



## Ross F. Boland

April 21, 2017

Ross Franklin VJ Boland, 64, of West Hartford, entered eternal slumber, Friday, April 21, 2017 after an illness, while in the finest care of the Doctors, Nurses and others at St. Francis Hospital. Ross was born in Hartford the son of the late James J. Boland, Sr. and Stephanie (Ritkowski) Boland. Ross cared for his mom and dad until their passing at 88 and 92 respectively. In addition to the passing of his parents he suffered the untimely loss of his brother James “Jay” J. Boland, Jr. in 1997 and the passing of his brother Bruce E. Boland in February of this year after a protracted illness. Ross made West Hartford his home where there is not a neighbor, past or present, who does not know of his kindness, generosity and brilliant mind. Ross was the consummate scientist, he earned his BA, MA and PhD. from UCONN in Metallurgy, and was extremely accomplished in the field, holder of patents in Diamond Coatings, Thermal Spray Deposition, and other coating processes. Ross was an author of over 50 publications, and would help design and manage operations and fabrication laboratories for state of the art coating, deposition processes and ion surface modifications. Ross had a quick and curious mind that led him to also become a recognized expert witness for control systems related to automatic doors. His experience as an engineer would allow him to develop specialized fixtures for the fabrication and repair of laboratory glass, which was his father’s business as well. He is survived by two sisters Caroline Cunningham, and Phyllis Samofal; 7 nephews and 3 nieces. He is additionally survived by his long time, constant companion,

Cheryl Daniels. Funeral services will be Friday with a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Friends and family may call Thursday, from 4-8 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to Utopia Rescue Ranch, 966 Echo Hill Rd. Medina, Texas 78055, or the 2nd Amendment Foundation, 12500 NE 10th Pl. Bellevue, WA 98005. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com). For all that knew and loved him, it's been "our pleasure"

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
872 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a sad time for the family and friends. A fine person leaves and only memories now keep him in our lives. Knowing the family from the time of the old plane days, and shared many a fine time with all the brothers and father, I bow my head in prayer. May the family find a moment of peace and know, all our good thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*John E. Guyan, Jr.  
Newington, Ct.*

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john e guyan jr - April 26, 2017 at 08:00 PM

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“ *We are deeply saddened to hear the news of Ross' passing. He was a great neighbor - always quick to lend a helping hand or offer up a part / solution to any problem. His generosity was second to none - to providing help with small engine repair, to acting as a lock smith and fixing broken door locks, to handing out full size candy bars to the kids on Halloween. His kind deeds are too numerous to list. We were incredibly fortunate to live next door to him for the past decade and he will be sorely missed. Our sincerest condolences go out to the Boland family and all of his friends. May his gentle soul rest in peace.*

*Alex and Denise Cosentino*

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Alexander M Cosentino - April 24, 2017 at 01:31 PM

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“ I have known the Boland family for over 60 years. Ross and I have been close friends and have shared the ups and downs of life for many years. So many people are feeling the loss of this truly special person. I hope you all realize that each of you were important to him and he cared for you more than you know. I am glad I was able to be of comfort to him the last few months. I will miss him but fond memories will replace the grief I feel. Rest In Peace Ross

With Love,

*Cheryl Daniels*

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**Cheryl Daniels** - April 24, 2017 at 12:44 PM

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*Remember..To be ABSENT from this BODY is to be PRESENT with GOD.2Corinthians 5-8. AMEN ..Evangelist Vivian Countryman Bailey*

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**Evangelist Vivian C. Bailey** - April 24, 2017 at 04:38 PM