



# Leroy Bolinger

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**L**EROY BOLINGER, 83 y.o., entered into Heaven on October 2, 2023. He is survived by his wife Norma, daughter Michelle Musal (Rick), Son Justin Bolinger (Joey), Stepson Douglas Curran (Patricia), Stepdaughter Becky Greenwood (Dylan), many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his first wife Linda, their infant son Shane, his parents and sisters Noretta James and Louise Bridge.

Born November 16, 1939 to Louis Bolinger and Mildred Franklin Bolinger in Springlake, Texas. He started calf roping at the age of 12 and in 1958 was PRCA National Champion Calf Roper.

He graduated from Springlake-Earth High School in 1958. The following year he met Linda Fielden to whom he was married 34 years until her death in 1993. In 1965, he moved his family from Texas to a home and acreage he bought in Highfill, Arkansas and began raising cattle. In addition to his cattle farming, he worked many jobs to support his family, including hauling hog litter and building homes as he also expanded his acreage, remodeled and enlarged his own home. Although quite busy, he always had time for fun with his family and his children have many good memories of their time with him and their mother. He and Linda became avid square dancers and they attended various square dance activities.

Following the death of his wife Linda, he vowed to never marry again. In 1994 he met Norma, another square dancer with the same vow to never marry again. They got married two years later and had another 27 wonderful years together. They enjoyed square dancing, traveling in their motorhome, and wintered in the Rio Grande Valley for 13 years. His travels took him to all 50 states, Mexico, Canada and the Maritimes Arctic Circle, the Caribbean and European countries along the Danube River.

Although no longer involved in calf roping competition, Leroy was active for many years in the Highfill Raiders Roping Club. He served on the Highfill City Council, Highfill Airport Land



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Acquisition Board, was an Elder and Chairman of the Board at First Christian Church, Bentonville and served on the Property Committee there. During the time they lived in the Rio Grande Valley, he was a member of Amigos de Los Ninos de Mexico (Friends of the Children of Mexico), participating in their annual Christmas party and gifts for approximately 3,000 children in Progreso, Tamaulipas Mexico.

This generous, loving, humble gentleman will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

The family extends their appreciation for the excellent care he received at Mercy Hospital, 6th floor Nurses Precious and Nekeva; also the Circle of Life Hospice Center in Bentonville

Visitation will be Monday, October 9th at 1:00 and Services at 2:00 at Central United Methodist Church, 2535 West New Hope, Rogers AR. A burial will immediately follow at Highfill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations online or by mail to Alzheimer's Foundation P. O. Box 96011, Washington DC 20090-601






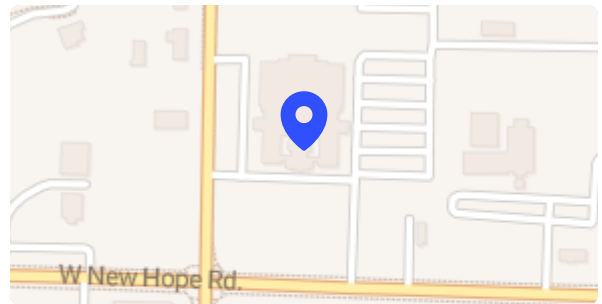
# Events

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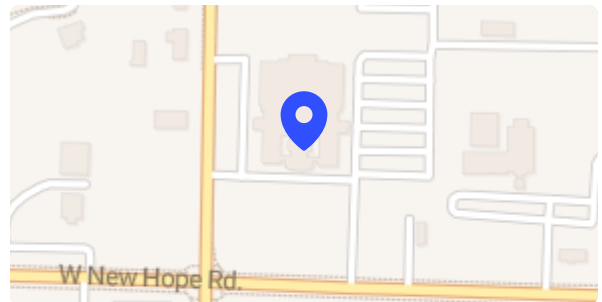
## Visitation

-  **Monday**, October 9, 2023
-  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
-  **Central United Methodist Church**  
2535 W New Hope Road, Rogers AR 72758






## Funeral Service

-  **Monday**, October 9, 2023
-  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
-  **Central United Methodist Church**  
2535 W New Hope Road, Rogers AR 72758



## Burial

-  **Monday**, October 9, 2023
-  3:30 PM - 4:00 PM CT
-  **Highfill Cemetery**  
Highfill AR 72734

## Cemetery Details

-  **Highfill Cemetery**  
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# Tribute Wall

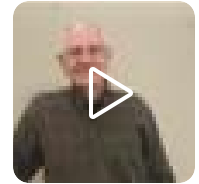
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**Berna Funeral Homes** shared a **Video**.

October 10 at 10:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Bolinger family.

October 8 at 2:10 PM



**Carolyn Grimsley** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Bolinger family.

October 7 at 4:48 AM



**Carolyn Grimsley** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leroy.

October 7 at 4:48 AM



**Carolyn Grimsley** posted:

Rex and I both appreciated knowing Leroy as a fellow farmer, church member, and all around quality person! This world would be a better place with more like him. Carolyn Grimsley

October 7 at 4:36 AM



**Gary Hearron** posted:

Leroy was a true old school gentlemen , we had many fun times camping, playing cards & dominoes . It was a gift to have shared time with him.Gary & Julie Hearron

October 5 at 5:07 AM



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**Pat Goforth** posted:

My sincere condolences to Leroy's family and friends. I went to school and graduated with Leroy. Never a nicer man. Loved his family and spent a lot of time with them. May God Bless you with His peace.

October 4 at 5:12 PM

LG

**Linda Green** October 5 at 10:26 AM

What a wonderful life story for a wonderful man, school classmate & friend to all. Many good memories. Blessings to all

JM

**Judy Mckee** October 5 at 8:00 AM

It is easy to have many good memories of Leroy. One such memory as a child was during Aunt Mildred's siblings' family get to gathers, it was always special when Leroy would drive up to the home and come inside. The whole room shifted to a calm and even happier atmosphere. Everyone was glad to see and talk with Leroy. Also really enjoyed being able to watch Leroy in the 50's when he was doing calf roping. His skill was amazing and it was fun to watch him perfecting his skill. On a personal note, when I was 4 years old Aunt Mildred, Uncle Lewis, Noretta and Leroy came to Lockney to visit with us. Our parents let us go to see a movie. So Noritta, Leroy, my two older cousins (whom I thought were awesome) walked with me to town to see my first movie. What a special day that was. Leroy was a person that people loved to know and be around and talk with. Our thoughts and prayers are with Norma and Family. Judy McKee

JG

**Julie Gitlin** October 4 at 5:36 PM

We will never Forget you Leroy 🙏😞

JG

**Julie Gitlin** October 4 at 5:35 PM

We met Leroy n Norma in 2012 during the RV Caravan to Canada n Alaska for 59 days. We were newbies n 1st time RVs's. Did not know anything so one day , we were in trouble. There was Leroy helping my husband. Well!!! Leroy n Norma adopted us through the whole trip. We have never met a man as generous, helpful, lovable n great host n hostess as we became great friend n visit each other in Florida n Arkansas were we had our own RV space n Norma did the cooking. We loved Leroy n Norma but as life goes on because of my husband health n Leroy's we couldn't visit anymore but we have kept in touch by phone n texts. Our condolences to Norma and family. I wish we could be there. Love ❤️



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Leroy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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