



Calvin Lee "Cal" Bolling Sr.

November 1, 1933 - December 18, 2023

Mr. Calvin L. "Cal" Bolling, Sr. of Union City passed away on December 18, 2023. He was born at home in Warren Ohio and was the youngest son of Stella and Melvin Bolling. He lived in Blanchester Ohio for most of his young life, graduating from Blanchester High School in 1951. He joined the United States Air Force at the age of 17 and served in the Korean War in the 6147th Tac. Con. GP Mosquito Squadron. The forward air patrol group that he was a part of provided bombing coordinates to the pilots. After returning to the U.S. and while stationed in Grange Georgia setting up a radio relay, he met his beautiful wife, Shirley Thomas. They married in 1956 and were married for 67 years. After finishing his tour of duty in the United States Air Force, Cal attended barber school in Cincinnati, Ohio then permanently moved to Georgia where he lived the remainder of his life. He was a Master Barber and cut hair for over six decades in Atlanta, East Point, Tyrone, and Fayetteville. He instructed at the barber school for a couple of years also, serving as a mentor and instructor for other young barbers. More than anything he loved the camaraderie of the barber shop and was proud to provide a place where people could come in for great conversations and an affordable haircut. He provided first haircuts for babies and youngsters, helped men of all ages feel confident about a first date or job interview, prepared men for weddings, others for more solemn occasions, and so on. His barber shop, Cal's Hair Place, provided solace for many to shed their worries if just for a little while. They could grab a bottle of Coke, enjoy the conversations, and have a few

laughs. By conservative estimate he provided over 150,000 haircuts during his long career. He thought the world of his customers and was proud to serve them.

Cal loved his wife and family and worked hard to provide opportunities that he never had growing up. To say he enjoyed going to the beach might be an understatement. He was drawn to the water and white sand beaches on the Florida Gulf Coast. He was an avid gardener and always had great tomatoes. He had a great time fishing in Pine Mountain and Lake Peachtree especially when the crappie were biting. Over the years he built numerous World War II era model airplanes and ships. He was tricky also and schooled many of us on the pool table. Cal was a very proud American and supported the many freedoms that we enjoy.

He is survived by his wife Shirley T. Bolling; sons, James Bolling; Calvin Bolling, Jr. and his wife Margaret Carolyn; Melvin Bolling and his wife Tandy Sue; grandchildren, Marshall Thomas Bolling; Elin Makena Bolling and Danny Wilson. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrotfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Calvin, We are so very sorry for your great loss. I wish we could've met your father...you have his smile! And we know he must've been so proud of you! Sending prayers for comfort and for peace! Ashley Devine, Riley Hiers and Mary Madison McNeal

Ashley Devine - January 02, 2024 at 02:48 PM

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“ Cal was a wonderful person and spent many coffee breaks at "my " soda fountain- Merritt Drugs. I share your loss and pray for God's healing grace to comfort you. James A. Brady. HHS 74.

James A. Brady - December 30, 2023 at 01:35 PM

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“ Cal was the nicest man you could ever meet. I loved talking with him at Joe's Barber Shop in Tyrone. I never saw him mad or negative in any way. I wish we had more men like Cal.

Gary Teal - December 23, 2023 at 10:07 AM