



BL Tolbert

April 22, 1930 - February 17, 2018

BL "Bill" Tolbert entered this life on April 22, 1930 in Lamar Co, TX, born to GM and Lera (Garner) Tolbert. Bill went home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 17, 2018 in Balch Springs, TX at the age of 87 years, 9 months and 26 days.

Bill married the love of his life Wanda Ross on his birthday in 1950 and moved to Bryan County in 1978. He worked for many years as a Truck Driver, working for Red Ball and Consolidated Freight. Bill was of the Baptist faith and worshipped at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mead Oklahoma. He was very instrumental in the installation of 911 emergency services in Bryan County. Bill also was credited with naming several streets in the Bryan County area. He was also a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, serving in Durant and Calera, OK. Bill enjoyed restoring old cars and was known to be a very good carpenter, even assisting in the building of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He loved his family very much. Bill will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Preceding him in death are his parents, GM and Lera (Garner) Tolbert, son, Steven Tolbert, sisters, Delores Derrick and Sybil Henderson.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Wanda (Ross) Tolbert of Mead, OK; daughters, Deborah Huggins of Kaufman, TX, Patricia Ferrell and husband

Don of Balch Springs, TX; grandchildren, David Stutts and wife Cathy of Rockwall, TX, Kevin Stutts and wife Cindy of Kaufman, TX, Andrea Brhem and husband Sam of Dallas, TX, Eddie Simpkins and wife Doris of Odessa, TX, Tonya Coxe of Durant, OK, Joseph Simpkins and wife Missy of Durant, OK, Elizabeth Simpkins of Durant, OK, Josh Simpkins and wife Raquel of Kaufman, TX, and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mead, OK, with Pastor Randy Lewis officiating. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, February, 21, 2017 at Emmanuel Baptist Church 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM for Family Hour. Ken Ervin, Mark McMurray, Shawn Springer, Steve Bishop, Don Hyde and Michael Dotson will be serving as Pall Bearers.

Online Condolences can be made to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant.

Cemetery Details

Mead Cemetery

Mead, OK

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Mead, OK

Church Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Mead, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *BL Tolbert*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *I have been best friends with Debbie for 51 years and still am!! Her parents were my parents. I always called them Mom and Dad. I spent more time with them than I can begin to count. I will always love them dearly. I will always miss Dad!!!!*

<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-5.png>

Malissia - February 22, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ *Bill was such a sweet man, always so loving and giving, he will be missed.*

Lisa Hughes - February 20, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ *JERRY BROWNING FAMILY purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of BL Tolbert.*


JERRY BROWNING FAMILY - February 20, 2018 at 04:36 PM



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“ *Condolences to Bills family, he was a good man, when he head we needed a secretary desk at the Boswell lodge he told us to come get the big desk he had at home. Always there to help.*

Don Papin - February 20, 2018 at 11:29 AM

 Casey
Campbell

“ *Grandpa, you were an amazing man and I know everyone that knew and loved you will miss you sorely until we see you at the gates of heaven. I love you grandpa.*



Casey Campbell - February 19, 2018 at 05:34 PM