Acknowledgment

Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. During these times, it is comforting to know that we are not alone. We would like to thank each and every one of you, sisters and brothers, neighbors, quilting class sisters, pastors, friends; your encouraging words, flowers, acts of kindness and concern, gifts of food and most of all your prayers that have kept us lifted up to God who has blessed us with strength to make it through this hurting time. Please continue to keep us lifted in prayer.

To God Be The Glory for All He Does!

THE FAMILY

Active Pallbearers

Wayne DaShanuj Tolbert, Son
Daniel Wayne Tolbert, Son
Dylan Wayne Tolbert, Son
LaVance Cyrus Leake
DaShanuj Wayne-Donnell Tolbert
Deacon Adrian Brown

Honorary Pallbearers

Pastor Frank Landington
Pastor Ron Carter
Pastor Darryl Gaddy
Pastor Kenny Hoskins
Pastor Tim Cross
Pastor David McCowan

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Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR

Rev. Dr. D. W. Tolbert

SUNRISE:
December 9, 1959

SUNSET:
June 12, 2026

VISITATION:
Friday, July 3, 2026
10:00 AM to 11:45 AM

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:
July 3, 2026 ~ 12:00 PM
New Hope NBC
560 Yabra Street
Muskegon, Michigan 49442

ORDER OF SERVICE

Praise Dance – Londyn
Granddaughter Londyn Tolbert

Processional
Ministers and Family

Presider: National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
Dr. Reginald E. Bachus
Moderator's Auxiliary, President

Invocation:
Bishop Manasseh Bankhead

Old Testament:
Pastor Matt Eenigenburg
Isaiah 40:28-31

New Testament:
Pastor Doug Bytwerk
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Prayer:
Pastor Lynn Mitchell,
New Era District, Former Moderator

Musical Selection:
The IV's Choir

New Hope Church Resolution:
Sister Sharia McPherson

Acknowledgements of Cards and Resolutions:
Lady Sarah Hampton

Remarks - Two Minutes, Please

New Hope Church Family
Reverend James Anderson
Deacon Charles Todd
Deacon Jimmy UpChurch
Trustee Micheal Mitchell
Brother Tony Franklin
Brother Wilmen G. Griffin Jr.

Reverend Tony Floyd
Pastor Danny Peeples









Don't cry for me, for my work here is
done. We all have a purpose.
My purpose was done.
I was a servant. I loved life and I
enjoyed it. Because of grace and mercy
and you that loved me,
I had a wonderful and fulfilling life
and I even guided many
along the way.
Celebrate my life, for
I AM AT PEACE.
"For me to live is Christ, and to die is
gain. But if I live in the flesh,
this is the fruit of my labour:
yet what I shall choose I wot not.
For I am in a strait betwixt two,
having a desire to depart, and
to be with Christ; which is far better:"
Philippians 1:21 – 23





















The Legacy, Life, and Love of

Pastor D.W. Tolbert



Reverend D.W. Tolbert, D.D., was the oldest son born to Reverend Dr. Bobby Joe and Henrietta Porter Tolbert in Chicago, Illinois. He accepted Christ at the age of six years and was Baptized by his father at the Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. In 1966, responding to the voice of the Holy Spirit, the Tolbert family moved to Three Rivers, Michigan, where his father, Dr. Bobby Joe Tolbert accepted the call to Pastor the Bethel Baptist Church. It was in the community of Three Rivers where Reverend Tolbert grew up, attended school and was an active member and minister in the Bethel Baptist Church. He served faithfully as a minister and pastoral assistant, gaining robust training and experience in all areas of pastoral work including deep involvement in youth ministry.

In 1983, D.W. Tolbert accepted the call to minister and was ordained by his father and lifelong mentor. Licensed by Bethel Baptist Church, Pastor D. W. Tolbert embarked on a ten-year apprenticeship under Reverend Dr. Bobby Joe Tolbert Reverend Tolbert served in many capacities in the Church and the community, advancing the cause of Christ.

Pastor D. W. Tolbert attended Three Rivers High School, Glenn Oaks Community Collage of Centerville, Michigan, and was able to attend American Baptist Theological Seminary Extension in Lansing, Michigan. Pastor Tolbert was very blessed to have had the opportunity to work, serve, and apprentice under his father for the length of his Ministry.

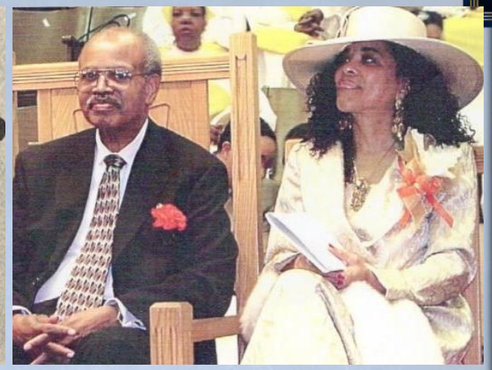
In 1995, Pastor D. W. Tolbert's employer General Motors transferred him to Flint, Michigan, where he joined New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church and served under Bishop Odis A. Floyd in varying ministries.

