



## *My Dad*

I KNOW THIS MAN WHO IS DEAR TO MY HEART  
SUDDENLY ONE DAY IT WAS TORN ALL APART  
THIS MAN TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING THAT I NEEDED TO KNOW  
BUT I NEVER REALLY LISTENED UNTIL HE HAD TO GO.

HE GAVE ME LOVE AND TOUCHED MY LIFE  
IT'S ALL OVER NOW HE NO LONGER HAS TO FIGHT  
HE TRIED TO TEACH ME RIGHT FROM WRONG  
THE DAY HE LEFT I WASN'T THAT STRONG.

HE IS GONE NOW IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE  
THIS MAN IS MY DAD WHO I WILL NEVER SEE  
BUT I WILL SEE HIM AGAIN THIS I KNOW  
THE DAY WILL COME WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO.

SO, I'LL HOLD HIM DEAR AND CLOSE TO MY HEART  
CAUSE THE DAY WE MEET I KNOW WE'LL NEVER BE TORN APART.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED BY, SONS

*Active Pallbearers*  
Members of South Side AA Group

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
Deacons of Springhill Missionary Baptist Church



## *Miss Me But Let Me Go*

WHEN I COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD  
AND THE SUN HAS SET FOR ME  
I WANT NO RITES IN A GLOOM-FILLED ROOM  
WHY CRY FOR A SOUL SET FREE?  
MISS ME A LITTLE BUT NOT TOO LONG  
AND NOT WITH YOUR HEAD BOWED LOW  
REMEMBER THE LOVE THAT WE ONCE SHARED  
MISS ME BUT LET ME GO.  
FOR THIS IS A JOURNEY WE ALL MUST TAKE  
AND EACH MUST GO ALONE  
IT'S ALL A PART OF THE MASTER'S PLAN  
A STEP ON THE ROAD TO HOME.  
WHEN YOU ARE LONELY AND SICK AT HEART  
GO TO THE FRIENDS WE KNOW  
AND BURY YOUR SORROWS IN DOING GOOD DEEDS  
MISS ME BUT LET ME GO.



## *Acknowledgements*

We, the family, wish to express our sincere appreciation of all the acts of kindness and support that have been provided during Tollie's illness and our time of bereavement. Special thanks to Springhill Missionary Baptist Church Family. May God continue to bless each and every one of you. - The Graham Family

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# HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR TRUSTEE TOLLIE "TJ" GRAHAM

SUNRISE  
APRIL 7, 1940  
MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNSET  
JULY 7, 2017  
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



Friday, July 14, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

SPRINGHILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1830 Springhill Church Road  
Hephzibah, Georgia



Reverend Willie L. Mincey, Pastor  
- Eulogist -

## The Obituary

"I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,  
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH."  
- II TIMOTHY 4:7 -

TOLLIE JUNIOR GRAHAM was born April 7, 1940 in Mount Airy, North Carolina. He was the youngest child of Henry and Connie Rawley Graham. On July 7, 2017, Tollie made his eternal transition from this life after fighting an extended illness.

Tollie attended Surry County Public Schools, and after graduating from J.J. Jones High School, he joined the United States Army (August 28, 1969-2005). He began working for the Civil Service at Fort Gordon, Georgia for twenty-five years where he retired. Tollie loved fishing, golfing, bowling and was a NASCAR fan.

Tollie married Cladys Cropps on December 20, 1968, and to this union four children were born. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, daughter, Loretta Cropps, three brothers and four sisters.

