



## Harold W. Bolton

October 1, 1945 - March 9, 2013

BOLTON, Harold W. "Ben", 67, a resident of Deatsville, Alabama, passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2013. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. from the Chapel of Prattville Memorial with Michael D. Wise officiating. Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens, with Prattville Memorial Chapel directing. Mr. Bolton was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed. Mr. Bolton was born on October 1, 1945 to Hillery J. Bolton and Emily Pate Bolton in Birmingham, AL. Ben attended the Jemison, AL school system and graduated in May of 1963. He worked for Vulcan Materials in Calera, AL until he joined the USAF on 10 of September 1963. Ben served in the USAF until 9 September 1975, at which time he began his career in the Federal Civil Service working for the USAF. During his active duty days he traveled to the Philippines, Guam, Korea, and Thailand to fulfill his active duty requirements. While employed at Gunter as a civilian, he traveled to many different locations to complete the jobs he was assigned. Ben left Gunter in July 1999 for Tyndal AFB where he finished his civilian career. Upon retiring from civil service, Ben worked for Northrop Grumman for 10 years retiring on December 30, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant brother, and one infant sister. Ben leaves behind to cherish his memories, his wonderful wife of 45 plus years, Ana Carrera Bolton; one son, Michael (Kristi) Bolton, Sr.; one daughter, Katherine (Chris) Hargett; one grandson, Michael Bolton, Jr.; one granddaughter, MacKenzie Bolton; one sister, Louise (Thomas) Liveoak; four brothers-in-law,

Andres Carrera, Jr., David Carrera, Rene Carrera, and Jose Carrera; three sisters-in-law, Mary Alice Nunez, Maria Louisa Smith and Lydia Smith; several nieces and nephews and many friends. The family will receive friends at Prattville Memorial on Sunday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## **Prattville Memory Gardens**

841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ I give my sincere condolences to the Bolton family. The loss of a loved one is one of the most painful things to experience. In times like these, we need much comfort. God's word, the Bible, offers that comfort. Jehovah God promises, at Psalms 72:12, that he will "deliver the poor one crying for help". Isn't that so loving? May this bring comfort to your family during this difficult time.

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**Adrian F.** - March 16, 2013 at 08:00 AM

JM

“ To the Bolton Family

*I first met Ben (Harold, to his Jemison friends) in Miss Mary Clements' first grade class in 1951. We shared many good times together over a twelve-year period in the Jemison School System. Simply stated, and I know all of my classmates will agree with me, we could not have had a better friend and classmate----one of the most courteous and helpful persons that I have ever met. It was an honor and privilege to know him, and we are all better people for having known him. Your grief and sadness are shared by his many friends in the Jemison community.*

*Jim Martin  
Jemison Class of 1963*

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**Jimmy Martin** - March 11, 2013 at 12:09 PM

TS

“ Ana, Juanita and I hope for you the best in upcoming months. We both worked for Ben and always thought the world of him.

*Tom & Juanita Storm*

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**Tom Storm** - March 11, 2013 at 12:08 PM

LW

“ Ana, I want to send you and your family my condolences. I can't imagine how hard this is for you and want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I never had the privilege of meeting Ben, but have always heard good things about him. Take care of yourself.

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**Linda Williams** - March 11, 2013 at 11:48 AM

TP

“ Ana and Family,

We are sad for your loss and would like to send our condolences to you and your family. Knew Ben from when I was at Gunter and after retiring in his role at NG. Ben will be missed. Look to HIM in your time of sorrow and HE will give you peace that passes all understanding. Tommy Pope - Sumaria Systems

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**Tommy Pope** - March 11, 2013 at 10:57 AM

AD

“ To the Ben Bolton Family  
I would like to send my condolences to your family for the loss of your family patriarch, Ben Bolton. I also worked for Mr. Bolton while employed with Northrop-Grumman. I have fond memories working with him. His positive impact is deeply felt by many of us who had the privilege to know him. My prayer to our Heavenly Father is to bring comfort to your family during this difficult transition. May God Bless You!

