



Mr. Buddy W. Bolinger

November 29, 1938 - August 21, 2019

Buddy Ward Bolinger, 79, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 in his home in California, Missouri

Buddy was born November 29, 1939 in California, Missouri, son of the late Ward E. and Velma (Shores) Bolinger.

He attended elementary at Oak Hill School and was a 1957 graduate of California High School. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia.

On May 17, 1964, he was united in marriage to Nancy Barbour of Latham, Missouri at the Latham Christian Church.

Buddy began his career in the poultry industry in 1963 with Ralston-Purina Company, now known as Cargill, in California, MO. In the 10 years with Ralston-Purina, Buddy held 13 different job titles including General Manager. After leaving Ralston-Purina in 1973, Buddy moved to Huntingburg, IN as Vice President and General Manager of Bartley Brand Foods, Inc., now known as Farbest Foods. In 1979, Buddy and Nancy founded their trading company, Bolinger Marketing, Inc., and returned to California, MO. The poultry industry awarded Man of the Year to Buddy in 2006. He retired in 2011 and closed Bolinger Marketing, Inc.

A founding member of California Progress Inc., Bud was dedicated to improving the quality of life of his hometown. Some of his favorite projects included the Senior Nutrition Center, Wood Place Library, 911, and the Finke Theatre. Bud was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Bud served on the Missouri tourism board under Governor Mel Carnahan. He was also a founding member and major stockholder of Big Surf Waterpark at the Lake of the Ozarks.

In addition to his spouse of 55 years, Bud is survived by one daughter, Christina Bramon (Kerry), Columbia, MO, and two grandchildren, Hallam and Catherine George; two brothers, Gerald Bolinger, Santa Ana, CA and Billy Bolinger, California, MO; two sisters, Mary Beth Fischer (Jim), St. Louis, MO and Lana Dicus (Bill), California, MO; one sister-in-law, Bonnie Bolinger; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

His parents and two brothers, Donald Bolinger and Freddie Bolinger, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held September 7th at 2:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center at the California High School with Rev. Eugene Moeller officiating, assisted by Rev. Frank Hensley. Private family inurnment will be held at the Flag Spring Cemetery Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be given to Flag Spring Cemetery, Wood Place Library, the Finke Theatre, or the charity of the donor's choice. Online messages to the family may be contributed at www.windmillridgefuneralservice.com.

Memorial Service
SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

California Performing Arts Center
1501 W Buchanan Street
Callifornia, MO 65018
<https://www.californiak12.org/>

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Tribute Wall

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Debora Ohora

Our hearts broke when we heard the news of Bud's passing. What an entrepreneur and an inspiration to all people. He was a determined person. He was a wonderful person. Very kind. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

M

Mike Briggs

Nancy, Sue and I both want to express our fondness for Bud. He was a great guy, a mentor, and a friend. We will always remember him and the importance he played in our lives. Peace to you and your family.
Mike & Sue Briggs

M

Marty Stangl

Marty Stangl lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buddy W. Bolinger



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was lit in memory of Mr. Buddy W. Bolinger

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Pauline Tims-Summey

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Carolyn Blackburn

He will really be missed. I have so many memories of our conversations. Prayers for the family.

B

Brent Murphree

Very sorry to hear about Bud. All the best to Nancy and the family. He will be missed.

H

Harold and Micki Meyer

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With heartfelt condolences, Midwest Computech

With heartfelt condolences, Midwest Computech purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Buddy W. Bolinger.

J

Jim

Tears poured from my eyes. My pastor gave me and Bud his prayers. He said Bud was needed to help all in heaven. Same as he did on earth. .

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Kendall and Kim Schlup

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Bill an sharon kirchoff

Bill an sharon hated to hear the bad news of buddy he was a great guy an we loved him an nancy

H

Harry Harris

We have known Buddy a long time and can say he was a true friend and we never did see him without a friendly smile. Buddy made it the hard way and has done a lot for his family and community. He will be missed. May you now rest in Gods hand Harry and Nancy Harris.

D

David (Blue)Geier

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Marie Nau Hunter

We are so glad to have known Bud. Thank you, Chris, for always opening your home so graciously so we could get to know your mom and dad. We are thinking of you, Nancy, and sweet Catherine and Hallam.

T

Tammy Meisenheimer

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Valerie Gish

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L

Lynn Pralle

i will miss Bud coming into the store , laughing and telling stories to each other, he only ever had positive and wise words for me, those conversations cannot ever be replaced. Nancy, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Lynn Pralle The Entertainer

R

Ray and Dookie Grimes

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Mary Lou Scheidt

It's hard to imagine California, Missouri without Buddy. He's done so much for family, friends and the community. He will be remembered. With sympathy to Nancy, Christina and all the extended Bolinger family. Mary Lou Scheidt

J

Jerry Shores

Lighting a candle in remembrance of Buddy Bolinger. Praying that the Lord will give much strength and comfort for Nancy, Christina, and all other family and loved ones in this difficult time. Mila, Jerry, Michael, and Jennifer Shores. Glenview, Illinois.



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Russell Borts

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Sara Hill

He was an awesome Uncle to all of us little Bolingers. He will truly be missed.

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Judy Roedel

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