

THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION OF



Thelma

BOYD TOLER

NOVEMBER 3, 1937 - OCTOBER 2, 2024

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

Viewing 9:00 AM | Service 11:00 AM

The People's Community Baptist Church
31 Norwood Road | Silver Spring, Maryland 20905

Pastor Haywood Robinson III, Officiant

Her Story

Thelma (Ann) Boyd Toler, daughter of the late Josephine Boyd Fields and Al Junius Fields was born November 3, 1937, in Tarboro, North Carolina. She departed this life October 2, 2024, at Casey House in Rockville, Maryland.

Thelma graduated from the former East Suffolk High School, Class of 1955. She was class secretary as a freshman and sang in the school choir for four years. Basketball was her favorite extracurricular activity, and she insisted her granddaughter follow in her footsteps in the sport.

Thelma enjoyed a 45-year career in the Federal Government as a Small Business Specialist for the Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President. In that capacity she had personal contact with multiple First Ladies and enjoyed her role in ensuring their procurement needs were met. Her professional success was not limited to her day-to-day responsibilities, rather it was her ability to help others that was the crowning achievement of her life. It was her tenacity and determination to provide opportunities for others that will be her legacy. At every opportunity she mentored, supported, encouraged, and advocated for everyone needing a job to apply for positions in the Federal Government. As their mentor she diligently told them when it was time to apply for a promotion, go back to school for an advanced degree or pivot to another department or industry when there was no opportunity for advancement. Many of them attended her retirement ceremony in 2004 to express their appreciation for her guidance.

As a child she accepted Jesus Christ, in her life. She attended Tyne Street and First Baptist Mahan Street churches in Suffolk, Virginia. After relocating to Washington, DC, she joined The Florida Avenue Baptist Church and later joined The People's Community Baptist Church. There she was a member of the Issachar Tribal Family and her beloved Generation 1. She remained active until her recent illness. In addition, she was a Life Member, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Potomac Valley Section; Past Matron, Zorah Chapter No. 36, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, Rockville, Maryland and Honorary Past Imperial Commandress and Past Imperial Deputy for the Desert of Maryland and, Anwar Court No. 197, Imperial Court of the Daughter of Isis, PHA, Rockville, Maryland.

Thelma loved her family. To her, everyone was family. She was the happiest with a house full of people any day of the week, invited or unexpected. She welcomed international students, interns, college students and countless nieces, nephews, and cousins into her home.

Thelma was most proud of her three sons: Joel L. Boyd, M.D., Herbert H. Toler, Jr., Ph.D., and Al David Toler, DDS. She poured her heart and soul into raising them and provided them with an extraordinary educational and spiritual foundation to ensure their professional and personal success.

Thelma was preceded in death by her stepbrothers Al Jr. and Walter and stepsister Catherine and survived by one stepsister Elnora Stagg. She leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy of selfless giving her sons Joel (Cheryl), Herbert Jr. (Erica), Al (Nathalie), grandchildren Kendall (Brian), Kyle (Archana), Kasey, Heather, Halle, Herbert III, Lawrence, Jacob; great-grandchildren Gabrielle, Garrett, Logan, Jermaine and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

**The Instrumental Meditation
The Moments of Visitation**

Presentation by the National Council of Negro Women Potomac Valley Section

The Call to Celebration

"Blessed Assurance"

The Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kenny Parker
St. Mark Baptist Church
Oak City, NC

The Expressions of Affection

Anthony Rodgers, Deacon,
The Issachar Tribal Family
Ethel Lawhon, Church Clerk

The Words of Reflection

Reverend Charles Hyman
Kyle A. Boyd
Al David Toler, DDS
Joel L. Boyd, M.D.

The Reading of the Obituary

Kendall Tyson

The Song of Affirmation

"If I Can Help Somebody"
Cynthia Givens and Ralph Herndon

The Words of Revelation

Old Testament *Psalms 23 (KJV)*

Reverend Dr. Stanley E. Butler
Tenth Street Baptist Church
Washington, DC

New Testament *John 5: 1-9 (NKJV)*

Herbert H. Toler, III

The Prayer of Consolation

Assistant Pastor George Smith
First Baptist Church Mahan Street
Suffolk, VA

The Hymn of Preparation

"Thank You Lord For All You've Done For Me"
Cynthia Givens and Ralph Herndon

The Gospel Declaration

Herbert H. Toler, Jr., Ph.D. (Son)

The Prayer of Benediction

Albert Gallmon, Jr.
Interim Pastor, Mount Carmel Baptist Church
Washington, DC

The Recessional

The Song of Jubilation

"I Will Fly Away"

Order of Service



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...from OUR HOME to YOURS!

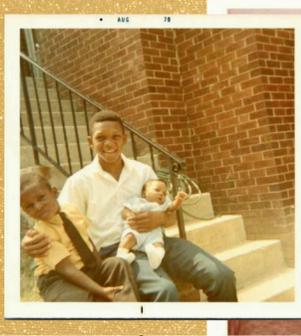
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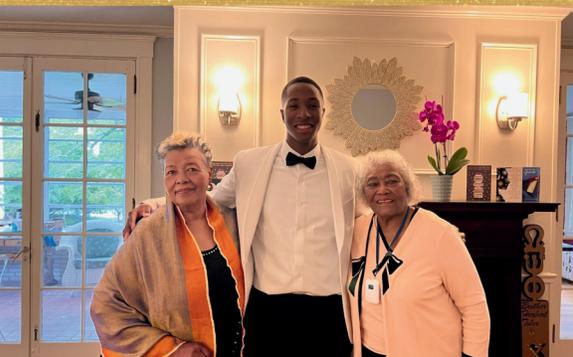
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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



A L A S T I N G L E G A C Y



Pallbearers

Family and Friends



Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.

- Unknown

**THE BOYD-TOLER FAMILY WISHES TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU FOR
THE PRAYERS AND THE OVERWHELMING EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE.**

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