*Anthony Daniel, Ret USAF*

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**Anthony W. Daniel** - March 11, 2013 at 10:20 AM

DO

“ To the Bolton Family,

*My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow. My Bolton was my first boss at Gunter AFB, AL, as a brand new LT and he continued to be my mentor throughout my 23 years in the service. He would always greet me with a "how are you doing young lady" and it made me smile every single time. He was truly an honorable man, a good friend, a dear heart, and will be very, very, very missed. As an angel on earth, I am sure he has already earned his wings and will continue to guide us all in thoughts and memories. He will be missed.*

*Dolores Osborne-Hensley, Major (Retired), USAF*

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**Dolores Osborne-Hensley** - March 11, 2013 at 09:45 AM

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“ The Bolton Family,

*I had the honor of working under Ben when I transferred with Northrop Grumman to Gunter, a few years ago! His gentle spirit and smile will be missed. May God bless Ana and the entire Bolton Family with the peace and grace that only He can give!*

*Nicole Webb*

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**Nicole** - March 11, 2013 at 09:37 AM

LS

“ Ana, You don't know me, but I have known Ben for years from the Gunter community. He was a great and gentle man, very talented at what he did. I second Ann Cleveland's comments and prayer. God has a plan for all of us, and I pray that He will comfort you and your family during this time of significant loss. May God give you peace and joy that can only be found in Jesus Christ. I am glad I had the priviledge to know Ben.

*Lenny Schaefer*

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**Lenny Schaefer** - March 11, 2013 at 06:48 AM

BB

“ Dear Ana, my heartfelt condolences to you, your children & grandchildren. I just learned of Harold's illness and death and am so sorry. Harold & I were first cousins. My mother, Lona Bolton Burnett, and Harold's dad, Hillary, were brother & sister. As two of the many Bolton cousins, we played together at our grandparent's home every Sunday--getting into as much mischief as two boys could. Although I was a few years older, we also went through most of school together. It has been years since I last saw him, but I miss him already... My wife & I will not be able to make the trip to Prattville for the funeral, but know that we will be thinking of you all.

*Bobby Burnette*  
*Dallas, GA*

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**Bobby Burnette** - March 10, 2013 at 09:32 PM

TF

“ Ana, I am so sorry for your loss. Ben was such a nice person. He worked at Gunter AFB years ago at DSDO while I worked there. I remember how nice he always was to me. I know this is a difficult time for you and your family. I recently also went through a loss with my mother. Time will ease the pain and grief. My thoughts are with you Ana Bolton!

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**Teresa Frazer** - March 10, 2013 at 05:42 PM

AC

“ Ana, I worked with Ben at Gunter for many years and the one outstanding thing I remember about Ben was that at the mention of your name, he had a smile from ear to ear that radiated the most love for a spouse that I have ever seen. If all his coworkers never knew another thing about Ben, we all knew what brought the brightest smile to his face. Ana, you were truly loved by Ben. However, the Lord loves you more and it will be the Lord who remains with you now and by His Holy Spirit may you live with wonderful memories of Ben and in total Peace of your Lord. With Sincere Sympathy, Ann Cleveland.

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**Ann Cleveland** - March 10, 2013 at 05:28 PM

BW

Ana,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Ben at Gunter and at Northrop Grumman for many years. He was tremendously talented, down to earth and a real gentleman to work for and work with. We will all miss miss him.

*Bill Woodhouse*

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**Bill Woodhouse** - March 11, 2013 at 10:10 AM

DS

Ana

*I've known Ben for about 10 years and learned that he was one of those rare individuals of extremely good character. Always honest, humble, trustworthy, and with compassion for others. Ben will be missed. I pray that you may experience some joy during this period with family and close friends.*

*David Spence*

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**David Spence** - March 11, 2013 at 11:14 AM

LR

Ana,

*I was extremely sorry to hear of Ben's loss. My family and I wish to express our condolences to you and your family. I knew Ben for approximately 20 years and I considered him a friend. We would often exchange stories of our experiences for our Viet Nam days. Ben, always had a way of setting people at ease and made them feel good about themselves. He was a true gentleman. I will surely miss him. May God Bless and Keep you and your family close to his heart during these times of sorrow.*

*Larry and Brenda Repass*

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**Larry Repass** - March 11, 2013 at 12:11 PM

JM

Bolton Family,

*I am sorry to hear of your loss. I've worked with Mr. Ben Bolton at Gunter and he was always an up-beat, positive and simply a genuinely good guy. I'll pray that God comforts you all during this challenging time.*

*John McCollum*

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**John McCollum** - March 11, 2013 at 01:21 PM

LH

To Ben's family,

*I first met Ben when I was a SSGT stationed in Alaska during the late '80's. Worked with him a few times since and was not only impressed by his knowledge but as a very good man to everyone he came in contact with. Some of us never have the chance to work with or get to know a man like Ben but I did. It*

*was not only an honor to have known him but a privilege. Thank You Ben for being such an inspiring man. GOD Bless you all.....*

*Lew Hypes*

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**Lew Hypes** - March 12, 2013 at 05:55 AM