



Percy Leon Tolbert

July 21, 1947 - December 13, 2021

Sunrise: July 21, 1947 Sunset: December 13, 2021

Mr. Percy Leon Tolbert was born in Montevallo, Alabama, on July 21, 1947, to Henry Lee and Flossie (Nix) Tolbert. He was one of seven children. Upon graduating from high school, Percy attended Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, Alabama. Upon graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1969, he began working at Rockwell International in southern California. However, during his time there he was drafted into the US Air Force, where he served the country until his honorable discharge in 1972. Following that he began working at IBM until 1978. He befriended coworkers working at IBM during that time.

His career then transitioned to working for the US Navy at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), where he worked as a Project Manager for 36 years in the Washington, DC area. He was an excellent, dedicated worker who was smart and knew how to get the job completed. Many of his co-workers that knew him already knew that he was wonderful to work with. Upon his retirement from NAVSEA, he stayed busy taking care of our home and worked as a co-owner and director with Mr. Jay Jones of Systems Research and Manufacturing Corporation (SRMC), which produces electronic products. Percy loved the Lord and had a strong love for his family, and all that knew him will surely miss his kindness, helpfulness, and smile. He was faithful to the word of God, and he was an usher at Alfred Street Baptist Church in

Alexandria, Virginia. He would usually be in the balcony area and was well respected by his fellow ushers.

On Monday, December 13, 2021, he was peacefully guided by the holy angels into his place of eternal rest. II Corinthians 5:8 says, "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." Percy Leon Tolbert is now with the Lord.

Percy was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Flossie Tolbert; father, Henry L. Tolbert; brother, Fred L. Tolbert, Sr.; brother, James Tolbert; sister, Brenda Tolbert-Williams; and sister, Annie Bell Tolbert (Shelton). He leaves behind his Aunt Gussie Wells, sister, Ida Tolbert (Davis), sister, Sandra Cammack, his caring wife, Lorraine Y. Tolbert, his son, Sean W. Tolbert, and a host of nephews, nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives, and several dear and devoted friends. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses at INOVA Mt. Vernon and Alexandria Hospitals and all the caregivers at the rehabilitation centers.

Cemetery Details

Pine Lawn Gardens Cemetery

207 Hwy 47
Columbiana, AL 35051

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Percy Leon Tolbert* ”



Pope Funeral Homes - December 19, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *Percy Leon Tolbert* ”

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Percy Leon Tolbert* ”

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

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“ *What a Mighty Good Man was he, Mr. Percy Tolbert! I knew him as a very supportive and helpful Dad/parent when Sean attended and graduated from Chesapeake Academy. Mr. Tolbert was a gentle soul and a man of action. We could always count on him to be there, to show up with a smile & to put his shoulder to the wheel with no concern about getting his hands a little dirty actually doing any project for which he volunteered. Even after Sean graduated, Mr. Tolbert continued to help our school and staff and made things go right to assist us with moving the school, fundraisers, etc. I was sad to hear of Mr. Tolbert's passing as we hadn't been in touch for quite a while; however I am thankful for so many fond memories of this wonderful, a good friend, a mighty good man who set an excellent example for all & served so many others by living as he did. Wishing peace and sending love to his Beloved Family!*
-C. A. Mclver

C Mclver - December 24, 2021 at 12:08 PM

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“ *I was very saddened to learn of the passing of Percy. He and I go back to sometime in the late 1980s. Back then we both worked for several years in the same office at the U.S. Navy Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in Crystal City. I immediately sensed we had much in common, especially the love of 1960s muscle cars. He was a kind gentleman as well as a friendly and dedicated coworker who worked diligently to complete projects for the U.S. Navy. His fellow coworkers we both knew felt the same. We always kept in touch even after we both changed jobs and later retired. We would often reminisce about older cars, memories of Navy and other things that continued for many years. He will be missed.*

Greg Simmermacher - December 24, 2021 at 10:57 AM

CB

“ I have never met a person more passionate, faithful, trustworthy and caring than Percy. He will always be remembered.
Best Friend for Life.....Calvin

Calvin J. Bonaparte - December 19, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ I remembered the first time I saw Percy which was August of 1969. My parents and I were staying in California where Percy was living in Los Angeles for his first job out of college working for IBM. We went to Disneyland that day since then I would always ask my parents about him and he really touched my heart. I was only 5 years old. Since the first time I saw him, I knew he was a very special person as a role model. His legacy will always live on Hopefully I will see Lorraine and Sean very soon on my next visit to the DC area. My prays are out for the Tolbert family where they have gone through a lot for 2021. Hopefully 2022 will be a blessed year.



Phil Nicks - December 18, 2021 at 11:11 PM

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“ Sean and Aunt Lorraine remember:
“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal!”
We love you both and we love Uncle Percy. His legacy will live on forever!
Your cousins,
T’Kaiya and Miracle Joi

TK Young - December 17, 2021 at 06:41 AM

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Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to Aunt Lorraine (Pie) and family. We Love y'all. God Bless y'all ❤️❤️❤️

Thomas and Felicia H. (Mababy) Harris

Felicia Hawkins Harris (Mababy) - December 19, 2021 at 01:13 PM

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It is unbelievable that Uncle Percy was called to be with the Lord, who now has an amazing man with Him. He will be missed so much by the family and we pray that Aunt Lorraine and Sean be comforted by God's loviing arms and those who surround them,

Celeste Tolbert and Family

Celeste Tolbert - December 19, 2021 at 03:05 PM

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Thank you all for posting your thoughts and memories, and for your prayers and condolences to our Tolbert family.

God Bless,

Sean Tolbert

Sean Tolbert - December 30, 2021 at 12:30 PM