



Tommie Tolson

June 19, 1925 - December 25, 2012

Tommie Jean Tolson, 87 of Walnut Ridge passed away December 25, 2012 at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Born June 19, 1925 in Dalton, daughter of Everett and Mazie Bailey Stubblefield.

She was united in marriage for 66 years to Billy Ray Tolson, on October 5, 1946. She was a Southwestern Bell Telephone Operator, Field Representative for (NORC) University of Chicago and a homemaker.

She also volunteered as a Welcome Wagon Hostess in Walnut Ridge, Lawrence Co. Historical Society, Meals on Wheels Coordinator for Walnut Ridge, Lawrence Co. Food Bank, Adult Literacy Coach, Lawrence Co. Resource Council, Lawrence Co. Hospice Coordinator, Gideon International Women's Auxiliary, First Baptist Church Sunday School Teacher, Women's Missionary Union, Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Groups and various mission trips served.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; and a sister, Nadine Pierce of Nashville, TN.

She is survived by four sons, Ron and Marsha Tolson of Little Rock, Brent and Cheryl Tolson of Winfield, KS, Barry and Martha Tolson of Jonesboro, and

Phillip Tolson of Walnut Ridge; a sister, Mary Ellen Dearborn of Rosamond, CA; five grandchildren, Stephanie Adams of Little Rock, Matthew Tolson of Rogers, Jennifer Schmitt of Lake Jackson, TX, Kimberly Tolson of Lewiston, ID, and Drew Tolson of Jonesboro; three great grandchildren, Aubrey Adams of Little Rock, Cameron and Maddison Schmitt both of Lake Jackson, TX; and many other relatives and friends.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Walnut Ridge
317 SW Front St.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

DEC **29** (CT)

Lawrence Memorial Park
Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Tribute Wall

BF

“*Phillip Tolson and Family, We are so blessed to have known your mother and father for the past 9 years. I loved when Tommie would pray for my boys in our FBC weekly Women's Prayer Group. It was as if she was their mother; her prayers were so heartfelt. I miss our visits at her home but from those conversations know that she was "ready" whenever Jesus would call her home to heaven. How apropos that she would make that trip on Christmas Day. May God bless you and your brothers now in the weeks and months ahead; you were all truly blessed to have such faithful parents. Love in Christ, Bob & Michelle Culbreath*

Bob & Michelle Culbreath - Wake Forest , NC - Friends - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“*As time goes forward we have fond memories of those we love and care about. Tommie (and Bill) are two of those that we had the privilege of worshiping with for over 30 years at 1st Baptist. One never had to wonder where their hearts were in word or deed. Our prayers will be with each of you boys and family as they are missed but we rejoice in thinking of them in their new home.*

Larry & Loretta Corbett - Jonesboro, AR - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Tolson Boys and Families - We extend our sympathy to you and share in your grief for your parents. We shall never forget the early years of our marriage whenever they showed interest in sharing their faith and leading us in the right direction for a Christian Home and the importance of staying close to God in our everyday life. Tommie Jean was a very committed Christian lady and for that we will ever be grateful and will miss the influence and the gift she had for harvesting souls to be added to the Heavenly Kingdom. Our prayers are with you. Velma and Jack Allison

Velma and Jack Allison - Walnut Ridge, AR - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To her boys....Ronald Stephen, Brent, Barry and Phillip....I offer my deepest condolences. I have been blessed by God as he has woven your mother through the tapestry of my life. I can see her as a child helping in VBS and teaching in Sunday school, GA's and Training Union. As a young woman, I have been the benefactor of her desire to train the next generation not only by her teachings but more importantly by her example. Early on in my adult life she shared her desire to minister through her work in literacy and hospice when these terms were relatively new to most. Just as threads flow to form a tapestry....I have seen her life flow in so many directions creating a beautiful life of service and sacrifice to others. I am so thankful for her life and the opportunity to have been a small part of it. May God bless each of you.... is my prayer today.

Lila Floyd - Walnut Ridge, AR - Sister in Christ - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Barry & Martha, thinking of you and your family during this time.

Brian Erwin - Jonesboro, AR - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *I am sorry for mother*

Jay& catherine bednar - stuttgart , AR - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *It is no surprise to me that Aunt Tommie went to be with the Lord on Christmas Day. The Lord knew she would miss Bill, and since he united the two of them 66 years ago, he decided to unite them again....only this time...with their savior. I am surprised, however, to learn so much more about Aunt Tommie, only after her passing. How much she volunteered her time, her life, her faith to other people. She made you feel like you were one of her own. She had class, charisma, a zest for life, and an unshakable faith. I will miss knowing that there is someone here on earth with that kind of faith, yet it makes me rejoice that she has joined the army of saints that have gone before her...*

To the Tolson sons: I will share the legacy of your mother with my own daughter. Even though my she'll never get to meet them, both Tommie and Bill will be remembered in my family. She will forever know their names and their stories...

I love you all and I'm praying for you.

.....and I will always ALWAYS love, miss, and remember Aunt Tommie Jean....

Love, Natalie Hemby Wrucke

Natalie Hemby Wrucke - Nashville, TN - Great-Niece - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Dear Phil,*
So very sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. May God bless you during this difficult time.

Brenda & John Shields - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM