



Marvin L. Boland

March 23, 2017

Marvin L. Boland Jr. of McAllen, TX passed away on March 23, 2017 at the age of 84. He was born on August 29, 1932, in Atlanta, TX, to Marvin L. Boland Sr. and Bonnie Hawthorne Boland. He lived in a number of small towns in East Texas and western Louisiana, where his father was a Baptist preacher, eventually graduating high school in Tenaha, TX. He entered Texas A & M in 1949 at the age of 17. His first stint at A & M came to an end on the heels of a college prank involving the short disappearance of one of the Baylor bear mascots. An actual bear. While sorting out his life after this escapade, he decided to enter the Army. But prior to doing so, he ran into Marian Walston, who was working at a drugstore in Palestine, TX. They married in 1953, only shortly before he was transferred to Germany for 2 years. They always said that they never had a disagreement for the first two years they were married. Upon discharge from the Army, they lived and worked in Tyler for a while, but he had bigger plans. He returned to Texas A & M and graduated with an architecture degree in 1961. He began his career with Bowman Swanson Hiester in Harlingen in 1961, and moved to Brownsville in 1962 when the firm opened an office there. He eventually became a partner in the firm Swanson Hiester Wilson Boland. In 1972, he left SHWB to start a private practice, and continued to practice in Brownsville until 1995, when he joined UT – Pan American as Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, where he worked until his retirement in 2010. Some 15 buildings were built on the campus under his oversight during this period.

He had many professional accomplishments, designing or being involved in the design of a number of notable buildings throughout the Valley. But no accomplishment will endure like the work his firm, Landscape International, did in bringing the Town of Rancho Viejo and the Rancho Viejo Golf Resort into being. From 5,000 acres of orchard and farmland, his firm prepared and executed the master plan for the town, the resort and both El Diablo and El Angel golf courses. This 5,000 acres stretched from the Expressway to the Rio Grande River, with River Bend Golf Club being the last planned course and resort that his firm designed in that development. Marvin also designed the Diablo logo that was used by the club for decades.

Marvin was active in his community. He was a past president of the RGV AIA, coached in and was president of the West Brownsville Little League, was very involved in Charro

Days in the 60's and 70's, and was active in the Confederate Air Force when it was headquartered in the Valley. He was an active golfer at VICC and Rancho Viejo, and he and Marian enjoyed traveling and playing golf together. He and his partner won the Los Compadres Member-Guest in 1975. He earned his private pilot's license, and enjoyed flying with all of his friends, especially Jimmy John and Bob Austin. The three of them built a kit plane together, a planned 2 year job that turned into a 13 year project. They all managed to survive both its construction and its sporty flying characteristics.

Marvin was a great son, husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Marian, who fulfilled their wedding vows by being by his side until they were parted by death. He is also survived by sons Mickey (Norma) Boland of Harlingen, TX, Mark Boland of Louisville, KY, and daughter Marla (Jim) Roe of Frisco, TX, as well as grandchildren Nick, Ashley and Brandon Boland, Mark Jr. and Becca Boland, and Meagan and Madeline Wills.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Kreidler Funeral Home, 314 N. 10th St., McAllen, TX. Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. Funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 27. Private burial to follow.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.

314 N 10th St., McAllen, TX, US, 78501

MAR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Boland Family,
We extend our condolences to each of you for the loss of Marvin. May God comfort and strengthen you as you cherish the life that the Great Architect has called home.
Sincerely,
Dean and Vicki Moser

Dean Moser - March 30, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ On behalf of the Texas A&M Class of 1960, I wish God's comfort to Marvin's family at this sad time.
Jerry L. Bradshaw '60
Co-Class Agent

Jerry L. Bradshaw - March 27, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ Thank you for your thoughts.
Mickey Boland '83

Mickey Boland - March 27, 2017 at 11:54 PM



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Mickey Boland '83

Mickey Boland - March 28, 2017 at 12:05 AM



“ Our sympathy to Marian and the Boland family for your loss. Marvin was completing his degree at Texas A&M in 1960 when our Class was graduating from A&M. He was a member of '60 as a result and his Classmates mourn his passing .

