



Gerald Lyle Bolen

September 28, 1936 - September 11, 2010

Gerald (Jerry) L. Bolen P. E. Passed away on September 11 at the age of 73 at his home surrounded by his family. Gerald's family was always his top priority, and he took pride in being a true family man. He was born in a farm house NW of Logansport, IN on 9-28-1936. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Donna (Milford) Bolen; Three children, Deana and Ron Mundt, Cyndi Scott, and Steven and Shirley Bolen; five grand children, Michelle and Ben Norrington, Stephanie and Tim McCoy, Robert Scott, August Bolen and Matthew Scott and one great grandson, Joey McCoy. He is also survived by a brother Merlyn Bolen, sisters Roylene Phillips and Wava Sheppard, and Step-father Tom Lisson. He was preceded in death by his father Roy Bolen and mother Bernice Lisson. He graduated from Rosedale High School and was a proud KU alumnus. He worked at Westinghouse AGT, Dart/Kenworth Truck Companies for 26 years and Jet Tech, retiring as Director of Engineering Development. He was licensed Professional Engineer. He was a member of the SMRCC flying club and a member of SAE for 25 years. He loved wood working, making and throwing boomerangs, building and flying RC model airplanes, and gardening. He also loved photography and flowers. Jerry was always the engineer, being creative and always building something. He was an active member of the Side by Side Experience, a Senior Singing Group. He was born again at an early age and tried to live a life according to Christ's teachings. Contributions can be made to Kansas City Hospice. Visitation at Maple Hill Funeral Home on Wednesday September 15, 2010 from 6-8 PM

followed by a funeral service on Thursday September 16, 2010 at 1:00 PM.
Burial will be held at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Lyle Bolen* ”



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - September 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gerald Lyle Bolen* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Gerald Lyle Bolen* ”

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

MS

“ Jerry will be missed by a lot of people. Jerry was a giver. He gave to His family, church and friends. I know that Jerry was very involved with his choir because I would invite Him to come fly RC airplanes with me from time to time and they would always seem to conflict with the days He and his bride would be volunteering to sing at a nursing home.

*I didn't know Jerry for a very long time but I enjoyed talking with him and kibitzing about when he was younger and His days as an engineer. He loved to build things including boomerangs and remote controlled airplanes. That's how I was introduced to him. Jerry was a good friend in and up to His final days on this earth but I'm sure He has some more volunteer Work to do for his creator. Good luck Jerry! You will be missed
Mac Strader and all his friends at the Shawnee Mission Radio Control Club.*

Mac Strader - September 17, 2010 at 01:41 PM



“ Roylene Phillips lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lyle Bolen



Roylene Phillips - September 14, 2010 at 10:18 PM



Some brothers are tough on little sisters, but not Gerald. He was kind, considerate and always there to help me as I was growing up. He may have caught my hair in his gyroscope and wrapped my long hair to the scalp, but he wanted me to listen to the humming sound. We were more careful the next time! He was an engineer at a young age building me cars, or doll furniture out of milk cartons or pieces of wood. Living in the country we didn't have neighbors for friends, but we had each other and that was the best. Once he, my sister Wava and I got home from school before Mom arrived home and he smelled gas in the house. He took us girls outside and told us it was his job to take care of us and it wasn't safe for us to be in the house. She got home and found the source of the smell, it wasn't gas, but praised him for being so protecting and such a good big brother. We walked a long distance to school when I was in second grade and when I got tired, he carried me piggy back. When Gerald dated Donna they took me occasionally on dates with them to the movies and took me to my first 3-D movie. Not many brothers would take their little sis on a date with he and the love of his life, but he wanted me to be able to do things in life I'd not been able to experience. He had a strong willed spirit, but that made him the man he was. He stood up for what he believed, and he taught these lessons to his children and grandchildren. Gerald will be missed by a little sister who loved him very much. He's a hard act to follow!! I know the angels rejoiced as they welcomed him.

Roylene Phillips - September 14, 2010 at 10:46 PM

RP

My brother passed away 6 yrs ago but not forgotten...these are memories I want to share

Roylene Phillips - September 11, 2016 at 12:57 PM

CS

“ *If you wish to place a Donation to Kansas City Hospice in his Memory:
<https://www.kansascityhospice.org/Donate-DonateEngine/Index.htm>*



Cyndi Scott - September 14, 2010 at 07:55 AM

TG

“ *Uncle Gerald was very loving and caring. He was fun to be around and made us laugh and brought joy to each and every family gathering he attended. He will be missed very much. May his legacy live on and may others come to know the Lord as he did. He was a spiritual man and believed very strongly in the Lord. You always knew where he stood with his faith. We will have fond memories of him for life. May god bless Donna and his children and grandchildren. May he bring you peace and love and closure from this long journey all of you have been on with Gerald.*



*All our Love,
Frank & Tammy Gunnink & family*

Tammy Gunnink - September 13, 2010 at 07:55 PM