



## Elmer A. Bolen

February 13, 1924 - April 20, 2015

Elmer Arthur Bolen, 91, of The Valley in Syracuse, NY, died Monday, April 20, 2015 at Upstate University Hospital. Born in Syracuse, NY, he was the son of the late Edward and Violet (Creamer) Bolen. Elmer was a graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy and attended Colgate University. He was an accomplished, highly skilled carpenter for over 40 years, retiring from Carpenters Local 12 and Syracuse City School District Board of Education. He was a professional baseball player, playing in the AA and AAA leagues. He was a Navy veteran of WWII where he was a radioman/gunner and flew aboard the USS Langley in TBF Avenger. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross for helping sink the battleship Musashi. Elmer was the original founder of the American Legion Valley Post 1468 and was a past Commander. He was an avid golfer and he built customized golf clubs. He was a league bowler, avid hunter, President of Pitchville Hunt Club, lover of county music, bluegrass enthusiast and Syracuse's #1 Boston Red Socks fan since the age of 8. Elmer is survived by his six children, Kristine A. (Daniel) Trytek of Syracuse, NY, Edward J. Bolen of Syracuse, NY, Kathleen M. Young of Rockledge, FL, James P. (Darlene) Bolen of Fulton, NY, Mary K. Bolen of Syracuse, NY and Patricia (Charles) Zervakos of Long Island, NY; sister, Beverly Kulick of Syracuse, NY; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and his beloved granddog, Sergeant Schultz. He was predeceased by his wife, Ileana A. (Scullen) Bolen and siblings, Edward J. Bolen, Walter P. Bolen and Marilyn Dillon. Calling hours will be held

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., Syracuse, NY. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 23, 2015, 11 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street. Burial will be in Onondaga Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 130 S. Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202 and Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KA 66675.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elmer A. Bolen*



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to the Bolen family. May Jehovah the \"God of Comfort\" bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time (2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4). Your family are in our prayers.*

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May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deep condolences for your loss. Our prayers are with your family.*

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April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Kristine, Eddie, Kathy, Jimmy, Mary, and Patty. With deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May he rest in peace as he is with God.*

*The Zervakos Family (George, Helen, Charles, Chris, Peter, Joanne and Stephanie)*

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April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Elmer's family. Elmer was one of those people that when you met him you never forgot him. He always made you feel welcome when hunting down in Pitcher NY.

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April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Kris, Ed, Kathy, Jim, Mary K and Patty,

So very, very sorry about Uncle Elmer. As you all gather together at this sad time I hope your many memories will help with your heartache. He certainly lived a good and full life. And, he had wonderful care from all of you especially Mary K.

Just think, all three of the Bolen boys are reunited and he and your Mom are together again.

mary ellen

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April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM