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# Maldon: Helicopter pilot died "doing something he loved"

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A MALDON man has painted a glowing picture of his son, who died in an horrific helicopter crash in Cambridgeshire.

Robert Crofts-Bolster, 50, of Brasted, in Kent, was pronounced dead by emergency services after the single-engine helicopter he was flying crashed into a field at the rear of a business park in Witchford, near Ely, on January 6.

Mr Crofts-Bolster, a flying instructor, who leaves wife Helen, 43, and two daughters, Charlotte, 13, and Rose, nine, was the only person in the aircraft when it crashed.

His father, Raymond, 78, of Silver Street, Maldon, who has lived in the town for about 20 years, said: "It has left a huge void in my life. I can't start describing it.

"He was bright, intelligent, charismatic, everything.

"He had been flying for ten years. He was qualified as a dentist, but didn't enjoy it and gave it up to fly and teach flying.

"He had only recently started flying helicopters.

"It's comforting to know that he died doing something he loved."

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