



Billy Ray Tolbert

December 29, 1930 - April 11, 2026

Billy Ray Tolbert, of Piedmont, passed away on April 11, 2026, at the age of 95. Billy was born in Piedmont, Alabama, December 29, 1930, to Thomas Jackson Tolbert and Millie Flora Lockridge Tolbert. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force. After his service in the Air Force, he remained connected to his love for airplanes by being an aircraft mechanic with the civil service for thirty years, retiring in 1986 from Robins Air Base in Warner Robins, Georgia. He loved his country, her constitution, and her flag. He made mention of how beautiful our nation's flag was nearly every time he saw one. In ninety-five years of life there are many choices and decisions. Billy's greatest decision was when he decided to receive Christ as his personal Saviour in 1967. This was not based on his righteousness, but rather through the grace and mercy of God through the shed blood of the resurrected Christ (Titus 3:5). This decision not only changed his life

and the life of his family, but it also changed his eternal destiny. Billy knew without any doubt that he was saved by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8) and would spend eternity with his Saviour, Jesus Christ. We, as his family, have confidence and peace knowing that he is now in the presence of his Lord. Philippians 1:23, "...to depart and be with Christ is far better."

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of forty-nine years, Hazel Lee Carnes Tolbert, a son, Ricky Tolbert, and a great-grandson, Christian James. He leaves behind four children, Debbie Harris (Grady) of Warner Robins, GA, David Tolbert (Deborah) of Toccoa, GA, Jack Tolbert (Christi) of Ellaville, GA, and Michael Tolbert (Lori) of Piedmont, AL. Along with his children, he also leaves behind nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service for Mr. Tolbert will be Thursday , April 23, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. at Thompson Funeral Home . Burial will follow with military honors at Piedmont Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Thursday from 10:00 -10:45 A.M. at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Piedmont Memory Gardens

236 Vigo Road
Piedmont, AL 36272

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Thompson Funeral Home & Crematory
6340 Old Piedmont-Gadsden Hwy
Piedmont, AL 36272
(256) 447-7113
<https://www.thompsonfuneralhomepiedmont.com>

Service

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Burial

APR 23 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Paul, Vicki and Marc Shealy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ray Tolbert.

Paul, Vicki and Marc Shealy - April 22 at 03:53 PM

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“ Paul, Vicki and Marc Shealy purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Billy Ray Tolbert.



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“ Karen purchased the Heartfelt Tribute Lavender & White Floor Basket Arrangement for the family of Billy Ray Tolbert.



Karen - April 17 at 12:26 PM