

Acknowledgement

The family of Stephanie D. Tolbert acknowledges with sincere appreciation all acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and comfort shown during these hours of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

Poem "Death is Nothing at All" By Henry Scott Holland

***Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to
the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each
other.
That, we still are.***

***Call me by my old familiar
name.
Speak to me in the easy way
Which you always used.
Put no difference into your
tone.
Wear no forced air of solemn-
nity or sorrow.***

***Laugh as we always laughed
At the little jokes we enjoyed
together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
That it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.***

***Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.***

In Loving Memory of

**Sunrise:
May 16, 1961**

**Sunset:
January 25, 2024**



Stephanie Diane Tolbert

***Golden Gate Funeral & Cremation Services, LLC
2800 East 18th St ~ Kansas City, Missouri 64127
Saturday, February 17, 2024 ~ 3:00 p.m..
Brother Richard Leon Johnson, Officiating***



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:

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Reflections of Her Life

Stephanie Diane Tolbert, 72, was born on May 16, 1951, to the parents of Lawrence Everett Johnson and Constance B. Rice

Stephanie was the first child of three. She was preceded in death by her father Lawrence, and her mother Constance.

Stephanie was educated in the Kansas City Missouri School District and graduated from Central High School as a member of the class of 1969. Stephanie also attended Park College where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and graduated Cum Laude. Upon graduation Stephanie began her career as an elementary school teacher for the same Kansas City Missouri School District that she herself was a product of. She served as a schoolteacher for 10 years. While in this role Stephanie was known to be a passionate advocate for her students. She ensured each child had access to all resources needed for them to be successful both academically and socially. Stephanie had a slew of interests and hobbies. She was a sports fanatic. The sports she followed included football, basketball, tennis, and the Olympics. She also spent a lot of time playing video games and was known to be very good. Stephanie was also quite the artist. She spent many hours drawing as well as doing art projects with her nieces, nephews, and grandkids.

Stephanie married the love of her life, Melvin, on August 31, 1973. Prior to becoming a widow in 2018 she shared 45 years of marital bliss with her husband.

To honor her legacy, she leaves behind: her son, Joshua Everett (Jasmine) Tolbert; 2 brothers Lawrence Everett (Rosalind) Johnson and Richard Leon (Anna) Johnson; 3 grandchildren, Sydney Danielle, Sebastian Dominic, and Spencer Demetrius, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

~ Order of Service ~

Prelude

***Pharrell
"Happy"***

Call To Order

Joshua Tolbert

***Reading of Scripture/
Prayer***

***Pastor E.F. Canty
Canty of Grace and Mercy Christian Church***

Selection

***God's Property
"Stomp"***

***Remembering Stephanie
Two (2) Minutes Please***

Family & Friends

Life Reflections

Video Tribute

Read In Silence

Selection

***Andre Crouch
"Jesus is the Lord"***

Words of Comfort

Brother Richard Leon Johnson

***Benediction
Recessional***

~Repass~

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