



## Joseph "Joe" Neil Bolen

June 23, 1931 - September 9, 2023

Joseph "Joe" Neil Bolen  
Pickens, South Carolina

Joseph "Joe" Neil Bolen, 92, of Pickens, South Carolina went to be with his Lord on September 9, 2023.

Born in 1931, he was one of six children born to William James Bolen and Stella Mae Bolen.

All of his sisters and brothers preceded him in death. He was married to Annice Bolen for 57 years at the time of her death. Both are survived by their daughter, Harriet Bolen and husband Jim Brown of Spartanburg, South Carolina and one son, Joseph Neil Bolen, Jr. and wife Gina of Peach Tree City, Georgia, and two grandchildren, Joseph Tyler Bolen and Jacob Neil Bolen.

Joe graduated from Lees-McRae College and then served in the Army where he was stationed in Okinawa during the Korean War. Upon his return stateside, he graduated from UNC – Chapel Hill. He started work for the Singer Corporation in Pickens in 1959 and by the time he retired in 1990 he was the President of the Motor Products Division of the Singer/Ryobi Corporation.

Joe loved Pickens. He was an avid golfer and UNC Chapel Hill basketball fan. He enjoyed woodworking, but his great love was vegetable gardening. He had earned a Master Gardener Certificate from Clemson University. Joe was a faithful member of Grace United Methodist Church in Pickens.

A memorial service will be held at Grace UMC in Pickens on Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00 in the afternoon, with a visitation following in the Parlor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pickens Senior Center.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Bolen family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
309 East Cedar Rock Street  
Pickens, SC 29671

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was a wonderful neighbor.... He had a smile and kind word for everyone. We will miss him.  
David & Cindy Smith

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David & Cindy Smith - September 23, 2023 at 01:13 PM

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“ I was Joe's secretary for a bit. Always good to me. Considered him a friend. Always glad to see him around town and chat for awhile. Sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

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Martha - September 16, 2023 at 04:10 PM

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“ I warked with Joe over 35 years and for him a couple. Sometimes a pain to work with him but a real pleasure to report to him. He only wanted you to do your job and do it well.  
George Whelchel.

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George Whelchel - September 15, 2023 at 07:16 PM