

CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE OF  
PERCY LEON  
TOLBERT



**Sunday,  
December 19, 2021**

Two o'clock in the afternoon

Pope Funeral Home, Forestville Chapel  
5538 Marlboro Pike  
Forestville, MD 20747

Sunrise:  
**July 21, 1947**

Sunset:  
**December 13, 2021**

**MR. PERCY LEON TOLBERT** was born in Montevallo, Alabama, on July 21, 1947, to Henry Lee and Flossie (Nix) Tolbert. He was one of seven children. Upon graduating from high school, Percy attended Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, Alabama. Upon graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1969, he began working at Rockwell International in southern California. However, during his time there he was drafted into the US Air Force, where he served the country until his honorable discharge in 1972. Following that he began working at IBM until 1978. He befriended coworkers working at IBM during that time.



His career then transitioned to working for the US Navy at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), where he worked as a Project Manager for 36 years in the Washington, DC area. He was an excellent, dedicated worker who was smart and knew how to get the job completed. Many of his co-workers that knew him already knew that he was wonderful to work with. Upon his retirement from NAVSEA, he stayed busy taking care of our home and worked as a co-owner and director with Mr. Jay Jones of Systems Research and Manufacturing Corporation (SRMC), which produces electronic products.

Percy loved the Lord and had a strong love for his family, and all that knew him will surely miss his kindness, helpfulness, and smile. He was faithful to the word of God, and he was an usher at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He would usually be in the balcony area and was well respected by his fellow ushers.

On Monday, December 13, 2021, he was peacefully guided by the holy angels into his place of eternal rest. II Corinthians 5:8 says, "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." Percy Leon Tolbert is now with the Lord.

Percy was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Flossie Tolbert; father, Henry L. Tolbert; brother, Fred L. Tolbert, Sr.; brother, James Tolbert; sister, Brenda Tolbert-Williams; and sister, Annie Bell Tolbert (Shelton). He leaves behind his Aunt Gussie Wells, sister, Ida Tolbert (Davis), sister, Sandra Cammack, his caring wife, Lorraine Y. Tolbert, his son, Sean W. Tolbert, and a host of nephews, nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives, and several dear and devoted friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation . . . . . Rev. Dr. Lisa Ashe

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23 KJV

New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:14–17 KJV

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection: "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" . . . . . Chadwick Austin

Tributes/Reflections . . . . . Sean W. Tolbert, Son

Family & Friends

Musical Selection: "When We All Get to Heaven" . . . . . Chadwick Austin

Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Dr. Lisa Ashe

Closing Prayer and Benediction . . . . . Rev. Dr. Lisa Ashe

## TO MY DAD

Dad,

I want you to know that I will always cherish the moments in time that we had spent together! I really appreciate that you and mom raised me to be the best person I can be. You always told me to "Trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not unto my own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct my paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6) I am glad that you always brought us together for family prayer.

I will truly miss you; you were my best friend as well as my father. I will miss the times where we would go to basketball and football games together, and talk about sports. I will miss your guidance and advice. You were a great dad who always led me in the right direction. I truly appreciate your leadership, kindness, and I am glad that I let you know that I did the very best that I could to help you. I wish that you were still here with us, but I know that God has other plans. Thank you for consistently lifting me up when I had hard times. I remember you always used to say, "Sean, you will be mighty in this land!". Well dad, because of you I will always be the best that I can be and achieve my goals. You raised a good son, and I know that you were proud of me. I thank God that you were my dad, and I will always love you.

May you Rest in Peace.

Love your son,  
Sean



## THANK YOU DAD

We will always remember that special smile, that caring heart, that warm embrace, you always gave us. You were there for mom and me, through good and bad times, no matter what. We will always remember you dad because they'll never be another one like you in our hearts, and the love we will always have for you.

# SPECIAL THANKS

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