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Dr. Bolton was the son of Stanley W Bolton DC and Mariette G Bolton DC, graduates of the Palmer School of Chiropractic in the United States (U.S.), who immigrated to Australia and pioneered chiropractic in Australia.

He graduated Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1948. In 1958 he was awarded the degree Philosopher of Chiropractic (PhC, Palmer) for his thesis entitled "A study of legislation affecting chiropractic in the Commonwealth of Australia."

In addition to practicing in Sydney and traveling to establish and provide regular chiropractic clinics throughout country NSW and southern Queensland, Dr Bolton served the profession in a number of leadership roles.

He worked very closely with John Fraser DC, the then Federal President of the Australian Chiropractors Association, to secure x-ray licenses for chiropractors under the Radio-Active Substances Acts in Australia.

Dr. Bolton was elected Federal President of the Australian Chiropractors' Association (ACA) and served from 1960-71. This role included guiding the profession through the period of the first government inquiry into chiropractic in Australia – the WA Honorary Royal Commission on Natural Therapy. During his Presidency, the *Journal of the ACA* (JACA) was established as the profession's national journal. He later became Associate Editor (History) for the *Chiropractic Journal of Australia*, which superseded JACA as the profession's peer-reviewed Journal. He was involved in the establishment the first scholarships for Australian Students wanting to study in the United States (U.S.) and in 1986 became a Trustee to the NSW Chiropractic Student Trust Fund.

He was elected foundation President of the Australian Chiropractor's Association NSW State branch and served what was to become his first term as President from 1960-66. In 1963 he initiated discussions with the NSW government and the University of NSW on education for chiropractors within the university sector.

He worked tirelessly with ACA Vice-President Jim Tunney to achieve Australia's first legislation to register chiropractors, which occurred in Western Australia in 1964. During this time he also led the political action to restore the use of x-ray by chiropractors in Queensland.

In 1966 Dr. Bolton accepted the role of foundation President of the British Commonwealth Chiropractic Federation.

Appointed Australian delegate to the World Chiropractic Federation in 1969.

Dr. Bolton was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Australian Chiropractors' Association (NSW Branch) in 1974 and was re-elected to serve his second term as NSW Branch President from 1975-1980 playing a key role in the emergence of NSW's first Chiropractic Registration Act.

Dr. Bolton was appointed an inaugural member of the NSW Chiropractors Registration Board in 1979 and served until 1990. This included the role of Chairman of the Board's Education Committee from 1983-1990.

He was recognised for his serve to the chiropractic profession at home and abroad not only with his honorary life membership to the ACA but with a Fellowship in the Palmer Academy of Chiropractic (FPAC) and Fellowship in the United States International College of Chiropractic (FICC). He was listed in "Who's Who in Chiropractic International" 1976

Dr. Bolton retired from fulltime chiropractic practice in 1996 just shy of 50 years of fulltime practice.

Dr. Bolton remained active in the profession continuing his role as Associate Editor (History) for the *Chiropractic Journal of Australia* and his membership of the Editorial Advisory Board of the United States based *Chiropractic History Journal and Archives*.

Dr. Bolton served the community in other ways. He was a lifetime member of the Australian Baha'i Community. He became a 'Knight of Baha'u'llah' (Kt.B.) in 1953 for services to the International Baha'i Community, an award of the World Centre of the Baha'i Faith in Haifa, Israel. He continued to serve the Baha'i faith throughout his life. Dr. Bolton was also a Justice of the Peace in NSW.

He will be remembered by those who knew him as a man of principle who lived his life based on the principles of the Baha'i Faith, the tenants of chiropractic and a man who loved his family dearly.

Dr. Bolton is survived by his wife Judy, brother John and his children Philip, Mark, Pari, Liu, Brett and Sumi.