

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

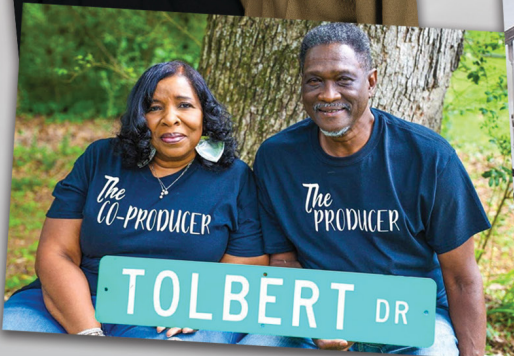
REPAST

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
Paradise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
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Atlanta, GA 30318



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**YEARS OF
LOVE**
TOGETHER AGAIN



OBITUARY

BUBBA

PHILLIP TOLBERT, JR.

A full-length portrait of Phillip 'Bubba' Tolbert, Jr. He is an older Black man with short, graying hair, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a light gray pinstriped suit jacket over a white dress shirt and a bright pink tie. A matching pink pocket square is visible in his jacket's breast pocket. He is standing in front of a light-colored, possibly stone or concrete, wall with some architectural details.

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.



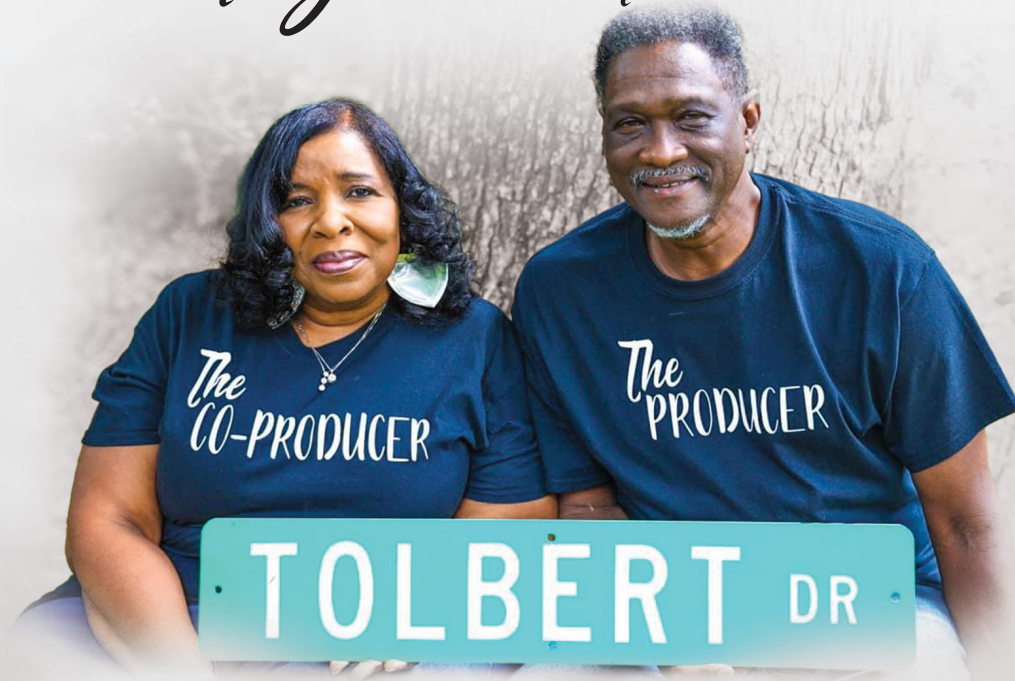
SCRIPTURE

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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