



## James Bolden Sr.

July 26, 1934 - August 15, 2013

Mr. James W. Bolden, Sr. affectionately called, "Tip" by family and friends was the fourth child of the late Austin E. Bolden and Carrie Parker Bolden and was born on July 26, 1934 in Laurel De. He went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 15, 2013.

He was educated in the Laurel School District and at the William C Jason High school in Georgetown, De. He served in the Navy close to nine years, where he excelled as a boxer receiving the welterweight championship. After leaving the Navy Tip attended Pensacola Tech in Pensacola, Fla. He was employed by General Foods until he established his own trucking business, JW Bolden & Sons. He grew his business and remained working until 4 years ago when he could no longer work because of illness.

Tip married Diann H. Best on August 22, 2000, where they enjoyed a loving happy relationship.

Tip had a long personal relationship with The Lord and was a member of Union Baptist Church for over 40 years. He was baptized by the late Rev. Williams of Union Baptist Church in 1974. He was a generous church member often working behind the scenes anonymously. Tip was in diaconate training prior to his failing health.

Tip enjoyed nature as evident by his hobbies. He loved going fishing with his wife, Diann and lifelong friend Chase, and hunting with his nephew Dana, who he loved like a son.

Tip's life was best summed up by his son, Jube who said of his father," my father was the truest definition of a man. He was a husband, hard worker, teacher, friend, leader, sailor, and more importantly a father. He taught us that you could achieve anything as long as you put your mind to it. He never complained about what needed to be done, and because of it he had a never-quit attitude. He was a man who worked well into his 70's as age was never an excuse for him not to get anything done and Tip was a remarkable grandfather to his grandchildren as well. But one of Tip's most admirable traits was the way he could fellowship with his family and friends and you could go to my father with anything; problems, questions, or just in need of a friendly ear and he would do his very best to be there for you.

In addition to his parents, Tip is preceded in death by an infant daughter, two brothers, John A Bolden and Henry Curtis Bolden as well as one sister, Evelyn Crockett.

He is survived by a loving and devoted wife, Diann Hammond Bolden; sons, James Jr., David, Carlos, Kevin, Robert Best (Dana) and Richard Best. Tip also leaves to mourn devoted grandchildren and sisters, Ethel C. Fooks and Kathryn V. Bolden; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Diann and The Enitre Bolden Family, Please know that we are praying for you during this time. May the Peace of God be with you all.*

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**Dr. & Mrs. Cardell Bell** - August 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Tip was kind and had a heart of Gold, I will miss our conversations, no matter what the situation looked like, he would always find positive. He loved his Son and Grandson deeply. Tip will truly be missed.*

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**Kemah Davis** - August 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.”*

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**Sherry** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *R.I.P.....,Pop Pop Tip.....,All i have now is Memories*

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**Kevin C.Lerner,Jr.** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry to read of the passing of your loved one. Words don't always ease the pain when you are grieving the death of a loved one, but I hope you will find comfort in Jesus' promise of the resurrection hope(Acts 24:15)of restoring all those sleeping in death back to life, on the renewed Paradise earth(John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43) what a wonderful blessing to look forward too. Until then, may God grant you peace and comfort during this grievous time.- Matthew 5:4.

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**Mattie Jones** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM