he had to say that he often ended his statements with a “huh?” effectively asking for the listener’s agreement, and thinking what he said was so obviously right, no one could possibly disagree. He was always willing to help others and did so throughout his life. He was very thankful for the long life God gave him.

In his last years, he was assisted in the handling of his affairs by his nieces, Nancy O’Berry and Lucinda Roach; nephews, Shelton Byrd and Ulysses Byrd; grand-nieces Rita Sayles and Tiffany O’Berry; also, the late Betty Anderson provided additional assistance as an in-home care taker. James Bolton leaves a number of family members to mourn his death.

Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
- Old and New Testaments.....Minister
- Prayer.....Minister
- Selection.....Mrs. Deborah Carmichael
- RemarksDeacon Earnest Diamond
A Family Member
- Eulogy.....Mrs. Kathy Dickson
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Algerron Williams, Sr.
- Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Zion Chapel Baptist Church #2 Cemetery
1288 Coley Road
Hopkins, South Carolina