



## Oral Columbus (Bobby) Bolding Jr.

January 9, 1954 - June 27, 2020

Oral Columbus (Bobby) Bolding, Jr., 66 of Providence, Ark passed away June 27, 2020. He knew how to live each day to its fullest. He was born on January 9, 1954 in Heber Springs, Ark and is preceded in death by his father, Oral Columbus Bolding, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Worley Bolding; daughter, Codie Loyd; step son, Greg Worley; mother, Patricia Bolding, sisters, Rebecca Bolding Starks and Stephanie Bolding Martin; brother, Michael Bolding and two grandchildren, Jagger and Gunner Loyd.

Bobby graduated from Bald Knob High School in 1972 where he excelled in all sports. He attended Arkansas State University and was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. After college, he began his career working alongside his dad rebuilding motors and managing the auto parts business. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, riding four wheelers, fishing and perfecting his lawn. Being the top chef especially during weekly fish fry's and telling stories always put a smile on his face. The bond Bobby and his father-in-law shared with daily activities was one of a kind.

Bobby never met a stranger and would also be the family's entertainment. He could elicit laughter at most any time with an understatement. There was never a dull moment with him around! At Bobby's request there will be no

service. There will be a private family celebration of Bobby's life at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia.  
[www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ It’s been some time now. Years actually, since Papal Bob passed. I remember every detail of the day you passed. My heart broke. Not only where you an amazing grandpa to me you where an amazing dad to my mom. I have not one bad memory with you. Every single one of them is a happy one. When I broke my leg you were right there with me. Every step of the journey. You bought me my first gun and taught me all the safety tips and tricks. You made sure I never ever felt left out even tho I wasn’t your blood. Nana didn’t make a lot of good decisions but one of them was marrying you. You were an absolute blessing papal. Every time I see a OCB package I think of you and how you had those papers in your kitchen. The times spent at your house were core happy memories. I didn’t get to say goodbye or even talk to you before you passed and I hate that. You sir where one hell of a man and made an amazing impact on everyone you ever met. I miss you bunches.

Brilee Reynolds - February 27, 2025 at 08:19 AM



“ I was very fortunate to meet Mr. OC as we called him. I lived next door to him for over 5 years. He and Mrs. Debbie treated me from day one like I was family. I think about him alot and miss him dearly. "A friend found is never a friend lost."



Demarcus Calloway - January 03, 2022 at 08:10 PM

BS

“ I met OC when I worked at Ciba Chemicals. He would stop by my office or I would swing by his office and just talk, usually about not much, but it was always a joy. I don't know anyone that didn't get along with him. He will be missed by many. My prayers go out this his family.

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**Bill Scheible** - July 13, 2020 at 03:42 PM

MP

“ Bobby was my fraternity big brother at ASU. We had many great times together. One time I will never forget is 4 of us going to Louisiana Tech for the last football game of the year. Bobby was driving and, of course, got pulled over after the game in Louisiana for speeding. We literally had to empty our pockets of all our cash on the hood of the police car in order to avoid jail. Absolutely true. A memory of a lifetime, 45 years ago. Rest In Peace my good friend. Matt Parker. Jonesboro.

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**Matt Parker** - July 12, 2020 at 02:59 PM

CA

“ Pat, Stephanie, Becky and Michael— love to you remembering Bobby and mourning his early loss. Thinking of you with love. As Ziba said, it's incredible to lose the first Water Tank Hill kid from our generation. It seems only yesterday he was my escort in Homecoming ceremony our senior year.

So sorry for your loss,  
Cynthia Alcott

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**Cynthia Alcott** - July 10, 2020 at 01:35 PM

CT

“ OC and I meet in 2000 at Ciba in west Memphis AK, Him & i work together there for Performance contractors. Oc was our Safety man and QC man, all in one. He stayed on top of his job. I enjoyed having meeting with him he always had something to give in the meeting. boy OC you will sure me miss my FRIEND rest in peace. Our prays go out to the family.

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**Chris Thornton** - July 08, 2020 at 07:13 AM

C(

“ I want to get on here and Thank each and everone of you . I love reading these memories of my daddy  
He never met a stranger and loved to talk and talk. ( ONLY IF HE WOULD PICK UP THE PHONE NOW). Any ways yall are right he loved his hobbies working on somthing at all times never slowing down. He will never be forgotten keep the memories comming.

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**Codie loyd (bolding)** - July 06, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DT

“ Oc and I met on the airgun forums 7 or 8 years ago.  
Our first conversation about airguns quickly devolved into 2 old guys complaining that "kids these days don't know how to use a parts catalog ".  
Always willing to help...but not afraid to ask for it either....  
A great friend that I never met..(in person)  
These are the things I remember about this great guy.

*Be well my brother.*

*Darren and Julie Taylor*

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**DARREN TAYLOR** - July 04, 2020 at 06:02 PM

RW

“ I also met OC through the GTA. He offered to help fix my airgun and fortunately for me he lived close by so I was able to actually meet him. We developed a close friendship. We went to the Malvern airgun show together a few times. Spent hours shooting in his backyard. Also spent hours talking about the world and life experiences. When he moved back to central AR, we didn't see each other much but I visited a few times and we talked and texted a lot. He helped me with some other projects not airgun related. He had a lot of knowledge and gladly shared. I will miss our talks and get-togethers. A wonderful guy who will truly be missed. RIP. My condolences to Debbie and family.  
Rick Wilson AKA benj397

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**Rick Wilson** - July 03, 2020 at 09:40 AM

