



Willie Lee Tolbert

March 26, 1954 - June 15, 2020

Tolbert, Willie Lee "Blue"

Mr. Willie Lee Tolbert, affectionally known as "Blue" passed away June 15, 2020 at the E.T. York Haven Hospice Center. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Tolbert, Sr.; his mother, Annie Mae Wright Tolbert; and brother, Oscar Lee Tolbert. At an early age, Willie was baptized under Reverend D.E. White at Friendship Baptist Church. Mr. Tolbert was a graduate of Gainesville High School, Class of 1972. Following graduation, Willie joined the United States Navy and served his tour on the Battleship USS Iwo Jima. Mr. Tolbert was a long time Machine Operator with the Veterans Administration Hospital until his health failed. Willie was an avid music lover and well-known disc jockey. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Tolbert is survived by his children Willie Forest (Nyla), Latasha Wright (Benjamin), both of Gainesville, FL and Crystal McCloud (Tony), Alachua, FL; siblings Richard Tolbert, Jr., Lorenzo Tolbert, Emma Tolbert Harris, Ora Tolbert Davis, Candasy Tolbert, Kenetha Tolbert Johnson (Kent), all of Gainesville, FL, Mary Tolbert Sullivan (John), Augusta, GA, Vivian Tolbert McKay (Cepeda), Tampa, FL, Emily Tolbert Linton (Braxton), Tallahassee, FL, ten grandchildren, and a dear and special friend, Geraldine Perry.

Mr. Tolbert will repose in the Chestnut Memorial Chapel on Friday, June 19, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

Although the Governor has lifted some restrictions, social distancing is still in place; therefore, social distancing measures will be enforced inside and outside of the Chapel.

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ *In sympathy be cause of your lost. To Ora and Emma. Bsafe Evelyn Williams (Tacachale)*

Evelyn Williams - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *To the Family you have my condolences cause he has the Victory he has won his fight and God is welcome him home where no more pain so Look to the hills which cometh All our help and know that he's at Peace from his Next door "Neighbor " Ms.Rose*

Ms Rose - June 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM