Dr. Gary R. Bolton was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin. His early interest for the outdoors, sports, and music became his lifetime characteristic. Gary attended the University of Wisconsin and Iowa State University and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1967. He received an appointment as intern at the Animal Medical Center in New York City in 1967, followed by two years of residency in internal medicine and cardiology.

Dr. Bolton was appointed to the faculty of the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine as an assistant professor of small animal medicine in 1970 and was promoted to associate professor in 1974. His primary interest was cardiology, which he developed into a productive referral service and teaching program for students and practitioners. He became board-certified in the specialty of cardiology in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1979.

A gifted teacher with a unique ability to pinpoint essential clinical aspects while radiating interest and enthusiasm for his students and a deep sense of confidence and trust to the pet owner, he became known and respected as a compassionate veterinarian who exhibited empathy to both his patients and their owners. Because of these qualities he was a popular lecturer at local, state, and national meetings. His dry sense of humor, his mimicking sounds and signs of various ailments, as well as his practical approach to clinical problems always kept his audience’s attention. In 1978 his continuing education lectures were enthusiastically received by the veterinary practitioners in Japan. In 1977 he was awarded the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award by his students.

Dr. Bolton contributed over thirty publications to textbooks and periodicals. In 1975 he authored the *Handbook of Canine Electrocardiography*, which quickly brought him international recognition. This text became a leading reference in veterinary cardiology and subsequently was translated and published in Japanese. Gary was a pioneer in veterinary ECHO cardiography and in the development of the feline cardiovascular research section of the Cornell Feline Health Center.

Dr. Bolton’s administrative positions included membership on the Curriculum Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee, and the Expanded Admissions and Admissions Committee. He served also as student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association faculty adviser and American Animal Hospital Association faculty adviser, as well as faculty adviser and president of Phi Zeta. He was a member
of the Academy of Veterinary Cardiology, the American Animal Hospital Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the New York State Veterinary Medical Association, and the New York State Southern Tier Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Bolton generated such a lasting impression that an endowed award, the Gary Bolton Memorial Cardiology Award, arose from funds and donations in memory of his outstanding contributions to the field of small animal cardiology. The first presentation was made at the 1982 Honor Day banquet.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Bolton, and their two children: a son, Kerry (ten), and a daughter, Mickey (eight).

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