DE

“ I met OC online through a mutual love of the sport of airguns. We chatted over the phone and had some great conversations. He was a tremendous guy and will be sorely missed by his airgun family. GOD Speed and rest in peace my friend. Until we meet again....  
Dave Ez & his GTA Family



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**Dave Ez** - July 02, 2020 at 08:43 PM

MH

“ Marion Holt - Rye, NY  
Bobby was a great fraternity brother and a good man with a heart of gold. Bobby will be missed by many, family and friends. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Marion Holt** - July 02, 2020 at 02:51 PM

TR

“ Sending our love and prayers to all the family at this very difficult time. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories you have of Bobby. Sounds like he lived his life to the fullest. With our condolences, Troy and Debbie Roberts

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**Troy & Debbie Roberts** - July 01, 2020 at 01:15 AM

JG

“ I met OC on the internet through one of our hobbies, shooting. I never met him in person, but always wanted to if time and distance ever allowed. We had years talking and chatting. He was always willing to help. It seemed as if he was truly happy landing out in the country in the place of his dreams for retirement. You will be missed buddy. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this quick and tragic loss.

*Jason Garvin and family,  
Findlay, Illinois*



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**Jason Garvin** - June 30, 2020 at 08:59 PM

KS

“ I CAN SAY WITH ALL MY HEART THIS YOUNG MAN WAS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT EVER HAPPENED IN MY DAUGHTERS LIFE. WHEN THEY GOT MARRIED WE THEY MOVED TO PROVIDENCE WE ALL BECAME VERY CLOSE BOBBY AND I LOVE TO BE AROUND EACH OTHER BECAUSE WE ENJOYED THE SAME THINGS RIDING OUR 4 WHEELER FISHING AND REPAIRING GUNS AND TEST FIRING THEM WHEN HE FINISHED THIS YOUNG WAS A SPARK IN MY LIFE THAT KEPT ME GOING I WILL SURE MISS HIM WHEN I GO FISHING OR FIRE UP THAT ATV FOR A RIDE \*\*\*\*

KENNETH STAGGS A PROUD FATHER IN LAW

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**kenneth staggs** - June 30, 2020 at 08:32 PM

MB

“ OC was one of the best friends I have ever known! He and I shared a great deal of knowledge and friendship over the past 10yrs, We shared are lives as friends and everyday life on a day to day basis, He was there for me when I went thru some very hard times in my own life when I was dealing with taking care of my own families problems and their deaths! I thank you for that my friend! OC and I shared a friendship like I have had with no other person u could call a true friend!!!! I will truly miss you! I wanted to call today but I just spoke to you out loud because I know you can hear me! I'm sorry I had to pause from the tears falling from my eyes! your a great friend OC I will see and speak to you again when we meet on the other side I love you my friend until then, Mark Burton AKA Mark611!!!!!!

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**Mark Burton** - June 30, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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Thank you

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**Codie loyd (bolding)** - July 06, 2020 at 01:56 PM

CM

“ Bobby was ther when I first came to Arkansas St. for a tour of the school the summer after high school in 1973. Bobby turned out to be one of the main reasons I attended Arkansas St. and became a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. I was active in the fraternity with Bobby for the first two years at school and have great memories of the time. From what I have read on tribute wall Bobby was a good man that lead a good life. I am honored to have known him. My prayers for the Boldings in this trying time.

*Best Regards,  
Charlie Martin*

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**Charlie Martin** - June 30, 2020 at 11:44 AM

LC

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Bobby’s passing. Although it has been at least forty years since I last saw him last, I remember him as a friendly and kind person. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your family.

*Lillie Edwards Cook*

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**Lillie Cook** - June 30, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ Quite a character always could make you smile .

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**Johnnie Burrow** - June 29, 2020 at 09:37 PM

KH

“ It’s so hard to believe Bobby, #11, is no longer with us but I know there’s a grand celebration in Heaven with his dad who I know was waiting with open arms at Heaven’s pearly gates. Pat, Becky, Stephanie, and Michael, I love each of you dearly and you all will be forever in my thoughts and prayers❤️🙏❤️

Karon Cooley Henderson - June 29, 2020 at 09:18 PM

KA

“ Prayers for all of the Boldings! I am so sorry for the loss of Bobby..

My Best,  
Kathie Goodin Cothorn

katherine - June 29, 2020 at 08:10 PM

TL

I am so sorry to hear this about Bobby. He was one of our 1972 classmates and was a lot of fun to be around. I haven’t seen him in years but I know he brought joy to those around him. I know his Dad welcomed him with open arms. My prayers and thoughts are with all of his family! Love to all of the Bolding family!

Tammy Long - June 29, 2020 at 11:02 PM

MD

“ It is just heartbreaking to think of Bobby passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. He was a well-loved classmate in the class of ‘72 and he is included in my special memories of those years growing up. I haven’t seen him in a long time but it sounds like he was a great guy who was so loved by those around him. May he rest peacefully and may you all have comfort sharing the good memories of him.

Margaret Freppon Davis - June 29, 2020 at 06:49 PM

HF

“ Codie,  
*It was apparent anytime he was around you that he loved you dearly. He was so proud of you and of his sweet grandsons. He was always so kind and was such a great cook! Praying for you guys in the coming days. It won't be easy, but you are one of the strongest people I know. I have no doubts you got that trait from him. We love you and are here if you need us!*  
*Aunt Kelly and Family*

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**Harris Family** - June 29, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, O.C. Bob and Poncho are surely waiting and will have a lot to discuss. Johnny & Mary Hodges*

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**Johnny & Mary Hodges** - June 29, 2020 at 03:50 PM