

~ Celebration of Life ~

ARTHUR JAMES BOLDEN

August 13, 1928 – May 13, 1995

*Servant of God, well done. Thy glorious warfare's past.
The battle's fought, the race is won and thou art crowned at last.*

Arthur James Bolden was born August 13, 1928, in Franklin, Louisiana, and was reared in the same area. He is the son of the late Major and Anna Wilson Bolden. He attended elementary school in St. Mary Parish and completed high school at McDonogh No. 35, New Orleans, Louisiana. He did further study at Teche Area Vocational Technical School, Louisiana State University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Arthur departed this life, after a brief illness, on May 13, 1995. Sharing his life for 43 years is his loving and devoted wife, Ora Molo Bolden. To that union, two sons and three daughters were born.

When quite a young man he became a Christian, baptized at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church by Rev. W. H. Buckner, Franklin, Louisiana. He was a Christian soldier, ever ready to wage war and stand firm until the battle ended. He was an ordained deacon and proved faithful to that office. He was known as the friendly deacon; he tried to know all people, regardless of denomination, and would visit all churches. He never met a stranger, and he never tired from doing whatever his hands found to do to help others. He set the example, "Go into the highways and hedges." He would regularly attend religious and civic meetings, visit the sick members and report their progress to the church and urge others to do likewise. He would do all this without ever failing to attend his church services or whatever activity in which the church was engaged. He spent many hours a week visiting the area nursing homes, hospitals and sick in the community—always offering a prayer, scripture and song. His motto was "If I can help somebody," and he spent his time doing just that.

He was a former welding instructor at Tech Area Vocational Technical School in New Iberia, Louisiana. He was employed by the Iberia United Parish Government as a housing specialist and served as the coordinator for the Section Eight HUD Program. He served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Louisiana Housing Council, C.O.N.C.E.R.N., Inc., N.A.A.C.P., American Legion Harry Eugene Post No. 549, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Mystic Shrine Ghadur Temple No. 161, John Parson Consistory No. 170 and Evergreen Lodge No. 31 F. & A. M., advisor to the Daughters of Isis. He served as First Jerusalem Baptist Church secretary of the deacon board, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School department, chairman of the Land Committee, Sunday school teacher, chairman of the Union Sixth District building project and secretary of the Layman League.

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"If I could help someone along the way, my living was not in vain".

~ Beloved Father of: Ivan Glenn Bolden, Avis "Monica" Riley, Marlya Jewel Rader,
Juan Kerald Bolden and Jalayna Francine Bolden ~