



Doris Elaine Bolden

September 30, 1947 - November 16, 2023

Doris Elaine Butler Bolden was born on September 30, 1947 to Elsie Emma Lee Butler and William Howard Jones in Preston, Maryland. She departed her earthly journey on Thursday, November 16, 2023, surrounded by her children. She was educated in the Caroline County Public School System and was a graduate of Colonel Richardson High School. Doris married Vance Bolden, Sr. on June 24, 1967. They have five children.

At a young age, Doris joined Coppins African Methodist Episcopal Church in Preston, Maryland. She renewed her Baptism on July 2, 2023. Doris was a member of the Preston Circuit Senior Choir and volunteered her services during church events, Homecoming and Woman's Day.

Doris worked at various places throughout her life/career. They included Country Pride (now Amick Farms), Airpax and Century Seals, from where she retired. She also picked up a part-time job at the Quality Inn in Easton, Maryland, to meet family needs.

Doris was always available to lend a helping hand. She was a caregiver, babysitter to her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Her children and grandchildren were always her first priority.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, William Jones, Donald Butler, James Butler, and Larry Sharpe and Mable Jones, and in-laws, George Bolden and Harvey and Florence Evans. Also, three sisters-in-law, Etta Butler, Thelma Butler, Brenda Evans and one brother-in-law, Harvey Evans.

Doris is survived by her children Marchelle and her husband Timothy Thompson; Vanette and her husband, Walter Smith, Shervon, Vance, Jr. and Rhonda Bolden. She also leaves to mourn her loss her grandchildren; Brendan, Briana, Alexis and Maniya and a great granddaughter, Amina and an adopted granddaughter, Shanita Farrare. Doris' siblings surviving her are Ferman (Mary) Butler, Sr.; Deborah Jones, H. Vanessa Jones, Jonie Dixon and Sadie Jones, as well as in-laws, Rosie Sharpe, Faye Stanley, Beverly (Albert, Sr.) Holmes, Vincent (Sheila) Evans, Bruce (Melanie) Evans, Vaughn Evans, Sr., and Booker (Anita) Evans and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Doris E. Bolden wish to express their sincere gratitude to all for sharing our sorrow. A special thank you to her sister, Sadie, who served as her primary caregiver and Candice Roberts for her unwavering support. We acknowledge, with appreciation, the many, many comforting messages and acts of kindness extended to us during our bereavement. May God bless and keep each of you in his tender care. Special thanks to Bennie Smith Funeral Home and many others for their professional services.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Union United Methodist Church (Federalsburg)
301 North Main Street
Federalsburg, MD 21632

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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301 North Main Street
Federalsburg, MD 21632

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - December 02, 2023 at 02:02 PM

LS

“ *Loretta Smith lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden*



Loretta Smith - December 01, 2023 at 01:08 PM

KH

“ *Karen Holmes lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden*



Karen Holmes - November 30, 2023 at 04:23 PM

KH

Prayers to the family. You are in Elton and my prayers

Karen Holmes - November 30, 2023 at 04:24 PM

MF

“ Praying for family keep memories close



Mickey Corsey and Family - November 29, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Bolden.



November 29, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Bolden.



November 29, 2023 at 10:30 AM

CI

“ Century Seals, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Elaine Bolden.

Century Seals, Inc. - November 29, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Bolden.



November 29, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Bolden.



November 29, 2023 at 06:23 AM



“ Phil and Tonyea Mead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Elaine Bolden.

Phil and Tonyea Mead - November 29, 2023 at 06:23 AM



“ Robin Tilghman lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden



Robin Tilghman - November 27, 2023 at 12:41 PM

FM

“ To The Family of Doris Bolden my prayers and love are with you doing this difficult time. 🙏💜💜💜

Brent & Francine Molock-Osborne

Francine Molock-Osborne - November 26, 2023 at 10:19 PM

BH

“ To the family of Doris Elaine Butler my prayers are with you all. with love Paul and Barbara holmes. 💕💕🙏

barbara holmes - November 25, 2023 at 08:24 PM

PS

“ Rest In Peace Doris and our prayers are with you family.
Peter and Natasha Singleton

PETER SINGLETON - November 24, 2023 at 10:05 PM

DW

“ Doris Washington lit a candle in memory of
Doris Elaine Bolden



Doris Washington - November 24, 2023 at 02:07 AM

DW

My condolences to the family, I had a lot of good times with Doris, may God be your family. Take your rest Doris.

