



## Lenny E Bolton

December 7, 1952 - May 6, 2020

### The Life of Lenny Bolton

Leonard E. Bolton was a quiet, gentle spirit, born December 07, 1952 in Greenville, Mississippi. He spent his childhood and adolescent years in Chicago, Illinois under the “mothering” guidance of his maternal great-aunt, Minnie Lee Bolton-Boice. His family called him “Bubba”. Minnie Lee instilled in Lenny and 2 of his 6 siblings a very strong sense of solid work ethics, with a monthly indoctrination of “be the BEST at whatever you choose to do”, using humorous stories to make her point.

Lenny, an older sister and his oldest brother walked to Betsy Ross Elementary School, 4 blocks away from their home, daily. After graduation, he attended Dunbar High School where he enjoyed a position as linebacker on the football team. Lenny maintained a high grade-point average (even carrying an extra academic load) and worked at Bi-Rite grocery store (earned “most valuable employee” recognition). The family was very proud of Lenny, graduating at the top of his class and earning an academic as well as a sports scholarship. As Lenny began packing to attend Iowa State University, his 3 year-old niece, Tanya sat in his suitcase yelling “you can’t go !” Tanya adored her uncle so much. She would sit outside the bathroom door and follow him everywhere he went.

Lenny played football for Iowa State University as he maintained a solid academic average and worked in construction during summer months. Leonard E. Bolton graduated with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Accounting in 1975 (a “full-ride” scholarship for a 5-year program). Lenny was the first college graduate in his family. The two siblings he was raised with as well as the other three he had not come to know very well were filled with pride over their brothers’ accomplishments.

After college graduation, Lenny accepted career opportunities in Minnesota. Having lived and worked in Minnesota for many years, he went to Milwaukee, WI. to live a short time with his sister and his niece Tanya (now a teenager). Later, Lenny accepted a job in

Denver, Colorado and it quickly became his favorite place to live.

It was there that Lenny reunited with an old friend, Diana, who had two daughters. They married for a short time and divorced. After the divorce, Lenny moved to Texas to live with and become more acquainted with his youngest brother. From Texas he moved and settled in Utah where he lived a few years and spent his final days. Lenny will be remembered for his laugh, sense of humor, cooking and his many talents and skills.

Lenny was baptized in 2018 at Wasatch Hills Seven-Day Adventist Church in Utah.

Leonard was preceded in death by: his beloved "Mama" Minnie Lee Bolton-Boice, his birth mom Minnie Bolton-Beamon, grandfather Percy Leroy Bolton Sr.; nephew Jeffrey Bolton-EI; great-grandparents, and uncles and aunts.

Lenny's legacy will be cherished by; two sisters; Carol A. Bolton-EI, Mentha "Bonnie" Bolton-Bakari; three brothers; Merrion France McAlbert Bolton II "Mack"; Charles Beamon Jr. (Joye); Percy Leroy Beamon (Rita); nieces; Monique LaTanya Whiteside-Armstrong, Miriam James, Michelle Bolton, Tawana Ogletree, Tamika Beamon, Tiffany Beamon; nephews; Nathaniel Bolton-EI, Charles James Beamon a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins; Victoria Bolton-Barber; Merrion Bolton Jr. "Butch"; friends; Larry McKinstry, Becky Shaw, Angel Maynard, a long list of family & friends, as well as church friends and other well-wishers.

# Comments

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“ I got to know Lenny extremely well during an extended hospital stay. He was the absolutely sweetest man. He loved coming down to the gift shop and we'd visit and I'd help him pick things out.

My Dad was having a similar surgery and Lenny gave me his number and told me to have my Dad call him if he needed any support. My Dad has been really going through it and asked me if I still had Lennys number today, I was looking for it when I decided to see if I could find him on the internet and that's how I found out about his passing. I'm heart broken and I feel bad for not having reached out sooner. He was a great man and I will always remember him so fondly.

Sending love and light to all of Lennys friends and family.

-Hana

**Hana** - April 06 at 12:12 AM

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“ Having worked with many out of Care Center I remember how charismatic and beautiful his personality was even though I shouldn't have I kept in touch with him even after I left that position he was a great man who kept a smile on the face of everyone around him and he will truly be missed I send my love to his family

**Elizabeth Sanders** - February 02 at 05:10 AM

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“ Lenny was the sweetest kindest man I've ever met. I wish I would have known him longer

**Kimberlee** - July 26, 2020 at 10:39 PM

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“ Sending love to Lenny's family!

**Diane Opp** - June 29, 2020 at 06:59 AM

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“ Malcolm & I loved Lenny. We will never forget his friendly, outgoing nature, his love for others, or his infectious smile. We loved taking him to church, sharing potluck meals, and laughing about our shared interests.

We spoke with him the week before he passed away, and will cherish his memories forever. He would often call us, just to catch up on our lives as well.

We especially loved going out to lunch with him in Salt Lake and Park City. Such good times!

Lenny will be greatly missed, and we can't wait for the day when we can all meet again in heaven.

**Malcolm & Paula Westbrook** - June 28, 2020 at 01:14 AM

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“ Meeting Lenny at church was a real delight! He was such a soft-spoken, giant of a man, always with a smile and a pleasant "hello". While you knew Lenny was in a great deal of pain in his life, you never heard him complain but go quietly through his struggles with dignity. I look forward to meeting up with Lenny again in heaven someday when all pain is erased from his smile. Dorothy Craven

**Dorothy** - June 26, 2020 at 12:13 PM

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“ I enjoyed studying the Bible with Lenny and remember vividly the day of his baptism. He loved the Lord passionately and was such a precious part of our church family. We long for that great resurrection day when we will see his smile and hear his beautiful laughter once again.

**Barry Curtis** - May 18, 2020 at 03:33 PM