

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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Acknowledgments

The Family of Mary Lee Tolbert extends our sincere thanks, appreciation, and prayers for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us during the bereavement of our loved one. These expressions have been a source of strength. May you all be richly blessed.

-The Family



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Mrs. Mary Lee TOLBERT

Heavenly Departure:
January 21, 2021

Earthly Arrival
January 14, 1924



Graveside Service

Saturday, January 30, 2021

1:00PM

Beech Branch Baptist Church Cemetery

Old Sardis Road | Sardis, Georgia

Minister Breon Evans

Presiding

Bishop Raymond Cooper

Officiating

OBITUARY

Life Reflections of Mrs. Mary Lee Tolbert

*And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.
1 Kings 3:14*

After 97 blessed years, God called to eternal rest His child Mrs. Mary Lee Tolbert.

Mrs. Mary Lee Tolbert was born January 14, 1924 to the late Arthur & Emma Lue (Williams) Herrington in Sardis, Ga. She was the oldest of 13 children.

At an early age, Mary Lee joined Beech Branch Baptist Church where she served on the usher board and was an active youth member. She attended elementary and secondary school in Burke County, Ga., graduating from Waynesboro High & Industrial School. Shortly afterwards, she moved to Savannah, Ga and worked as a domestic worker. She also lived in Boston, MA for a short while before returning to Savannah, GA.

When her children became school aged, Mary Lee went to work for the Chatham County Board of Education as a part-time employee, shifting to full-time after her children were much older. She retired after 22 years of labor at the age of 62. Mary Lee was also talented as a beautician and seamstress. Her favorite past time was to work in her flower garden.

Mary Lee was a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church of Savannah where she served as an usher before joining the West Broad Street Seventh Day Adventist Church. She served faithfully for many years on the usher board; she supported and attended all events of the church and enjoyed traveling out of town to church conventions. She read her bible every night before going to bed. Mary Lee moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL in 2006 at the age of 82 to reside with her daughters. She was physically healthy, strong, and enjoyed life until her health began to fail a month prior to her death.

Mary Lee was preceded in death by her husband James W. Tolbert, Grandchildren Anthony Bernard Bryant and Trenace Nicole Savage, great grandchild Kamari Savage and siblings Jerrie Bell Herrington, Arthur Herrington, Jr., Myna Lee Zeigler, Roosevelt Herrington, Roy Gene Herrington, and Janie Herrington.

Loving memories will be forever cherished by her four daughters: Doris Frierson, Guyton, GA; Shirley (Errol) Taylor, Port St. Lucie, FL; Cynthia Haynes, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Diane Tolbert, Savannah, GA; seven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter; siblings: Woodrow Herrington, Sardis, GA, Mozelle Herrington, Savannah, GA., Carolyn (Albert) Bryant, Chicago, IL, Mildred Mintz, Philadelphia, PA., James (Louise) Herrington, Augusta, GA.; and sister-in-law, Gloria Herrington, Marietta, GA. and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. A very special caregiver Sharon Hanfield who provided excellent care until she transitioned.



Remember Me

*Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years.
Recall the closeness that was ours,
A love as “sweet” as fragrant flowers.*

*Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you
pain,
We'll see each other once again.
I am at peace try to believe,
It was my times.. I had to leave.*

*But “what a view” I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near,
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.*

*And when God calls you... you will be,
Right by my side....right here with me.
Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door;
We'll be united.... Everyone!*



ORDER OF SERVICE

Celebration of Mrs. Mary Lee Tolbert

Processional

Final Glance

*"Remember Me as you pass by
As you are, once was I;
As I am, you will be
So prepare yourself to follow Me."*

Selection.....Amazing Grace

*Scripture Readings
Old & New Testament.....Minister Breon Evans*

PrayerDeacon Robert Heath

*Reflections (Three Minute Limit)
As A Granddaughter - Bridget Kennedy
As A Granddaughter - Jazmine Haynes
As A Family Member—Deacon Charles Herrington*

Selection.....It Is Well With My Soul

Acknowledgements.....Phinazee & Son Funeral Home Staff

*Obituary.....Read Silently
(Soft Music)*

Eulogy.....Bishop Raymond Cooper

Recessional.....Goin' Up Yonder" Walter Hawkins & The Love Center

*Final Resting Place
Beech Branch Baptist Church Cemetery*

Mom's Flower Garden

*Our mom kept a flower garden
A garden of the heart
She planted all the good things
That gave our life a start*

*She turned us to the sunshine
And encouraged us to dream
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem*

*And when the winds and rains came
She protected us enough
But not too much, she knew we would need
To stand up strong and tough*

*Her constant good example
Always taught us right from wrong
Markers for our pathway
To last our whole life long*

*We are our Mother's garden
We are her legacy
And I hope today she feels the love
That we have for thee*

*Your Loving Daughters,
Doris, Shirley, Cynthia, Diane*



In Loving Memory Of A Dear Grandmother

*It's always sad but COMFORTING
To silently recall
Your SMILE and dear familiar face
So loves by one and all
For the world may keep TURNING
And change from day to day
But precious MEMORIES of you
Will never fade away
And here's hoping that this message
Which carries so much LOVE
Will somehow find its way to you
In HEAVEN up above
It's to let you know, dear grandma
That, although you are at rest
You'll live forever in the hearts of
Those who LOVED you best.*

*Your Loving
Grandchildren*