Doris Washington - November 24, 2023 at 02:11 AM

EA

“ Sending love, prayers and my deepest condolences to the Butler/Bolden family during your season of loss. May God surround you and give you peace and comfort. Love, Elisa Adams-Wise (Lisa)



Elisa Adams-Wise - November 23, 2023 at 04:57 PM

HP

“ Sending my love, prayers and condolences to the Bolden Family. May God continue to bless you all. Love you!

Hardenia Potter - November 22, 2023 at 07:34 PM

AH

“ Almira Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden



Almira Hubbard - November 22, 2023 at 07:13 PM

AH

My prayers for the family, Doris was a very sweet lady with a heart of gold. I know she will be missed by many..Remember the good times, God will see you thru!

Almira Hubbard - November 22, 2023 at 07:16 PM

TJ

“ My prayers and condolences are sent to the Butler/Bolden Family during this most difficult time. May your loved one rest in sweet eternal peace and may God provide all of the comfort and strength you require in the days and nights ahead. 🕊️🙏 Weeping may endureth for a night but joy comes in the morning.

Tammy Jenkins - November 22, 2023 at 02:55 PM

AP

Sending love and hugs to the family.

ARLETTA PITT - November 26, 2023 at 05:40 PM

RF

“ Rosalyn Farrow lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden



Rosalyn Farrow - November 22, 2023 at 01:04 PM

PS

“ My prayers are with the family during these sad times. Doris was a very special person, to know her was to love her.
Patricia Johnson Sharp

Patricia Johnson Sharp - November 22, 2023 at 12:55 PM

SF

“ Shanita Farrare lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden



Shanita Farrare - November 21, 2023 at 08:05 PM

EP

“ *Sending love to the family of my best of friend Doris E. Bolden class of '66 ' God Will comfort you all Amen*

Evangeline Pinkney - November 21, 2023 at 06:31 PM

RW

“ *Rose Wynder lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden*



Rose wynder - November 21, 2023 at 05:09 PM

RW

Doris and I worked together , we became friends instantly.We went shopping ,then to lunch.You couldn't ask for a better friend. she was kind,caring,

Rose wynder - November 21, 2023 at 05:39 PM

RW

Doris had a heart of gold. I'm truly going to miss you RIP my friend.

Rose wynder - November 21, 2023 at 05:43 PM

SB

“ My deepest condolences to the family. My heart is so heavy I find myself thinking of some of the things that we have done together. There are things that make me laugh and some make me cry because I know I can't call and ask her. Out of the seven days in the week we talked at least four of them until the end and I started missing those talks and now no more calls and talks. Doris was a wonderful mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and she was also friend to some but to me she was my **BEST FRIEND FOREVER. I MISS YOU!!!!** ”



Sylvia Bolden - November 21, 2023 at 03:14 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Dotson Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden ”



Brenda Dotson Johnson - November 21, 2023 at 03:12 PM

BN

So sorry to read this. We work 2gether some time ago we had lots of fun sure will miss you and your laugh.

Belinder Beatrice Nelson - November 22, 2023 at 12:59 PM

DO

“ Donna lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden ”



Donna - November 21, 2023 at 12:30 PM

PS

“ *Rest In Peace and our prayers go out to the family.
Peter and Natasha Singleton*

Peter H. Singleton - November 21, 2023 at 08:51 AM

TD

“ *So sorry to hear of you losing your love one especially during the holidays season. May her soul rest in peace and God comfort your aching hearts.*



Teresa Dennis - November 21, 2023 at 07:49 AM

GT

“ *Gwendolyn TURNER lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden*



gwendolyn TURNER - November 20, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ *Doris you are going be miss co worker.
Family you are in my prayers 🙏*



Sylvia Ennels - November 20, 2023 at 08:52 PM

LP

“ Doris you was a very nice person and had a beautiful smile you would always speak to me you always treated me the same you was a great lady going to miss seeing you To the Family keep memories alive Praying for you all



Lavern Potts - November 20, 2023 at 07:12 PM

MS

“ RIP Doris Going to Miss You



Michelle Sharp - November 20, 2023 at 03:58 PM

TB

“ Teresa Cephas Batson lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden



Teresa Cephas Batson - November 20, 2023 at 02:38 PM

BL

“ Betty and Calvin Leak



Betty Leak - November 20, 2023 at 02:18 PM

GF

“ *Genevra Farrare lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden*



Genevra Farrare - November 20, 2023 at 12:55 PM

AM

“ *Antonio And Gail Murray lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Bolden*



Antonio and Gail Murray - November 20, 2023 at 12:08 PM