

Congregational Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long,
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Chorus

Acknowledgement

The entire Tolver Family sincerely thanks all of you for the heartfelt pouring out of your overwhelming love in the form of prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, and expressions of kindness. Thank you for your loyalty, being there for us, and for sharing the love of God in your hearts toward us. A special "shout out" to all the doctors, nurses, and techs at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, who took care of Michael during his extended illness. We love you and thank God for you. And we pray God's blessings upon you through Christ Jesus.

Pallbearers

David Atcherson, Weldon Atcherson, III, Charles Estelle, James Halsey,
Byron Tolver and Eric Tolver

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home
3910 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746

A Celebration of Life for

Michael Seviator Tolver, Sr.

November 14, 1946 - December 5, 2023



Thursday, December 14, 2023

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II – Pastor

Obituary

Michael Sevir Tolver, Sr., now present with the Lord, departed this life on December 5, 2023, at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. The third of twelve children, he was born on November 14, 1946, in Washington, D.C., to the late David Warren Tolver, Sr., and the late Christine Sturdivant Tolver.

Michael was a very loving and protective older brother. He led a very colorful life and was well known in the neighborhood. During his early teen years, Michael, and his brother, David (called “Warren” by his family) were sent to Warrenton, Georgia, to attend school and help their aging grandparents on their farm. During this time, Michael and Warren were very close and supportive of each other. They both later joined New Salem Baptist Church, and although they liked helping their grandparents, Michael found it difficult to adapt to the totally different style of living in Georgia, so he only stayed for a few years before returning home to D.C.

Michael was gifted with many talents and abilities. He loved to draw, and he did it with such ease and passion, until a hand injury changed all his amazing skills and abilities. While living in Georgia, he operated various types of farm machinery and equipment. He later brought those skills back home to D.C.

Michael married Janice Newman and out of that union a son was born, Michael Sevir Tolver, Jr.

Michael’s career included truck driving for Frito-Lay for several years and ARC Welding. He was also skilled at driving heavy tractor trailers and equipment. Michael loved life and was very kindhearted, caring, and compassionate. His love for the Lord Jesus Christ led him to From the Heart Church Ministries (FTH), where his brother, David, and sister-in-law, Fennie were members. He joined FTH in the early 2000s and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Michael served in the Senior’s Ministry at the church.

Michael later moved to Council House in Suitland, Maryland, where he was well received and loved by the residents—he had a lot of friends. Michael worked at the General Store and loved assisting the residents until his illness. His love for the Lord was his reason for living each day to the fullest and his final words to his family was always to tell everyone that, “I love them, and God be with you.”

Michael loved to sing. Whenever the opportunity presented itself, one could often find him singing along to the radio, snapping his fingers, and tapping his feet. He enjoyed life and had an incredible, loving contagious spirit. The pure joy that radiated from him will live on in his family as they continue his memory.

He had a particular “soft spot” for children. No matter what the occasion, he always went out of his way to engage with children in a fun, energetic, and personal way.

He will be greatly missed for his many sayings such as “I can’t ‘pacifically’ (specifically) say” to “Aww man...you got it,” he was truly one of a kind. Affectionately known as “Pop” to many, he exuded so much love to others saying, “I send my love.” Well Pop, everyone sends their love and will forever cherish the love you have shown.

The memory of Michael will always be cherished by his son, Michael Sevir Tolver, Jr. (Gail); grandchildren: Ericka Sitton, Morgan Frazier (Eric), Angelo Amorin and Dominique Jackson; extended grandchildren, and great-grandchildren that he genuinely loved; brothers, David (Fennie), and Jarvis (Maxine) Tolver; sisters: Symone, Michelle, Susie, and Cheryll Tolver, Algie Atcherson (Weldon) ; brother-in-law, Reuben Halsey; and sister-in-law, Geneva Pate; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his sisters, Brenda Halsey, and Denise Tolver, and brothers, James Pate and Eric Tolver.

*“For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.”
Psalm 86:13(KJV)*





Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 103:2-5
 New Testament: II Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Mrs. Gail Tolver

Acknowledgements

Ms. Ericka Sitton, *Granddaughter*
 Mrs. Morgan Frazier, *Granddaughter*
 Mr. Dominique Jackson, *Grandson*

Poem Mr. Michael S. Tolver, Jr.

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Song of Preparation FTH Men’s Choir

Message of Hope Reverend Justin K. Young

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment

Heritage Memorial Cemetery
 13472 Poplar Hill Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20601

Family Sentiments

Weep Not For Me

Author Unknown

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years
There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life



A Tribute to our Pop

To get the chance to see the children of your children is such a great honor.


Love, The Grandchildren

Family Sentiments

A Tribute To My Dad (Pop)

A special dad is hard to find.
You, Dad, I'm keeping in my mind.
I wished you could have stayed forever,
But I will never forget you; oh, not ever.
If dreams weren't dreams and dreams came true,
I wouldn't be here; I'd be with you.
Distance is one thing that keeps us apart,
But, Dad, you will always remain in my heart.
A special smile, a special face,
A special someone I can't replace,
I love you and I always will.
You filled a space that no one else could fulfill.

Author—Emma Cartwright



A Tribute to our brother, Michael

As you embark on your eternal journey, know that you take a piece of our hearts with you. We know you have fulfilled your life mission. Though your presence leaves a void, we're comforted by the thoughts that you're reaping the fruits of your labor. May our tears cleanse the pain of our loss and bring peace instead. You will remain in our hearts forever. Goodbye, dear brother. Rest in peace and enjoy eternity.

Farewell

Your Brothers and Sisters,

David "Warren," Jarvis, Symone, Michelle, Algie, Susie, and Cheryl