



## Mother Velma Lee Tolbert

March 23, 1928 - May 24, 2018

TOLBERT, Mother Velma Lee - Age 90, passed away Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Maplewood Manor. Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, June 1, 2018 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Patrick Sanders Sr. officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Friday. Mother Tolbert will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday with the family present from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM to receive friends.

Mother Velma Lee (Brown) Tolbert was born March 23, 1928 in Clarksdale, Mississippi, the last child and only daughter born to Willie and Eveline Brown. She accepted Christ at a young age at Rose Bank Church in Mississippi. Velma attended Holmes County Public Schools where she was a Champion Runner. Her specialty was the 100 Yard Dash. Velma did not pursue her running dream, she choose to wed Walter Tolbert and to this union, her oldest daughter, Minnie was born. Two years later her second daughter, Jessie was born. After the death of her husband she wanted a better life for her daughters; she moved to Chicago, IL. In Chicago she worked various jobs but her all time favorite was Curtiss Candy Company. In 1968, her brothers, James and Johnnie convinced her to move to Flint, Michigan to be with family. She joined New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church under the leadership of

Bishop Odis A. Floyd. Velma attended church every Sunday until her health started to decline. She served on the Nurses Guild until she was assigned to the Mother's Board. Over the years Velma worked various jobs and retired from Chateau Gardens Senior Homes as a Cook in the late 80's. She loved to cook her specialty which was Lemon Meringue Pie. Her favorite pastime was fishing, you could find her on the fishing bank every Saturday. When she was not fishing she was watching wrestling, baseball, basketball, football and golf; if it rolled she was watching it.

Mother Velma Lee Tolbert leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Minnie Tolbert of Flint and Jessie Wade of Mt. Morris, MI; 3 granddaughters, Denise Earnest of Johnson City, TN, Shirie Wade of Mt. Morris, MI and Cabrina Clarke; 5 grandsons, Eugene Brown, both of Flint, Darnell Wade of Mt. Morris, MI, Anthony Byrd of Lansing, MI, Reginald Clarke of Holly, MI and Marquese Tolbert of Flint; 22 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren with 2 on the way; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mother Tolbert was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Tolbert; parents, Willie and Eveline Brown; 3 brothers, Jessie Lee, James and Johnnie Brown; 2 sisters-in-law, Velma and Maree.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor and First Lady Sanders and the entire New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church family, Deacon Hines and Jackie Hill, Maplewood Manor, Stephanie Brooks and Donnell Hodges.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 31.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

**MAY 31.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## **Family hour**

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JUN 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

## **Service**

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JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mary Huddleston lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



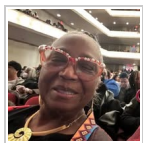
**Mary Huddleston** - July 06, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ *Keep the Faith*



**Stella Miller** - June 01, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ *Carolyn Mayo sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



**Carolyn Mayo** - May 30, 2018 at 11:20 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Riggs Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Lisa Riggs Johnson** - May 30, 2018 at 08:49 PM

NL

“ *Norma Legrone lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Norma legrone** - May 30, 2018 at 12:23 PM

JS

“ *Condolences from the Smarts*

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**Jennifer Smart** - May 29, 2018 at 11:46 AM

TA

“ *Toni Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Toni Adams** - May 29, 2018 at 11:22 AM

DE

“ *Denise Tolbert Earnest lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Denise Tolbert Earnest** - May 29, 2018 at 09:51 AM

RB

“ *Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Rosa Burnett** - May 28, 2018 at 11:20 PM

RR

“ *Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Rodney Richardson** - May 28, 2018 at 12:16 PM

NB

“ *N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board** - May 28, 2018 at 07:27 AM

NB

“ *N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board** - May 28, 2018 at 07:20 AM

DH

“ *Our prayers to the family.  
May your love provide you strength!  
Memories Forever. God is Love*

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**Deacon Daniel & Sister Rene Hall** - May 27, 2018 at 10:58 PM

TA

“ *Toni Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Toni Adams** - May 27, 2018 at 09:30 PM

NK

“ *Nurse Katrina lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**Nurse Katrina** - May 27, 2018 at 04:18 PM

NL

“ *Norma Legrone lit a candle in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



Norma legrone - May 25, 2018 at 08:17 PM

MP

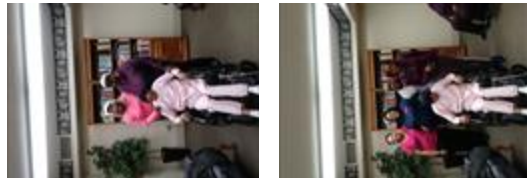
“ *Praying for the family..... from the Millennial Ministry*



Michelle Price - May 25, 2018 at 06:32 PM

CC

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Cabrina Clarke - May 25, 2018 at 06:15 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie Mayberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



Jeannie Mayberry - May 24, 2018 at 02:15 PM

LG

“ *Lee Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mother Velma Lee Tolbert*



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**lee grant** - May 24, 2018 at 11:27 AM