



Rev. James E. Tolbert

July 1, 1927 - May 22, 2021

Rev. James E. Tolbert, 93, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Residence: 427 Race Street, Charleston SC

He was preceded in death by his wife the late Lillian Aiken Tolbert. He is survived by his children: Kevin M. Tolbert, James J. Tolbert (Denise) and Avis Alexander; sister: Georgia M. Tolbert; granddaughter: Courtney Alexander; great grandchildren: Kennedy Alexander and Avery Jenkins, a host of relatives and friends.

Walk-Thru Service: Friday, May 28, 2021 - 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, 2119 Dorchester Road, North Charleston SC

Funeral Service: Saturday, May 29, 2021 - 12:00 Noon

New Cannon Street Baptist Church

46 Cannon Street, Charleston SC 29403

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home
2119 Dorchester Road
North Charleston, SC 29405
(843) 722-3676
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Celebration of Life Service

MAY **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Cannon Street Baptist Church
46 Cannon Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Tribute Wall

EF

“ My sincere sympathy for your loss. You have my deepest sympathies" Was One of my instructor in the AME Ministry !! Rest on Rev !!

EV Fladger - March 17, 2025 at 01:59 PM

CF

“ My condolences to the Tolbert family. Rev. Tolbert was everybody's favorite teacher. He was an awesome teacher and always made us feel special and capable to get our work done. Thank you for sharing Rev. Tolbert with us. Thank God for his life and the difference he made in our lives.

Carol Shuler Ferrette

Carolyn Shuler Ferrette - June 05, 2021 at 09:02 PM

RR

“ Please accept my condolences and fond memories of my favorite math teacher who helped to enhance and build my self esteem. Praying for strength and support during your bereavement.
Ruby Cutler Randall

Ruby Cutler Randall - May 30, 2021 at 01:26 PM

BH

“ To Avis and the rest of the family I send my condolences to all of you. I was very sadden to hear of the passing of your Father. May God gives you what you need to endure this difficult time in your life



Benzenia Richardson Hart - May 29, 2021 at 05:59 PM

RF

“ Prayers and condolences to the Family of Rev. Tolbert. From Ebenezer AME to Courtenay Middle School to conversations that I had with him every time that I saw him, Mr. Tolbert was always a man of great intellect and compassion! Always willing to sit down and talk and give advice to help with everything and anything. Gone From Our Sights, But Never from Our Hearts!!!

Richard Flowers - May 29, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ To the family, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Rev. Tolbert. I grew up in Ebenezer and remember him as a compassionate person who always had a smile and time to talk to you. He will be missed.
Fred Taylor



Fred Taylor - May 28, 2021 at 09:07 PM

SR

“ Romans 8:28
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

We are so sorry for your loss our condolences are with your family and loved ones.

From Alma B. Mack, Mary Rambert and the Richardson Family.

Sharon Richardson - May 28, 2021 at 08:20 PM

GH

“ Kevin, Avis & Family:

*May fond memories of Rev. Tolbert provide you comfort and peace.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*God Bless,
Genita Gadsden-Hanna and Family*

Genita E. Hanna - May 28, 2021 at 05:59 PM

GR

“ *My condolences to Georgia-Mae, Romey, Kevin, Avis and the entire family. James was my cousin, but more importantly the older brother we never head, His devotion to service, family, and education is unequivocal. I recall his support in convincing my father Rev. Graham to let me go off to college in 1956. I will find comfort in the many memories me, Reggie, Tonya, and Jimmae have of our dapper cousin.*

With love, Neva

Geneva Ross - May 28, 2021 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ *Rev. James Tolbert taught my siblings and my children. The year he became Ordained, He performed my Wedding, (along with his uncle, Rev. Graham) He also Officiated over my son's Wedding, because my daughter in law's Pastor wasn't available. He always said that what he put together, will last and it did until my husband's death. My Family has always ❤️ him. He will be Missed. Our Sincere Condolences to all his Love Ones!! May his Soul Rest in Peace!!*



Minnie Norton Cheatham - May 28, 2021 at 03:55 PM

RJ

“ May The Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless the family during this time of sadness. I will miss my friend and brother, The Rev. Bro James E. Tolbert .

From: Rev Bro Bernard L Judge, President of CCEA- Retired Unit II

Rev Bro Bernard L Judge - May 28, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. James E. Tolbert.



May 27, 2021 at 09:26 AM

BF

“ May God comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.

Beverly Gadson-Birch & Family - May 27, 2021 at 08:48 AM

BJ

May the God of all comfort give you strength and peace. Brother Tolbert was a great person and a Good Omega Brother. Bro. Bernard Johnson, Atlanta, GA

Bro. Bernard Johnson - May 28, 2021 at 12:56 PM

AA

“ From Allah we come and to Allah we shall return! Thanks Uncle J for all of the wisdom & swag you instilled in me over my 42 of life. To the rest of the family look up, get up, & ever give up, also remember that after great difficulty comes ease! We will get through these trying times

Antonio Levar Aiken - May 26, 2021 at 02:59 PM

SM

“ To the Tolbert family, our sincere and deepest sympathy goes out to you. I have known Rev. Tolbert for years. It started from Courtenay School where he was my teacher. It's been over 40 years. Then he became my pastor at Progressive AME Church, 17 Sires Street for about 10 years. When he retired, we still would see each other at Annual Conferences and other worship services. At Progressive, we named the Youth Choir after him; and when they got invites to sing at another church, Rev. Tolbert was there for support. I know he will be missed. May the Lord give you Strength and Comfort as you go from day to day. May you cherish the memories you have. We know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Praying Gods blessings. With our love and deepest sympathy,
Shirley McPherson and family

Shirley McPherson - May 25, 2021 at 01:11 AM

BW

Rev Tolbert was my fourth grade math teacher at Sanders Clyde elementary school he was a great teacher and always a true gentleman. May Allah be please with his service.
Bernard X

Bernard X Walker - May 26, 2021 at 01:21 PM

GS

“ A REAL good man.



Gerald Steplight - May 24, 2021 at 05:09 PM