



*Joyce Elaine Bolton*

*October 12, 1937 - February 2, 2018*



*Joyce Elaine Bolton*, 80, of Beaumont, died Friday, February 2, 2018, at Harbor Hospice, Beaumont. She was born on October 12, 1937, to Minnie Ola Sanders Frazier and John Alfred Frazier, in Pasadena.

Affectionately known as “NaNa”, she was the heart and soul of her family, and will undoubtedly be the topic of many humorous stories in the days ahead. She was dearly loved by her three children, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was fiercely independent and when the years of battling various health issues took its toll, she went peacefully into the gentle night with the dignity and grace she exemplified throughout her life.

She was a woman of tremendous strength and perseverance, successfully raising her three children as a single mother after the loss of her husband only six years into their marriage. She was proud and asked for help from no one. Hard work and determination characterized this strong and loving mother. She kept her fear, sadness and frustration to herself, always putting her children first.

People that knew her later in life would never have imagined what a painfully shy young woman she was. She only began coming out of her shell once her children were self-sufficient and she began living life for herself. She applied that same determination to her personal life as she did in raising and supporting her family, and she blossomed.

Her love of life and adventure carried forth into the last years of her life. In between cancer treatments, she went on an RV trip to the Smokies with her family, where at age 77, she zip lined through the treetops. She went on a cruise to Belize where she swam with the dolphins and she celebrated her 80th and final birthday with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in one of her favorite places, the Bahamas.

NaNa was an inspiration to her family and friends. She lived by example and instilled in us, a tremendous sense of family. Sure, she grew ornery and brutally honest and direct in her later years, but that will only serve as fodder for our trips down memory lane. She was one of a kind and will forever be fondly remembered by all who knew her. Until we meet again sweet NaNa!

Survivors include her son, Darwin H. Bolton and his wife, Cindy, of Beaumont; daughters, Terri Barnes of Houston and Lisa Bolton of Beaumont; grandchildren, Justin Barnes and his wife, Amanda and Ashley Leger and her husband, Adam; and great-grandchildren, Summer Leger, Payton Leger, Kinsley Barnes, and Jack Barnes.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herschel Bolton; and sister, Alta Morris.











**Gathering of Family and Friends**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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**Memorial Contributions**

The Humane Society of Southeast Texas

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Beaumont, Texas 77704

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Houston SPCA

900 Portway Drive

Houston, Texas 77024

*Her cremation arrangements will be handled through  
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