

Robert James Boland | 1936-2016

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Robert James “Bob” Boland

Robert James “Bob” Boland, 80, of Decatur, died Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Funeral was April 29 at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur with burial at Alvord Cemetery.

Bob was born April 22, 1936, in Freeport, Ill., to Joseph and Fern (Cheeseman) Boland. He was owner and operator of his own business, Briar Energy Corp., and was a member of Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

Mr. Boland was an active member of the First United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday school.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Joe Boland, Leo Boland and Brian Boland; and sisters Pat Pfab, Ann Doyle and Mary Fangman.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Charlotte Smith Boland; daughter Jennifer Bethune and husband, Jonathan; granddaughter Haylee Bethune; brothers Tony Boland, Barney Boland, Bill Boland, Mike Boland, Jack Boland and Kenny Boland.

Memorials may be sent to Wise Area Relief Mission or Decatur Cares.