Tom Wisdom
1960 Class Agent

Tom Wisdom - March 27, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ Thank you for your thoughts.
Mickey Boland '83

Mickey Boland - March 27, 2017 at 11:55 PM



“ Condolences to the Boland family. Marvin was a special person, fair, honest, and a fun person to be around. He will be missed by all.
David and Colleen Ferguson

David Ferguson - March 27, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ Fond memories of Marvin and the sounds of laughter whenever he and Marian visited the SHWC office in Brownsville. May the memories of times spent with Marvin comfort the Marian and the Boland family in the days ahead.

Hector Rene Garcia, Architect
(SHWC, Inc. 1982 - 1992)

Hector Rene Garcia - March 27, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ My family and I are deeply saddened to hear of Marvin's passing. Mr. Boland insisted I call him Marvin immediately after interviewing and hiring me, fresh out of architecture school in 1973. Landscape International was a busy and exciting place to work back then, and we worked hard. However, our "corporate culture" under Marvin was one of family. One of my fondest memories of the time was when Marvin, with almost no notice, rented a large motor home and took several employees and spouses on a road trip to an A & M football game, including the 21 year old rookie and his wife. I don't remember if we won or were outscored, but I do remember Marvin driving most of the way up and back while the rest of us imbibed and whooped it up in back. (Thanks again Marvin!) On the return trip, a simple "I wonder how the Cowboys are doing" had Marvin pulling into the next hotel we saw, just to rent a room for the duration of the game broadcast. Back home in the wee hours, everyone was back at work by 8:00 the next morning. Life was more of an adventure with Marvin around.

Gods' speed Marvin and
God Bless your wonderful family.

Mark and Sylvia Whitmore
Corpus Christi, TX

Mark Whitmore AIA - March 27, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ Thank you for that story and your thoughts. Rudy Gomez told us some of the same story today at the service. Although certainly sad, today was also a fun celebration of his life.
Mickey Boland

Mb - March 27, 2017 at 11:52 PM



“ Marvin was a good guy. He loaned me some tools when I was rebuilding a car engine and he was working on kit airplane. We worked on projects at TSC and later UTB. Wayne Moore

Wayne Moore - March 25, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ Sending my prayers with loving and fond memories of Mr. Boland. I will always remember the uniquely cool home he built on Tupelo, where we spent our high school and college years playing ping pong, shooting pool, and playing loud music. It didnt matter to him because it was a separate building, but still part of the house! We had our freedom, but I think he had Grife watching us closely. (Gretchen and Polar were sweet, but Grife, well . . . let's just say we were careful around him!

We could also throw footballs and baseballs (or hit golf balls) on the parkland and 3 hole course behind that house. He was always so gracious and welcoming. And he had so many great interests, from architecture and design to plane building and flying to great golf. He was a sportsman, as well as a brilliant and studied scholar. And yes, he was a true Aggie, who built his own Aggie legacy with his children. Each time I saw him, he always remembered me and had that big smile and booming voice, welcoming me back.

I'm sorry for your loss, but please know that his memory will be shared warmly by many.

Kevin Cromack

Kevin Cromack - March 24, 2017 at 07:46 PM



“ Dearest Marian and Children....I can't begin to express the sadness on hearing of Marv's passing. Boy we go back a long time, like 50 years. I could not even begin to tell some of the stories (antics) without blushing....suffice it to say "we really had some times", which I will always treasure. Our kids growing up together, golf and parties at VICC, golf trips out of town; just getting together. I have really missed you and Marv since you moved away. My health ain't too good and probably will not be able to attend services, but I did want to send this little message. And please give me your phone #, I would love to hear your voice again. My Cell is 956/459-5150, text me your # when you can. Give Mickey, Mark, and Marla my love, Please accept my deepest sympathy and know that you and yours will be in my prayers, and I would love to see you someday and give you a big hug. Love and prayers, Jack

Libby sends her sincere love and sympathy, also..

Jack Dempsey - March 24, 2017 at 05:33 PM



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Tim Trapp - March 24, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ Tim, thanks for the great photos and memories. Mickey

Mickey Boland - March 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM



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Tim Trapp - March 24, 2017 at 12:11 PM