

John Bolger

John M. Bolger, 69, of Littleton, a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force, died Aug. 30.

He leaves his wife, Mary (Calhoun) Bolger of Littleton and seven children: John (and Lorraine) Bolger of Cornwall, N.Y., Patrick and (Nancy King) Bolger of Holliston, Margaret (and Edward) Matthews of Groton, Kathleen (and Richard) Duggan of Manhattan, Michael Bolger of Manhattan, Maureen (and Keith) Woods of Littleton and Paul Bolger of West Palm Beach, Fla. In addition, he is survived by his brother, Philip (and Gloria) Bolger of Annapolis, Md.; five grandchildren, four nieces, eight nephews and countless friends.

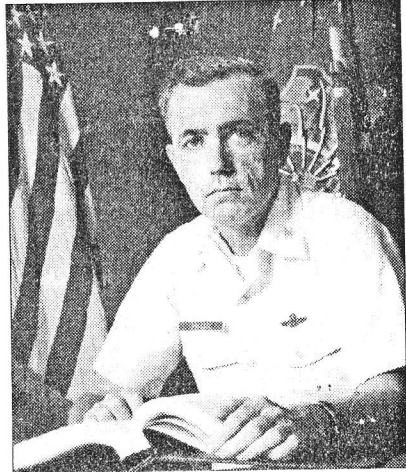
Mr. Bolger was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on March 14, 1928 to Philip Hearn and Mary McCaffrey Bolger. He graduated from the Dwight School in Manhattan in 1946. He received a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1950, a masters of engineering degree from Texas A & M University in 1963 and was a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He entered the Air Force on June 2, 1950 and retired 26 years later on July 1, 1976. He was a pilot with the Air Force for 20 years.

From 1965 to 1969, he was program manager of the 440L System (Over the Horizon Radar) with the Electronics Systems Division at Hanscom Field and was considered the foremost military and one of the four or five worldwide authorities in the new radar technology.

In July, 1970, Mr. Bolger was assigned as commander of the 1974 Communications Group, Air Force Communications, Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. For his duty there, he received the McClelland Award, presented annually to the outstanding communications-electronics organization of the Air Force.

In 1971, he assumed command of the Tactical Communications Area at Langley Air Force base in Virginia, where he served as deputy chief of staff, communications-electronics. This involved management supervision of over



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5,000 active duty personnel and 8,000 National Guard personnel.

From 1974 to 1976, Bolger was the vice director of the Department of Defense Joint Tactical Communications Office, which was responsible for planning for, and managing the implementation of, all service tactical communications equipment acquisition for the next 20 years with an approximate budget of \$3 billion.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal (with one basic service star), World War II Victory Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with three basic service stars) and the Air Force Longevity Service Award with one silver oak leaf cluster.

After retirement, Colonel Bolger was a management consultant for information processing systems for Booz Allen Hamilton for seven years.

In 1977, he was a director of BR Communications, a military communications company, and remained on the board until the company was sold in 1988. In 1986, he became a director and co-founder of On Command Video Corp. until his retirement in 1992.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday at Sacred Heart Church, Main Road, Cutchogue, N.Y. at 10 a.m. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cutchogue, N.Y. Arrangement were made by Badger Funeral Home in Littleton.