During the year of December 2000, he met a beautiful woman by the name of Connie Christine Nix, who he proposed to in 2003. On July 3, 2004, the two were married by Reverend Tolbert' s father, followed by another wedding ceremony in Ocho Rios, on July 6, 2004. They celebrated two wedding anniversaries each year.

On October 5, 2004, when the Lord called Reverend Dr. Bobby Joe Tolbert home, the Bethel Baptist Church membership immediately and unanimously elected Reverend D.W. Tolbert to serve as Interim Pastor. One month later, he was unanimously elected Senior Pastor. During the eight years pastoring Bethel Baptist Church, more souls joined, new ministries launched, and all debts retired. He also initiated and completed several capital improvements to beautify the church, continuing to build upon the firm foundation left by his father. In addition to Ministry work, Pastor Tolbert retired from General Motors Corporations after 30 years of service.

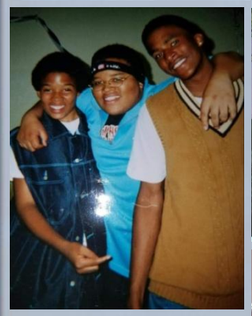








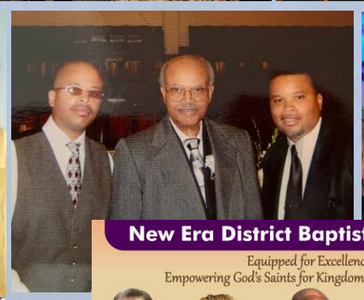








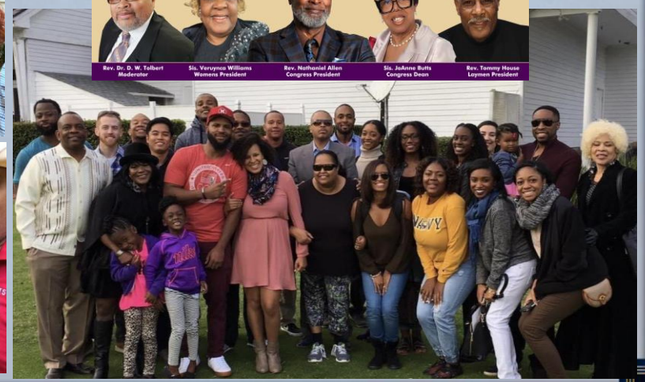










Pastor Tolbert swiftly earned a reputation as a gifted preacher. Leaders from all walks of life frequently invited him to lead seminars, revivals, and workshops in Michigan and beyond. Recognizing Pastor Tolbert's gifts and accomplishments, the Tennessee School of Religion of Memphis, Tennessee, conferred upon Pastor Tolbert the Doctor of Divinity degree in 2007.

Dr. D. W. Tolbert resided in the city of Three Rivers, Michigan until he was called to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Muskegon, Michigan, on November 2012.

As an esteemed, dynamic minister delivering powerful messages to uplift God's people and evangelize God's word, Pastor Tolbert brought over 40 years of dedicated ministerial service and community transformation experience.

Navigating ever-changing times and leveraging the power of technology to teach God's message, Pastor Tolbert conceived, developed, and produced one of Muskegon County's highest-rated and viewed television and radio programs that airs weekly in the Muskegon market and a prevalent Sunday morning broadcast on WUVS 103.7 FM Muskegon radio. Sunday morning sermons are also streamed live via Facebook.

Dr. D.W. Tolbert leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his beloved wife for almost 22 years Lady C.C. Tolbert, his one and only brother: Reginald (Victoria) Fitzgerald of Jacksonville, Florida, three sons: Wayne (Leslie) Tolbert of Three Rivers, Michigan, Daniel Wayne Tolbert of Three Rivers, Michigan and Dylan Wayne Tolbert of Portage, Michigan; five step- daughters: Christina (Edward) McCaleb of Dallas, Texas, Angel Perryman of Atlanta, Georgia, Marcell Howard of Saginaw, Michigan, Chloe (Marcus) Beamon of Saginaw, Michigan, and Markina (Rudy) Houston of Saginaw, Michigan; 2 Nieces: Jessica (Steven) Adebayo of Atlanta, Georgia, and Brittany (Phillip) Jackson of St. Augustine, Florida; one nephew: Joshua (Adrienne) Tolbert of St. Augustine, Florida; four grandchildren: Clariana Thomas, LaVance Cyrus Leake, DaShanuj Wayne- Donnell Tolbert, and Londyn Rayne Tolbert; one great- granddaughter: Braelynn Bell Harrison; 11 step-grandchildren: Mikyle Jackson, Donovan Walton, Anthony Howard, King Howard, Bless Howard, Jourdyn Howard, Zion Howard, Joy Howard, Pierre Houston, Princeton Houston, and Kennedy Houston; two step great- grandsons; Majesty Howard, and Myles Jackson; an uncle, Grandville (Portia) Porter, Chicago, Illinois; and a host of cousins, other relatives, beloved church members, Brothers in the Ministry and friends.

