

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
PHILLIP  
“BUBBA”  
TOLBERT, JR.



AUGUST 17, 1950  
SUNRISE

MAY 4, 2024  
SUNSET

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 11:00 AM**

Paradise Baptist Church  
1711 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318

Reverend Charles L. Harper, III, Pastor and Officiant  
Reverend Aaron Jones, III, Eulogist

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Charles L. Harper, III, Pastor and Officiant  
Reverend Aaron Jones, III, Eulogist

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**SELECTION**

The Celebration Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Minister Cornell Reynolds

**NEW TESTAMENT**

Minister Viola Reynolds

**PRAYER**

Minister Finitia Armstrong

**SOLO**

Ms. Tawanna Whatley

**MEMORIES OF LOVE** (2 minutes each, please)

West Fulton High Class of 1969  
Mr. John Cunningham  
Ms. Helen Tolbert

**SELECTION**

The Celebration Choir

**MEMORIES OF LOVE** (2 minutes each, please)

Mr. Greg Traylor  
Ms. Nicole Gist - Dobbs  
Mr. Daryl Farley  
Mr. Joseph "JoJo" Williams

**SELECTION**

The Celebration Choir

**EULOGY**

Reverend Aaron Jones, III  
Mt. Nebo Baptist Church & Life Center

**SELECTION**

The Celebration Choir

**MEMORIES OF LOVE**

Slideshow Presentation

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mt. Nebo Sound/AV Ministry

**COMMITTAL**

Reverend Charles Harper, III

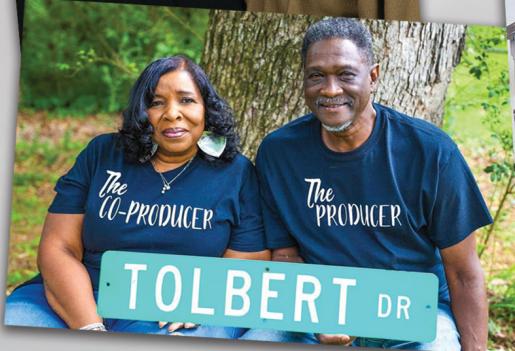
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**RECESSIONAL**

## REPAST

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
Paradise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
1711 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318

# 50 YEARS OF LOVE TOGETHER AGAIN



## OBITUARY

# BUBBA

## PHILLIP TOLBERT, JR.



Phillip "Bubba" Tolbert, Jr., born on August 17, 1950, in Thomaston, Georgia, was the 6th of seven siblings. He began his education in the Upson County school system before his family relocated to Atlanta, GA.

He attended West Fulton High School, where he was an offensive lineman and ran track. At West Fulton, he met the love of his life, "Chick." Phillip graduated from West Fulton in 1969. He furthered his education and attended Atlanta Area Tech, where his trade was a dental lab technician.

Phillip's career spanned various roles, including a tenure at Sears & Roebuck until its closure. He then transitioned to Craft-Tech Builders as a Superintendent, where he continued to contribute until his retirement in the early 2000s.

Phillip loved cooking, fishing, and spending time with his family. He could fix ANYTHING! Phillip was a Village Father, football and basketball coach, and Grandfather to many in his family, community, and church. He showed love to everyone he met and always had a kind word to say or a quick-witted joke that would make you laugh hysterically.

Phillip joined Rising Star Baptist Church in Thomaston, GA under the leadership of his late grandfather Reverend Will Moran at an early age. Upon moving to Atlanta, GA, he joined Reed Street Baptist under the leadership of Reverend C.N. Ellis. He was ordained by the late E.W. Lumpkin at Paradise Baptist Church, where he was an active deacon and a dedicated member of the sound ministry. In 1994 Phillip joined Mt. Nebo Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend A.J. McMichael where he was a dedicated member the men's usher board and of the sound and AV team.

On September 15, 1973, Phillip united in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Marilene "Chick" Sims Tolbert. Two children were born in that union: Keisha & Phillip "PJ" James Tolbert. Phillip loved his wife immensely, which is truly a love story to admire. He loved his children dearly but absolutely adored his grandchildren: Kyla, Rocket & Jet. He loved cooking for them and taking them on special trips to get ice cream from Dairy Queen. There was nothing they couldn't have when Papa was around.

