



## Venola Tolbert

June 15, 1929 - May 11, 2012

TOLBERT, Mrs. Venola - Age 82, passed away Friday, May 11, 2012 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. Family hour Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11 a.m. Pastor Carlos D. Williams officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Mrs. Tolbert will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. with the family present from 5-7 p.m. Mrs. Venola Tolbert was born June 15, 1929 in Cornersville Arkansas. The daughter of Alfonso and Estella Johnson. She was united in marriage to Matt (Zeke) Tolbert, May 31, 1947. Venola retired from teaching in the Flint Community School System in 1993 after 24 years of service. She was a devoted member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle and an active member of the Nurse's Guild. Venola enjoyed fishing, the outdoors, and was a regular walker at Courtland Center Mall. She was also an avid movie goer and active in UAW 599 Retiree Chapter. Venola loved reading her Bible, working crossword puzzles, viewing game shows, working in her garden, and tending to her flower beds. On a sunny day you would often find her sitting on the porch with her pet Beagle, Casey. Mrs. Tolbert leaves to cherish in her memory: sons, Gregory Tolbert-Bey of Flint, Marshall (Beverly) Tolbert of Macomb, MI, Matt Bernard (Keisha) Tolbert of Flint Township, Bruce (Pat) Tolbert Of Flint and Randolph Tolbert of Grand Blanc, MI; daughters, Victoria

(Eric) Kilgore of Flint and Annette Tolbert of Burton, MI; 17 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Raymond (Ethel Mae) Johnson of Flint; brother-in-law, Chris Ridgell of West Bloomfield, MI; sister-in-law, Lela Mary Johnson of Flint; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. Tolbert was preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Matt Tolbert on October 8, 1999; daughter, Valerie Tolbert on June 29, 2000; parents; 4 brothers; and 4 sisters. The family would like to express a special thanks to walking partner Bessie M. Jackson, dear friend Berthola Althemier, special thanks to the Wager St. neighborhood, Dr. George Tumaneng, the 3rd floor nursing staff at Genesys Regional Medical Center, Pastor Carlos D. Williams, the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle Family and Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Venola Tolbert*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *May God bless and comfort you , our prayers are with you*

**Ed Barksdale** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Annette: I am so very loss for your loss. I know you were close with your Mom and will miss her each day. Hold her memory close, she will be with you in your heart and in spirit.*

*Julie*

**Julie Jacot** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Our prayers go with you*

**MIn David M. Martin** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Mrs. Tolbert's passing. She was a sweet and dear person. I'll miss seeing her smiling face and kind words @ church. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family. May God Bless and comfort you, now and always.*

**Jesse Kirksey** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Annette you and your family are in my prayers. May God continues to comfort you in your time of sorrow.*

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**Cathy Williams** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Annette and the family of Ms. Venola Tolbert,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you during your time of sorrow.*

*Julie Williamson*

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**Julie Williamson** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Anette and family*

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**Marianne Marconnay** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Your in our Prayers.*

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**David,Andrea,Janay& Dre Hudson** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Marshall, I just recently learned of the loss of your mother and wanted to extend my very deepest sympathy to you and to your family.*

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**Joy Mathis** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I am saddened to hear about the loss of your mother. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

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**ROSE FIZER** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Marshall and Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God give you the strength you need to make it through.*

*James & Gloria McFadden*

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**James & Gloria McFadden** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Vickie, you and your family are in my prayers. Take comfort in knowing that your Mother is in God's loving presence and that you and your entire family have made your Mother's journey on this Earth a time that included being loved, cared for and surrounded by the people that she loved. Continue to take refuge in our Lord during this time. He will give you the strength that you need.

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**Cheryl Johnson** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Greg, I'm sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I can't be there due to other obligations. Please accept my condolences. Paul Canada

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**Paul Canada** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Sherece,  
*I was looking at the picture of Ms. Venola and I kept thinking that she reminded me of Valerie from Park Manor. Today, I looked back on the website and realized she is your grandmother. You and your family are in my prayers. Keep in touch.*

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**Karla Hollins** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *To the entire Tolbert FAMILY,*

*My heart aches for you. May our Heavenly Father GOD Bless and keep you during this most difficult time.*

*I hadn't seen Mrs. Tolbert in over 30 years, but when I had the opportunity to sit and visit with her during her walking partner - Mrs. Jackson's birthday celebration last year, it was indeed a pleasure. She has always been such a 'classy lady', I'll remember her and how she touched my life - forever.*

*Love, Elvira (Jones) Chapman ~\_~\**

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**Elvira (Jones) Chapman** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *To the Tolbert family, my prayers are with you. May God provide his strength and power during this very difficult time.*

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**Cynthia Tipton** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Even though we did not know your loved one personally, we are truly sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences go out to you and your family. Often during difficult times people turn to the bible. Two scriptures that come to mind are Revelations 21:3,4 and Acts 24:15. I hope that these verses are comforting to you.

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**R. and K. Muex** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ auntie you will be missed, you were such a joy to be around, im so glad i had a chance to sit and talk with you that monday before God called you home .R.I.P love you so much auntie....

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**elaine johnson dorsey** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ God spoke to me yesterday. He led me to Psalm 46:1-3 " God is [my] refuge and strength. An ever present help in trouble. Therefore [I] will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." It was then I knew that he was preparing me. Thank you Lord for your blessings. Thank you Lord for my Grandmother, Venola Tolbert, whom you called back to be with you this beautiful morning. Lord, you never left her and she never left you. She prayed continually and was faithful. I take comfort in knowing that you are saying to her right now, "Well done my good and faithful servant, well done!" I take comfort in knowing that she has been reunited with her husband and her daughter (my mother). Thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus. I will praise you in my circumstance for you are a sovereign God.

*Thank you friends and family for your prayers. May goodness and mercy follow you. Amen*

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**Sherece Tolbert** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Annette and Family, I am so sorry for your loss and you are in my thoughts.* ”

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**Dawn Kelly** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM