



George Lorayne Tolbert

June 17, 1922 - January 3, 2019

George Lorayne Tolbert passed away at home on January 3, 2019 at the age of 96. Born on June 17, 1922 in McCurtain Oklahoma, he was the second child of William Ervin and Rella Ray (nee McGuire) Tolbert.

He was predeceased by his parents, his four siblings, William Tolbert Jr., Tony Ray Tolbert, J.B. Tolbert, Merle Panter, and a daughter, Patricia Anne Tolbert. He is survived by two daughters, Sandra K. Tolbert (Edmond, OK) and Pamela S. Tolbert (Ithaca NY); a son-in-law, Steven P. Carver; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a long-time partner, Beverly Williams.

George served his country as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force in three wars, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He followed a military career in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He graduated from McCurtain High School in 1940, and after WWII, pursued a college education for many years while working full-time. He completed his baccalaureate in management science at Oklahoma City University after his retirement.

He was a devoted father and family man, a life-long learner, and an intrepid traveler. His generosity and integrity were appreciated by his many friends.

A memorial service will be held at All Souls Unitarian, 2952 S. Peoria in Tulsa, on June 16 at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be sent to the George L.

Tolbert Scholarship Fund, Eastern Oklahoma State College Foundation, 1301 W. Main, Wilburton OK 74578; or to the National Military Family Association

(<<https://www.militaryfamily.org>>). Moore's Southlawn 918-663-2233 share memories at www.moorefuneral.com

Comments



“ I remember George as a square dancer who also learned clogging! He was a regular at Recycles Square Dance Club on Thursday nights as well as Single Squares on Monday nights. Back in the day he graciously opened his home and hosted an annual fish fry and square dance. I particularly remember that he would compose a Christmas poem and mail copies to many of us. He was a genuine gentlemen. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

Elaine Tucker Cox - June 11, 2019 at 12:33 AM



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“ Col. Tolbert was one super nice man. He hired me back in 1959 when he was the Director of Material at the Tulsa OANG base. That designation was later changed to Base Engineer. I was A1C Ed Sunday and just transferred to Tulsa from the Arkansas ANG and was looking for a job. He was a pleasure to work for and with! He encouraged me to promote up every chance I got and a few years down the road I got my MSGT stripes. He was very proud for me and told me I was probably the youngest MSGT in the state! I flew many times with him at night when he was getting his flight hours and he even let me 'fly' the gooney bird once. I had often wondered where he went when he left and when I think of influential people in my life, Col. Tolbert is absolutely there! My sincere condolences to his family. Edward S. Sunday Jr, MSGT!

Ed Sunday Jr - January 13, 2019 at 12:42 PM