



Thomas Earl Bolander

November 1, 1935 - August 3, 2022

Thomas Earl Bolander of San Antonio passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at the age of 86. Tom was born on November 1, 1935, in Hopper, Illinois, to parents James Henry and Sadie Helen (Waterman) Bolander. He was the 2nd son, and 4th of 13 children.

Tom graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Iowa, where he met the love of his life, Jean Gallagher. Tom married Jean on September 24, 1955 at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa. Together they welcomed three children. Tom served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1966; being stationed in Lubbock, Texas, Anchorage Alaska, and San Antonio, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Our Lady of the Lake University in 1983. He retired from USAA in 1992, after a successful 27-year career in Data Processing and Disaster Recovery.

Tom gave his life to Christ as a young man, and was instrumental in starting several mission churches, across Alaska and Texas. Tom and Jean have been active members of University Baptist Church since 1977, where Tom served as choir director and as church organist for many years. He loved music, was both a singer and song writer, and played the piano, organ, accordion, dulcimer, and violin. He was an artist, a painter, and wood worker. Tom loved to roller-skate and took up golf in his later years. He enjoyed travel and reading, and had a passion for learning and teaching.

He is survived by his wife Jean, of 66 years; son Tom Bolander II and wife DeLayne, of Dallas, daughter Amy Bolander, of North Richland Hills, and

daughter Crystal Richardson and husband Michael Richardson, of Fort Worth; his beloved grandsons Thomas Brown, Victor Bolander and Louis Bolander; brothers Paul, wife Florence, and Wayne, wife Sherry, of Burlington, Iowa, sisters Esther Reynolds and Hazel Dixon, husband Wayne, of Burlington, Iowa, and Ruby Gott, husband Jim, of Wapello, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Helen, sister Betty Brockett and brothers Richard, Danny, Jim, Albert, John, and Harry, and daughter-in-law Robin.

Celebration of Life will be on Friday, August 12, 2022 at University Baptist Church, 6465 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78249. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am, with the Service at 11:00 am, Rev. Dr. David Norman and Rev. Dr. Terry Samplaski. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to University Baptist Church, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

University Baptist Church
6465 Babcock Road
San Antonio, TX
<http://ubcsa.org>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Earl Bolander*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 12, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ *I've known the Bolanders for a very long time from a young age. I met them at University Baptist Church. I wanted to attend but cannot so I just wanted to express my thoughts and my condolences. I will miss him very much.*

Jill Carr - August 12, 2022 at 10:29 AM

JL

I remember Tom very well. We used to laugh a lot at his pranks on me. RIP my dear friend.

Judy LePori - November 21, 2022 at 11:07 AM

IM

“ *In loving memory. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Earl Bolander.*



In loving memory. - August 09, 2022 at 04:53 PM

EE

“ *Fondly remember my friends Tom and Jean! Love, Edith Evermon*

edith evermon - August 09, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Bolander.*



August 08, 2022 at 01:37 PM

BG

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all of you during this trying time! Hugs*

Barb Glendening - August 08, 2022 at 12:52 PM