He was a faithful member and Trustee at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church until his health started to fail.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife of forty-eight years, Cladys C. Graham; son, Jeffrey Graham of Augusta, Georgia, Duane A. Cropps of Wilmington, North Carolina and Christopher (Theresa) Graham of Macon, Georgia; granddaughter, Kyla Graham of Macon, Georgia; nieces, Deborah (Richard) Davis of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Krystle (Aaron) Vinson of Hope Mills, North Carolina and Pat (Clifton) Jessup of Mount Airy, North Carolina; nephews, Pastor Kenneth C. (Ilean) Pierce of Southfield, Michigan; Elder Pete (Fannie) Pierce, Jr. of Gadsden, Alabama, Roger Green and Jimmy Green, both of Mount Airy, North Carolina and Michael and Anthony Graham of New York; sisters-in-law, Lois Cropps of Winston Salem, North Carolina, Mary Hylton of Yadkinville, North Carolina, Clara (Hugh) Dobson of Yadkinville, North Carolina, Jessie (Brian) Johnson of Ararat, North Carolina, Phyllis (Eddie) Dowell of Ronda, North Carolina and Margaret Cropps of Roaring River, North Carolina; brothers-in-law, Pete Pierce, Sr. of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Grover (Brenda) Cropps of Ararat, North Carolina; adopted son, Joseph Hughes; and a host of great nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends and colleagues.

## My Last Request

PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT I GAVE UP, JUST SAY THAT I GAVE IN;  
DON'T SAY I LOST THE BATTLE, FOR IT WAS GOD'S WAR TO LOSE OR  
WIN. PLEASE DON'T SAY HOW GOOD I WAS,  
BUT THAT I DID MY BEST;  
JUST SAY I TRIED TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT,  
TO GIVE THE MOST I COULD, NOT LESS.

PLEASE DON'T GIVE ME WINGS OR HALOS, THAT'S FOR GOD TO DO;  
I WANT NO MORE THAN I DESERVE, NO EXTRAS, JUST MY DUE.  
PLEASE DON'T GIVE FLOWERS, OR TALK IN REAL HUSHED TONES;  
DON'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT ME NOW,  
I'M WELL WITH GOD, I'VE MADE IT HOME.

DON'T TALK ABOUT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN, IT'S OVER AND IT'S  
DONE; JUST SEE TO ALL MY FAMILY'S NEEDS,  
ESPECIALLY THE LITTLE ONES.

WHEN YOU DRAW A PICTURE OF ME, DON'T DRAW ME AS A SAINT;  
I'VE DONE SOME GOOD, I'VE DONE SOME WRONG SO...  
USE ALL YOUR PAINT.  
NOT JUST THE BRIGHT AND LIGHT TONES, USE SOME GRAY AND  
DARK; IN FACT, DON'T PUT ME DOWN ON CANVAS,  
PAINT ME IN YOUR HEART.

DON'T JUST REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES, BUT REMEMBER ALL THE  
BAD; FOR LIFE IS FULL OF MANY THINGS,  
SOME HAPPY AND SOME SAD.

BUT IF YOU MUST DO SOMETHING, THEN I HAVE ONE REQUEST:  
FORGIVE ME FOR THE WRONGS I'VE DONE,  
AND WITH THE LOVE THAT'S LEFT,  
THANK GOD FOR MY SOUL'S RESTING.  
THANK GOD FOR I'VE BEEN BLESSED,  
THANK GOD FOR ALL WHO LOVED ME,  
PRAISE GOD WHO LOVED ME BEST.



## The Order of Service

Presiding, Reverend Willie Evans

Processional

Selection ..... Choir  
"Lean On Me"

Old Testament ..... Reverend Beatrice Neely

New Testament ..... Minister Tyrone Johnson

Prayer ..... Reverend Ella Thomas

Solo ..... Sister Maggie Terry

Reflections ..... (Three Minutes Please)  
Deacon Milton Pugh, Church Member  
Reverend Kenneth Pierce, Sr., Family Member  
Dr. George L. Sneed, Best Friend

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Acknowledgements ..... Sister Patsy Williams

Selection ..... Choir  
"Falling In Love With Jesus"

Eulogy ..... Pastor Willie L. Mincey

Interment ..... Saturday, July 15, 2017  
State Line Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery  
Mount Airy, North Carolina  
Military Honors



- REPAST -  
Springhill Missionary Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall