



## Mr. James Irvin Bolden

September 6, 1924 - February 20, 2025

James Irvin Bolden, at the age of 100, peacefully departed this life on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 6, 1924, in Caswell County, North Carolina, to his parents, James and Claudia Bolden.

James is survived by his loving and devoted wife Deloys P. Bolden; two daughters, Cheryl Renee' Bolden Bryant and Tami Jaloy's Bolden Simmons; two sisters, Arlene White and Anna Lee Brown; three grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; other extended family members and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Although he will be deeply missed, he has now entered into eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering strength.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707 at 12:00 p.m., with visitation at 11:00 a.m.

“In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the James I. Bolden Scholarship Endowment at the Durham Technical Community College Foundation. Checks may be made payable to the Durham Tech Foundation and sent to 1637 E Lawson St, Durham NC 27703. Alternatively, donations

can be made online at [www.durhamtech.edu/donate](http://www.durhamtech.edu/donate). Please note Bolden Scholarship in the comments."

The Celebration of Life Service will be streamed live via: -the St. Joseph AME Church's website at <https://www.stjosephame.org/watch> -YouTube St Joseph AME Church -Facebook St Joseph AME Church

Interment will take place in Glennview Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55  
Durham, NC 27713  
(919) 596-8102

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AG

“ Renee \$ Tami,  
*I was saddened to learn today of your father's passing. I have never forgotten his kindness to me back in the early 60's, when he and Mr. McMillan allowed me to ride with you and Lewis to school every day during the school year and never charged me a single dime. (Not that I could have paid it had they done so.) His selfless example played a major part in my character development. We lost touch over the years, but you can be comforted knowing that his effect on at least my world was a positive one. -Alfred M. Griffin Esq.*

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**Alfred M. Griffin** - March 10, 2025 at 07:56 PM

FV

“ *With heartfelt sympathy to Valgene, Anna Lee, the Brown Family, Dr. Denise, Arlene, the White Family, and the Bolden Family. We share in your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort and strengthen you during this time of sorrow.  
Sincerely, Mrs. Fannie Vincent, Teresa Vincent, James and Sharon Vincent.*

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**Fannie Vincent** - February 28, 2025 at 05:28 PM

AV

“ *The North Carolina Central University Alumni Association, Inc. extends its condolences to the family of late alumnus James Bolden a rare Centennial Eagle and role model to many.*



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**Andre Vann** - February 28, 2025 at 05:06 PM

BJ

“ Condolences to the Bolden Family, I remember him when I worked at NC Mutual. Rest on. Betty Jones



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**Betty Jones** - February 28, 2025 at 04:49 PM

AP

“ Mr. Bolden was a wonderful and kind man. He loved Durham Tech and we loved him. He served for many years on the Board of Trustees and also volunteered with the College's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). He was dedicated to the students and staff. We will forever be grateful for his commitment and for his friendship. My sincerely condolences go to his sweet wife, Deloys, to his daughters, and extended family.



*Angela Chiles Perry, former executive secretary to Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. at Durham Tech and current Durham Tech employee*

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**Angela Perry** - February 28, 2025 at 10:19 AM

PH

“ Alumnus Bolden will truly be missed. Condolences to the Bolden Family. So glad that we were able to celebrate Alumnus Bolden's 100th birthday and welcome him as Durham Chapter's newest "Centennial Eagle."

*Pamela R. Hester,  
NCCU Alumni Association - Durham Chapter*

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**Pamela Hester** - February 28, 2025 at 09:57 AM

JJ

*As a young child at St Joseph AME nursery school I met Mr Bolden while a student there with Renee. The word about how late my pickup was must have been spread as I was usually the last student to leave. Mr. Bolden would always show me love and affection when he came to pick up Renee. It always made me feel good! I will never forget it!!! He was such a kind man!!! He was an Angel here on Earth!*  
*Jackie Waddell Johnson*

**Jacqueline Waddell Johnson** - March 01, 2025 at 08:24 PM

TC

“ *The Emorywoods Community.*



**The Emorywoods Community** - February 27, 2025 at 07:26 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Sutton-Haywood lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Irvin Bolden*



**Marilyn Sutton-Haywood** - February 26, 2025 at 01:01 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Bolden was a kind gentleman! His decades of service to Durham Technical Community College's students and staff as a Board of Trustees member and donor was exemplary! We all adored him! My sincerest sympathy to his lovely wife, daughters, extended family, neighbors and friends. He has earned his crown!*

*Dorothy Brower, Durham Tech Retiree & former St. Joseph's AME member*

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**Dorothy Brower** - February 26, 2025 at 10:18 AM

LB

“ *Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories, hoping your memories bring you comfort in your time of loss. Condolences to his beautiful wife and family. I will always remember Mr. Bolden from NC Mutual where I worked as I attended NCCU. Lola & Steve Burroughs Atlanta GA*



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**Lola E Burroughs** - February 25, 2025 at 09:09 PM

MW

*My deepest condolences to the Bolden family. Mr. Bolden was indeed one of a kind and I was blessed to have been one of his office stops at Durham Tech. I will always treasure the memories.*  
*Mary Winborne*

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**Mary Winborne** - February 27, 2025 at 05:47 PM

VW

“ *To my Cousins: We cherish the memory of Jimmy. We are sad at his leaving us. God does all things well. May you find comfort in knowing that he is resting in the arms of God. Cousin Vernie Bolden Williams(Bunny)*

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**Vernie Williams** - February 25, 2025 at 06:06 PM

SE

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Bolden. My condolences to his beautiful wife and family. I have very fond memories of Mr. Bolden. He was the first to interview me at N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company. Our conversation was mostly about him being from Caswell County and myself from Burlington (Alamance County). He was a wonderful human being and always had a smile on his face. May he rest in peace.....

Sharon Watson Evans - February 25, 2025 at 03:22 PM

WR

“ Hurting with you in this time of need, and asking God to help you through what only he can understand. With prayers of sympathy, William and Ruby Reid.

William and Ruby Reid - February 25, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JS

I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Mr Bolden I enjoyed talking with him when he would get a haircut RIP

john scotton - February 25, 2025 at 08:36 PM

PW

The Woodward Family  
Our sincere condolences amd prayers of comfort, strength and peace to the Bolton family during this time of sadness. We were so happy to meet Mr. Bolton while visiting Renee and Maynard in Atlanta. He and Mrs. Deloys were such a pleasant and fun couple to meet and interact with. May your precious memories sustain you.

Pat Bryant Woodward - March 01, 2025 at 11:03 AM

TF

“ *The McClure and King Families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. James Irvin Bolden.*



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**The McClure and King Families** - February 25, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DF

“ *Deborah Fenderson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James Irvin Bolden.*



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**Deborah Fenderson** - February 25, 2025 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Deborah Fenderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Irvin Bolden.*

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**Deborah Fenderson** - February 25, 2025 at 08:13 AM