Unexpectedly, early Saturday morning on May 4, 2024, Phillip was called home to be with the Lord and the love of his life of 50 years, "Chick." Philip leaves to cherish his loving memories to be shared by his children daughter, Keisha (Tory) Sewell; his son, Phillip J (Janessa) Tolbert; his grandchildren, Kyla, Rocket & Jet; his siblings, Johnnie Mae Russell, Martha Traylor, Dollie Mays, Joan Tolbert, Helen Tolbert and Brenda Tolbert. Aunt Annie Lizzie Mahone (Terry). His honorary Brothers John Cunningham (Michelle) and Henry "Chico" Hill (Annette "Peaches"), In-laws Richard "Wayne" Sims (Rosa), Pearletta Brown, Allen Sims & Victor Sims (Pat), and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Phillip Sr. and Beatrice Tolbert, his brother, Walter Roberts, and the love of his life, Marilene "Chick" Tolbert.



## POEM

# A MELODY OF LOVE

Your life was a song of grace, a melody of love in every place.  
A husband, father, and grandpa so dear,  
In every heart, your presence is near.  
From the fields of Thomaston to Atlanta's streets,  
Your laughter and kindness made life sweet.  
With hands that could fix and words that could cheer,  
You brought light and joy to all near.  
Reunited with Chick, Your love shines bright,  
Guiding us all with heavenly light.  
Though you've departed, your legacy stays,  
In our hearts and stories, through all our days.



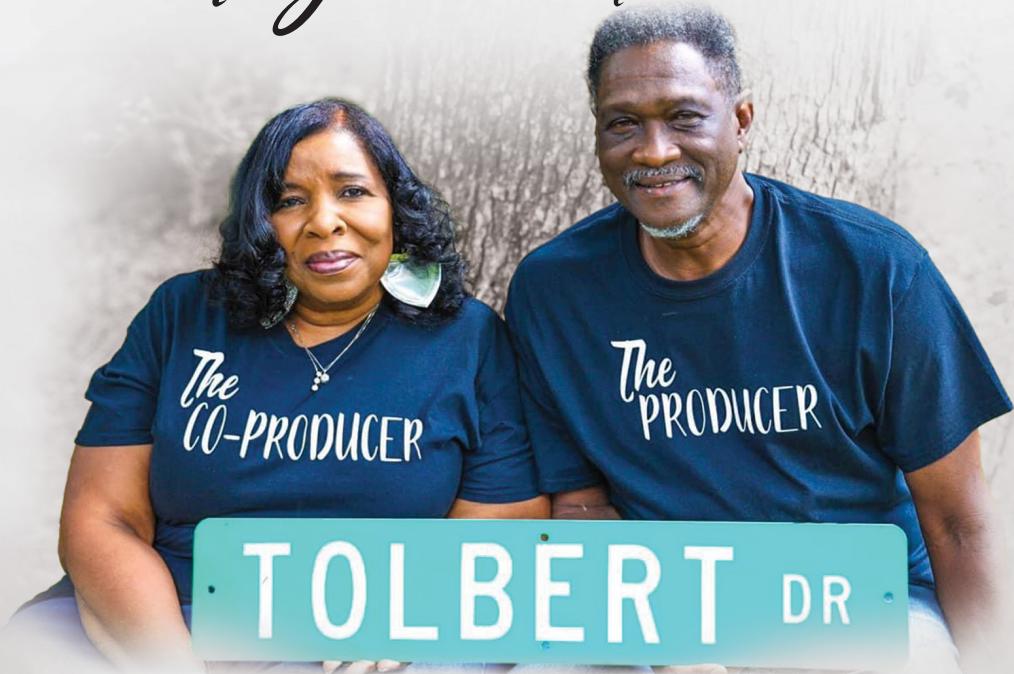
## SCRIPTURE

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:  
8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,  
the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them  
also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8



# Together Forever



## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mt. Nebo Men's Usher Board

## PALLBEARERS

Nephews

## FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Phillip" Bubba" Tolbert would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the outpouring of love and support received during our time of bereavement. We want to extend a special 'Thank You' to Mt. Nebo Church and Life Center, Paradise Missionary Baptist Church, family, and friends for all your calls, prayers, and support.



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