



LAWRENCE FRANCIS BOLAND
(1916-1979)

On February 28, after a short illness, Larry Boland died in his sleep, ending the life and career of a good man and friend.

Larry was born in Stone, Kentucky, on August 27, 1916, the only son of Doctor Lawrence F. and Elizabeth L. Boland. Because of illness in the family he spent many of his early years in Florida and West Virginia. Larry attended Williamson High School, Williamson, West Virginia, where he lettered in tennis, basketball, and football, and earned All-State recognition in football.

Upon graduation from high school, Larry attended the University of Kentucky on a football scholarship and became a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. On graduating with a bachelor's degree in English, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, to work for the Du Pont Company. It was while working for Du Pont that Larry met Margaret Ann Brisbois, "Peg" to her many friends. They were married June 17, 1945, in St. Paul, Peg's hometown. Larry also worked for Du Pont in Hanford, Washington, where they were involved with the "Manhattan Project." While there, Larry

served as chief of communications for Du Pont.

In 1945, Larry and Peg returned to the University of Kentucky, where he studied geology in graduate school under a fellowship. In 1946, Larry received his bachelor's degree in geology and went to work for the U.S. Geological Survey in Lexington, Kentucky.

In 1947 Larry accepted a position as staff geologist with Amerada in Tyler, Texas, and in 1949 he was transferred to Jackson, Mississippi, as district exploration manager. Larry served in this capacity for 21 years before resigning in 1970 to open an office for Harkins & Company. During his final years as Harkins' exploration manager, Larry was instrumental in the discovery of Cistercian field, Jasper County, and Greens Creek field in Jefferson Davis and Marion Counties, Mississippi.

Larry and Peg were charter members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and were very involved in church activities. They raised eight children, five boys and three girls. All the boys were outstanding athletes and created a dynasty at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's High School not likely to be equaled again. For many years Larry served as the "Voice of the Rebels," announcing all of St. Joseph's home football games.

Larry was a member of the AAPG and was a certified professional geologist. He was a member of long-standing in the Mississippi Geological Society, and served as president of that organization in 1971-72. He also served as program chairman and head of the job placement committee. In April 1978 Larry was elected to honorary membership in the society.

Larry, a true Irishman, was both a passionate and compassionate man and was well-known and respected throughout our industry. He was a strong advocate for those things in which he believed, but was the original "soft touch" for those who needed his help. Larry is truly missed by all of us who were privileged to know him and work with him. He is survived by his wife, eight children, and nine grandchildren.

JERRY E. ZOUBLE
and
JAMES R. MCELROY

Jackson, Mississippi
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