



James "Jim" Leroy Bolton

October 22, 1940 - June 3, 2022

James "Jim" Leroy Bolton, age 81 of rural Fredonia, passed away Friday, June 3, 2022 at his home.

Jim was born October 22, 1940 in rural Fredonia to George and Marie (Apple) Bolton. He grew up alongside 3 siblings, attending school in Coyville and Toronto, and graduated from Toronto High School. He went on to obtain his Bachelor's degree in Education from Emporia State University.

While a young man, Jim and his brother were driving around Fredonia in their convertible, when a couple of young ladies approached them, wanting to ride along. The sparks were immediate and long lasting, as Jim married one of those ladies, Suann Barth, on January 25, 1964, spending the next 58 years with her. Together they raised 4 daughters, and were active as a family, fishing in rivers, ponds, and lakes. One of their favorite things to do was taking boats and pontoons with family and friends to Toronto Lake to enjoy skiing, swimming and cookouts.

Jim worked at many things during his life including working for the county as the Road and Bridge Supervisor, spent 2 terms as a County Commissioner, served as a USD #484 board member, and taught Science at the Altoona Midway. He and friends started Good Riddance Trash service, he operated Tri-Valley Composting for several years, and he and Suzy owned and

operated the Country Market in Fredonia for several years.

Jim enjoyed being a husband, dad, and grandpa. He was loved by his family and friends, and will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Suann of the home

Daughters

Shari (James) Gillett of Cheney, KS

Kathryn Bolton (Brian Graff) of Neodesha, KS

Regina Thompson of Fredonia, KS

Rebecca (Mike) Taub of The Colony, TX

Grandchildren

Ashley Gillett, Matthew (Taylor) Gillett, Sarah Thompson, and Emily Thompson

Great-Grandchild, Emery

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Barbara, William, and George

Per Jim's request, cremation will take place with no services planned.

Memorial contributions in Jim's name can be made to Fredonia Pound Pals or Coyville Community Center and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, PO Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Jim & his family represented the best of my family's good neighbors. Condolences to Suann & daughters.
Suzanne Jessup

Suzanne Jessup - August 30, 2023 at 02:41 PM

LB

“ The Barth family have fond memories of Jim. The city cousins loved visiting their country cousins because they knew how to have a good time. Jim was the best as his ideas were awesome and original. We loved that man!!!

Linda Barth - June 14, 2022 at 01:50 PM

RT

“ Thinking of you at this time. Prayers of comfort for you and your family.

Regena Thompson - June 08, 2022 at 07:04 PM

TM

“ Our deepest sympathy.....
The McCarter Clan

Tana McCarter - June 08, 2022 at 06:17 PM

CV

“ I spent some time at the Bolton house as a kid and Mr. Bolton was such a great dad to his girls. I can remember his pet grasshopper, his patience with little girls fishing with canned corn and his ability to seem sound asleep but instantly know when the channel was stealthy changed from his football game. His girls loved him deeply. Deepest condolences.

Christina Findley Valentin - June 06, 2022 at 08:25 PM

SG

Thank you for this post. It means a lot. -shari

Shari Gillett - June 09, 2022 at 08:59 AM

CV

“ Christina Findley Valentin lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Leroy Bolton



Christina Findley Valentin - June 06, 2022 at 08:18 PM

VW

“ Suann - Neil was telling the story of how Jim used to coach the bball team and Neil was center - Jim liked the way Neil moved on the court. Neil has good memories of him. I will always remember his cheerfulness when visiting with him. prayers for peace and comfort to you all.

Neil & Val Worrell

Val Worrell - June 06, 2022 at 12:57 PM

AC

“ Of the hundreds of memories I have with Jim, by far the best was the "Elected Official" advice he gave me.

When I was running for my first term as Wilson County Treasurer; the Coyville Community had a potluck supper once a month and they invited me to come and share my ideas and to hear their suggestions. After we had a wonderful meal, I was invited to take the floor. I spoke for about 15 minutes and heard plenty of suggestions and advice. Sensing the room had exhausted these topics, Jim motioned me over to him and whispered in my ear: "I have three words that will guarantee all of our votes." You know I had to ask, "What are they?" He whispered the answer in my ear. And I turned around and announced: "ICE CREAMS READY." Thank you, Jim for a lifetime of memories, laughter, hugs and advice. You will be missed.

Annette Cranmer

Annette Cranmer - June 06, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ Suann and family,

We are sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God's Spirit comfort you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Dewayne & Harriet Powell

Amarillo, TX

Harriet Powell - June 05, 2022 at 06:19 PM