



Joy Hull Bolte

May 11, 1929 - January 13, 2020

Joy Hull Bolte, 90, of Dinwiddie, Virginia, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2020, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Joy was born on May 11, 1929, in Ft. Myers, Florida, to Nina Newton Hull and Lucius Chapman Hull. She was a beloved sister, wife, mother, friend, and teacher.

Joy grew up the oldest of two sisters. She cherished a special bond with her sister Jo. Joy attended Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, where she majored in English and competed on the women's field hockey team. While there, Joy met Mary Holloway, who became a lifelong friend.

Shortly after graduating, Joy moved to Dinwiddie, VA, where she met the love of her life, Carlton B. Bolte. The two married on July 12, 1952, in Richmond, Virginia, and remained happily married for over 37 years until Carlton's death in 1989. They raised three children: two stubborn sons and an amazing daughter.

Joy was a devoted teacher for nearly 40 years. She spent the bulk of her career teaching high school English at Dinwiddie County Senior High School, where she was also the senior class sponsor. Over the years, Joy influenced thousands of students.

After retirement, Joy spent her time volunteering for various organizations and enjoying her favorite pastimes: reading and being with her grandchildren. Regardless of the physical distance, she always found time and ways to be a significant part of her grandchildren's lives.

Joy is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Blandford and Kim Bolte of Wake Forest, NC; her daughter Bobbi Jo Erb of Anchorage, AK; her three grandchildren Donna Joy Estes (Adam) of Powhatan, VA, Laura Joy Erb of Anchorage, AK, and Grayson Bolte of Wake Forest; her great-grandson Mason Estes of Powhatan, VA; her sister Jo Mitchell (Jack); and many nephews, nieces, cousins, former students, and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband Carlton B Bolte, Sr. and her son Deke Bolte.

Family visitation will begin at 1:00 on Friday, January 17, 2020, immediately followed by the memorial service at 2:00 pm. Both will take place at the Petersburg Chapel of J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home. Interment will be at Southlawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (<https://alzfdn.org/>). Condolences may be registered at www.jtmorriss.com.

Cemetery

Southlawn Memorial Park
1911 Birdsong Road
Petersburg, VA, 23805

Events

JAN 17 Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Petersburg Chapel
103 S. Adams Street, Petersburg, VA, US, 23803

JAN 17 Service 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Mrs, Bolte taught English to me and my 2 older brothers. Her class is one of my best memories of high school.

Gary Talley - January 17, 2020 at 07:24 AM



“ I loved Joy Bolte. I was lucky enough to have been a student if he's in late 1970s. She was a take charge, get it done, yet friendly and kind woman. Rest in Peace, Mrs. Bolte. You DID touch thousand and will always be remembered with love and fondness. Prayers to her family. So sorry she had to spend any time battling Alzheimers.

Kathy Martin Christian - January 16, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joy Hull Bolte.



January 16, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joy Hull Bolte.



January 16, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ I had the joy of being taught by Mrs. Bolte. She was sweet and kind... Prayers for her family..

Connie Barwick Grant.

Connie Barwick Grant - January 16, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ I as well as my husband had the honor of being taught by Mrs. Bolte and we both loved her. I wish I could have had her all through school for English. God bless her and her family. Rebecca Crumpler

REBECCA CRUMPLER - January 16, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ Had the honor of being taught by Mrs. Bolte and loved her. God bless dear lady and thank you for all you taught me. Katherine Smith

Katherine Smith - January 15, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Such a blessing to have known this teacher and simply wonderful person! Along with many other students, I have nothing but great memories of "school life" with Mrs. J. Bolte. Peaceful prayers to all the family. ~ Becky Nelson

Rebecca Nelson - January 15, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ RIP Mrs Bolte. She taught myself and my siblings. A great teacher.

Michael Bresko - January 15, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ What an excellent teacher and an incredible human being! The last of 5 kids, I looked forward to "my turn" to have her. She influenced me in many ways. Bobbi Jo, our prayers are with you and your family. She is a legend in Dinwiddie education and just Dinwiddie in general!

Greta Hernandez - January 15, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ Lovely teach and mentor. Mrs. Bolte was my supervising teacher when I did my student teacher assignment. I learned so much from her that I used later as a teacher. RIP MY DEAR MENTOR.

Sharon Yates - January 15, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ Blandford, so very sorry for your loss! Condolences and prayers are with you and your family. May happy memories comfort you, and ease your sorrow. God Bless!
Sylvia Wynn

Sylvia Wynn - January 15, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ Joy Bolte was both one of the best teachers I had at Dinwiddie and a great friend. My memories of her are joyful (lol) and happy. May she enjoy heaven and being g with her husband again.

Marilyn Abernathy - January 15, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joy Hull Bolte.



January 15, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Joy was friends with my parents, Dudley and Mary Lena Nanny, and was my older brother Kenny’s favorite teacher. When I was born I was given Joy as my middle name in honor of her.
My deepest condolences to her family.

Kathy Belcher - January 15, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Blandford, so very sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May happy memories comfort you, and ease your sorrow. God Bless!

Christina Coulombe - January 15, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ B - your Mom must've been a heck of a woman to have such a gentleman as you for a son! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. She, like my Dad with me, will visit you in your thoughts and prayers when you need her!

Ellen Santagata - January 15, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joy Hull Bolte.



January 15, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Mrs. Bolte was a revered educator. This is a poem I wrote while in her English class.
A man can build a structure out of wood or stone or clay.
It might seem quite sturdy, but it won't stay that way.
Someday that stone will crumble and that wood begin to rot, and where used to stand a building, will be a vacant lot.
A man can help a child to learn and can help him grow.
The outcome will be lasting; the man may never know.
For what you're taught can't be destroyed, though time may take it's toll.
Your memory may go bad, forgetting something you once knew,
But what you learn you can't unlearn,
Like what you've done you can't undo.
Rest in God's peace

Amy Livingston Smith DCHS Class of 1982 - January 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ I met Joy in the fall of 1973. She helped me navigate integration into the Bolte clan before I married her nephew Steve. She was a warm friend and was one of my favorites out of many favorite Bolte relatives. Her generation is now gone, and I will always be grateful for the lessons & wonderful memories I have to hold close. With a joyful heart, Sally Halliburton Bolte, Richmond, VA

Sally Halliburton Bolte - January 15, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joy Hull Bolte.



January 15, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ Mrs. Bolte was one of my favorite teachers. I feel privileged to have known her.

Bobbie Harrell Thiessen

Bobbie Thiessen - January 15, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ Mrs Joy was a treasure as a teacher and friend.

Joyce Wallace

Joyce - January 15, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ Mrs. Bolte was a treasured teacher. Nothing slipped past her! She was simply the best.

Dotty Brewer, Dinwiddie Class of 1967

Dotty Brewer - January 15, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Condolences to the Bolte family. She was an awesome teacher whom I learned alot from during my senior year at DCHS. Family hold onto the pleasant memories as her students.

Class of 85 Debbie Draper

Debbie Draper - January 16, 2020 at 03:26 AM