



## Dr. David Lloyd Bolam

January 20, 1943 - July 13, 2022

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David was born in Ottumwa, Iowa to William and Jean Bolam. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Judie, and his sister Mary. He is survived by his children, Sandra (Drummond) Jahn and husband Mike of Olathe, Kansas. His son Doug Bolam and wife Courtenay of Omaha and his daughter Rebecca and husband James of Valencia, California and Omaha. He is also survived by his sisters Sarah McNeil, and Anne Tagliani of Clemson, SC and his brother Charles "Butch" Bolam of Illinois. He had five grandchildren, Alex Bolam of Omaha, Taylor Bolam (Alison) of Vienna, VA, Brooke McCollum (Kelson) of Monterey, CA, Joseph Drummond of Lincoln, NE and Catie Drummond (Kyle Standiford) of Kansas City, as well as step-grandchildren, Peter and Paul Jahn of Olathe, Kansas.

He attended Walsh High School in Ottumwa and Creighton University. After earning his B.S. in Biology, he attended the University of Nebraska Medical School and later became a Neonatologist in Omaha. In fact, he was one of the first 300 people to be certified in what was a relatively new field. Over the years, he saved many babies and was an innovator in the field of Neonatology. He was present at the births of white tigers at the Henry Doorly Zoo because he was one of the only people authorized to administer a drug to help save their lives. He was a teacher and mentor of many medical students, residents, and fellows.

He officially retired at age 79, a week before he passed. He was a wonderful dad, grandfather, mentor and doctor. He will be missed, especially by his beloved Pomeranian, Rocky.

A memorial mass will be held Thursday, July 21 at 11 AM at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 11802 Pacific St., Omaha, NE. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 20 from 6-8 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Homes, 21901 W. Maple Rd., Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Nebraska Humane Society, or The University of Nebraska Medical Center-Department of Neonatology.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

78 & Center  
Omaha, NE 68101

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Mass

JUL **21.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church  
11802 Pacific Street  
Omaha, NE 68154

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. David Lloyd Bolam*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *To the family of Dr. David L. Bolam,*

*My name is Douglas A Burcham, but I was born under the name Douglas Gardner on April 6th, 1982 at Midlands Community Hospital in Papillion. Dr. Bolam did my first major operation when I was a few months old. If recollections from my mother are correct, Dr. Bolam along with Dr. Frederick M. Gawecki from Midlands were 2 of the experts / specialists in Neo Natal care back then in the Omaha metro. I stayed at UNMC for 468 days after my birth, and was released on July 18th, 1983. I emailed Dr. Bolam through UNMC on my birthday this year. I'm glad I did. Because at least he got to know how his most famous patient has been since that fateful July day 39 years ago. My heartfelt condolences to the Bolam family. May he rest in Peace. And I have comfort now that not only did he get to find out I made it, but now he and Dr. Gawecki are now in the multitudes of guardian angels watching over me from Heaven.*

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**Douglas Burcham** - November 14, 2022 at 12:25 AM

KB

“ I worked with Dr. Bolam for 41 years as a nurse in the NICU at Nebr. Medicine. What a privilege! He was such a great doctor and mentor to all, a strong advocate for nurses, a calm presence in the NICU, with a sparkling wit. His office door was always open, I'd always stop to chat and see what new book he was reading, seemed like a new one each day! My sympathy to his family whom he spoke of often and was so proud of. Rest in peace, Dr. Bolam.  
Kim Bradshaw

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**Kim Bradshaw** - July 20, 2022 at 08:40 PM

RK

“ I was so lucky to have gotten to work with Dr. Bolam all of my career so far in the NICU. When I was hired in the NICU in 1995 as a clerk he was very friendly and encouraged me to pursue my nursing career. One of the best things about him was his respect for the nursing staff and he would always counsel the new oncoming residents to "listen to your nurses." He used to tease me about having purple hair back then and loved to tell the residents that story. He was a huge mentor for me and when I went to my first 24 week delivery he was on service and I was scared to death. He stood by me and walked me through all I needed to do and learn. When I became a transport nurse he hugged me and said that I would a great job! He is why we have our new NICU and why we have a full staff of nurse practitioners in our NICU and all the NICU's in Omaha. This speaks leaps and bounds to his respect and trust in nursing. As I have practiced over the years as a nurse practitioner he has always been so supportive and always knew the right things to say when this job is most difficult. We had so much fun looking up many many things and listening to his stories such as howdy doody or a song he remembered. He was family and he had the most extraordinary career! He loved his family and would tell us the story about how he met Judy when he heard her talking on the hospital intercom and had to meet her! Sending prayers and love to his family at this difficult time. May you find peace in knowing he is with Judy now. Rhonda Keyes

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**Rhonda Keyes** - July 20, 2022 at 06:49 PM

LN

“ *The most memorable event for me was in the mid 1970's, I was a novice nurse at the 'Old Children's hospital'. We had a premature 27 week baby sent to us (before we had surfactant & updated ventilators). We were out of ventilators. Dr. Bolam went to Central Services and brought up several pieces of equipment and put together a make-shift ventilator for this baby, until we could get a ventilator. He stayed with that baby for the rest of my 3-11 pm shift and into the night. The baby survived.*

*As a novice nurse, he taught me so much! I was further blessed to be able to work with him for another 36 years, after transferring to UNMC. He continued to guide and share knowledge, after I became an NNP. He was always calm & supportive and a nursing advocate.*

*May God be with his family and friends in these hard times. Rest in Peace De. Bolam.*

*Lyn Hall*

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**Lyn Hall - Retired CNS & NNP** - July 20, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. David Lloyd Bolam.*



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July 20, 2022 at 08:55 AM

RM

“ Rod and Shari Morris purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. David Lloyd Bolam.



Rod and Shari Morris - July 19, 2022 at 09:42 PM

NS

“ Nebraska Medicine - NICU Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. David Lloyd Bolam.



Nebraska Medicine - NICU Staff - July 18, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. David Lloyd Bolam.



July 18, 2022 at 10:22 AM

AF

“ Anne Talignani, Sarah McNeill and family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Dr. David Lloyd Bolam.



Anne Talignani, Sarah McNeill and family - July 18, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Many Prayers and Much Love to you and your families at this time.*

*Your Fathers'/Grandfathers' Cousin,*

*Jack Bolam*

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**Jack Bolam** - July 17, 2022 at 11:50 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. David Lloyd Bolam.*



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July 17, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *I had the honor to work with Dr. Bolam for 31 years as a nurse in the NICU at Neb. Medicine. He had a great sense of humor, was a highly knowledgeable clinician and a huge advocate for the nurses. He always had his door open for advice and was very good with our NICU families. My deepest sympathies to his family....he spoke often about you and your accomplishments. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him. Rest in peace Dave!*

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**Georgene Gottsch** - July 17, 2022 at 11:24 AM

DB

*I knew David in another time of his life. In Ottumwa, IA in the early 60's we worked together at St Joseph's Hospital as an aide and orderly after school. He was very serious and funny too. He went on to be a Dr and I became an ICU nurse. We never saw each other after we left Ottumwa but he was unforgettable even then.*

*May the family find solace in God's Amazing Grace and David's incredible legacy.*

*DeSi Fuller Burnett*

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**DeSi Fuller Burnett** - July 28, 2022 at 01:32 AM