We say goodbye for now to our beloved D.W., but rest assured ... We'll see you in the Rapture!
Respectfully submitted The Family

"If I walk in the pathway of duty
If I work till the close of the day
I shall see the great King in His beauty
When I've gone the last mile of the way."
From "The Last Mile of the Way" by Johnson Oatman, Jr.

"A Tribute To My Husband"



Strength in the Midst of Chaos:

On June 20, 2026, in the quiet hours of Saturday morning at 2:45 a.m.,
I woke up crying. My husband—my babe, the love of my life—was gone.
After spending time in prayer with the Lord, I walked into his office to look for some keys.
That's when I noticed a small, unique book he had created:
The Sermon Notebook (Volume 1), 2024, with his picture on the cover.
What a creative man he was.
I opened it to a message titled "Are You Fixable?" based on Jeremiah 18:1–6.
In that notebook, he wrote that the Potter's House was chosen by God because
it represents a place of chaos—and chaos is the very environment from which God creates.
Today, I am broken. I am hurting. But I am also fixable.
God specializes in the things that feel impossible to bear.
I have no doubt that the Lord will comfort me, keep me, restore me,
provide for me, and continue to love me without condition.
In my heart, I am saying "Yes" to God's will. God had a plan for us together,
and now my husband has gone on to a better place.
But God's plan for me still stands, and I will continue forward in Jesus' name.
And now, President Nathan Johnson, I can boldly declare this:
My last name is Tolbert. I am proud of my last name.
And it will remain Tolbert until God calls me home.



Cuz, it was just like yesterday, coming up seeing you for family and friends day! Your smile, your laugh, and the love that you gave!' Your words of encouragement when I was sick, I will always remember! You will truly be missed! Love you always, Your cousin ***Vickie*** ❤️







Cuz, you have been a great inspiration over the years on our journey!!! I will always love you cuz! You will truly be missed!! Love always, ***Frank.***









Cousin, *you were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. We are going to miss you. Family gatherings and reunions won't be the same without you. We celebrate your life, one of courage, honor, love and unwavering faith. You may be gone from our sight, but your laughter will echo in our memories and your love will live forever in our hearts.* ***Rest Well.***















"A Tribute To My Brother"





Isaiah 57:1-2

Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time.
But no one seems to care or wonder why.
No one seems to understand that God is
protecting them from the evil to come.
For those who follow godly paths
will rest in peace when they die.

Thank you for the fun times
and childhood memories,
thank you for being a great leader
and inspiration to myself and others.
Thank you for always having my back.
I love you and I will miss you.

Rest in Peace my one and only brother.

Reginald F. Tolbert



Today, we say goodbye to my brother, Darryl;
A loss that came far too soon.
Darryl was deeply loved,
and he will be profoundly missed
by everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Though his time with us was much too short,
the memories he gave us will remain forever.

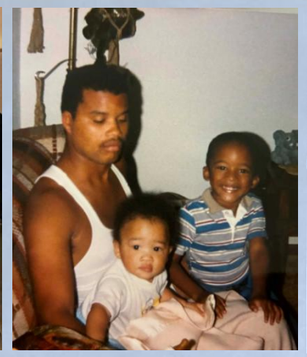
Victoria (Darryl's Favorite Sister In Law)



"To Our Uncle"

You were more than an uncle, you were laughter at family gatherings,
wisdom in quiet conversations, and strength we didn't realize we were leaning on.
You showed up, you listened, you loved us in a way that felt steady and sure.
We'll miss your jokes, your stories, the way you made everything feel lighter.
Though you're no longer here in person, your lessons remain.
Your spirit stays with us, your love still surrounds us.
Forever our uncle. Forever in our hearts.
*Love, **Nieces and Nephews***



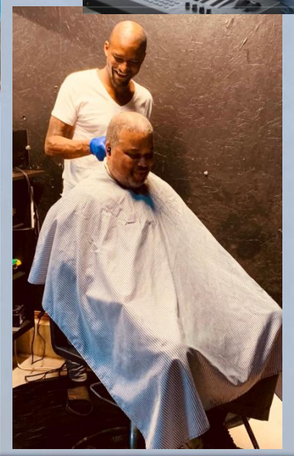



Our dad loved us the best way he knew how.
Sometimes father, sometimes friend -
A teacher and a shield against the world.
He taught us to pray when life got hard,
to read the truth in a person's eyes,
and to stand on my own ten toes.
His lessons live in us every day.
His wisdom walks with us Forever.











"Granddaddy"

Granddaddy, we thought of you today, but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
We think of you in silence. We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping and we have you in our hearts.
Your **Grandchildren**

