

HIS JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN

*Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.*

*Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.*

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has
chosen for me.
I took His hand when
I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone
must stay that way;
I've now found peace at
the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened
with times of sorrow;
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch:
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief. Lift up your heart
and peace to thee;
God wanted me now—
He has set me free.*

A Note of Thanks

*So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart
of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience .
-Colossians 3: 12*

*The family of Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Tillar. wishes to express their sincere
appreciation for your many acts of kindness, support and prayers during
illness and since the passing of our dear loved one. Mere words are
inadequate in expressing our gratitude. Much solace has come to us because
of thoughtful gestures. We shall long remember each tribute.
May God richly bless each of you and keep you in His divine care.
- The Family*

A Message of Love & Hope to the Family...

From the words of Hymnist, Roberta Evelyn Martin

"ONLY A LOOK"

*Only a look at Jesus. Oh so bowed down with care.
He has promised to defend me, He'll all your burdens share.*

*Only a look at Jesus. He's so merciful and He's true.
Through storms, through clouds and through all your trials,
He'll lead you safely through.*

*Yours in Service,
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*The Battle is Fought. . .
The Victory is Won!*



DOCTOR
Theodore Roosevelt
TILLAR

His Alpha
February 10, 1932

His Omega
April 25, 2020

The Legacy of a Great Man...

“Upon life’s Journey, we are given opportunities to plant seeds of goodness, seeds of kindness, and seeds of blessings that bestow our hearts, our work, and our being. For those that sow the fields with loving generosity, so shall they reap the abundant harvest of eternal life.”

Today, we pause to pay tribute to the memory of Deacon Theodore R. Tillar, who was a loving brother, uncle and friend. He was one who loved his family with all his heart, and not only nurtured his family, but enriched the lives of many.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1932, Theodore Roosevelt Tillar, began his journey through life in Greensville County, Virginia. He was the oldest child born to the parentage of the late Cato W. and Inola Gilliam Tillar. Having been reared in a Christian home, he became a member of the Diamond Grove Baptist Church at a very early age. It was there that his love for God deepened and spiritual gifts nurtured. While on his spiritual journey, Theodroe would serve the church in various capacities as he was a part of the Trustee Ministry, Church Clerk and later ordained a Deacon. He held this ordination in very high regard, as he was often called upon for guidance and wisdom.

Not only did Theodore have a passion for God and his church, he also had a passion for education. Always a person who was interested in education and the world around him, he set his mind on attending college. After graduating from Greensville County Training School, he sojourned to North Carolina to attend the North Carolina A&T State University. His undergraduate studies were short lived due to being drafted for the Korean War. He joined the United States Army and served for two years. Upon being honorably discharged, he went on to complete his studies at Saint Paul’s College, pursuing a degree and licensure in education. This positioned Theodore to begin his career at Little Mill School in Sussex County. Education, children and learning were near and dear to his heart.

Realizing the leaders are also learners, Theodore desired to further his education in 1974 at Virginia State University, obtaining a master’s degree in Science Education. In 1976, he received yet another Master of Education specifically in Administration and Supervision from Virginia State University. In 1995, he was awarded the Doctor of Humanities Degree from Eastern North Carolina Theological Institute. After 38 year in education, Dr. Tillar retired from E.W. Wyatt Junior High School in Emporia, Virginia. Many of his students still recall his presence and impact he had on their lives. Although he completed his educational journey, his work was not over, as he continued in the agricultural industry as a livestock farmer.

Dr. Tillar chose his first love and sweetheart, Mary Helen Person as his lifelong companion and wife in 1974. They had forty-three blissful years of marriage together, before the Lord called her home.

Dr. Tillar was a man of God, of goals and the gathering of his community. As a community leader, he served as the interim Greensville County Supervisor and was a board member and Treasurer of the Greensville County Community Youth Center. He also held past memberships in other civic and professional organizations. Some of these include: American Legion Post 151, The Greensville County Retired Teachers Association and a very proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

One of Dr. Tillar’s favorite sayings was, “A word to the wise is sufficient”. His pride and joy in life was helping others. Additionally, while helping others he enjoyed the company of friends, farming and attending social events.

“ For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” (II Timothy 4: 6-7) On Saturday, April 25, 2020, Theodore Roosevelt Tillar peacefully slipped into eternal slumber while in the serenity of his home. His seeds are well-sown; his service on earth is complete, and he now experiences the victory and triumph of eternal life.

Theodore’s life and legacy will forever live on in the hearts and minds of: his sister, Joyce Tillar Watson of Glen Allen, Virginia; niece, Kae Inola Watson of Richmond, Virginia; brother-at-heart, Reverend Lawrence Carpenter of Randallstown, Maryland; a devoted cousin, Charles R. Garris of Skippers, Virginia; dedicated caregivers and nieces; Carlotta Hines Pyant and Valecia Mallory Mabrey; a longtime friend, Joseph Carey.



A Loving Tribute

2:00 p.m. - Saturday, May 2, 2020
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Reverend Charles L. Jones, *Officiating*
Pastor of Diamond Grove Baptist Church
Skippers, Virginia

The Divine Order of Worship

- The Musical Prelude..... Music Ministry
- The Processional..... Clergy & Family
- The Invocation Reverend C. L. Jones
- The Hymn of Comfort..... Music Ministry
- The Sentences of Scripture
 - Old Testament Ecclesiates 3:1-14
 - New Testament Thessalonians 4:13-14
- The Prayer of Comfort Reverend Lawrence Carpenter
- The Acknowledgement of Condolences & Obituary..... Sis. Patricia Gamer
- The Selections of Preparation Music Ministry
- The Message From Heaven..... Reverend C. L. Jones
- The Military Honors
- The Committal & Benediction..... Reverend C. L. Jones
- The Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends

The Interment

Diamond Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
Skippers, Virginia