



Lester B. Tolleson

March 12, 1963 - February 9, 2026

B. Lester Tolleson

February 9, 2026 – Entered into Eternal Rest

B. Lester Tolleson, lovingly known to all simply as Lester, went home to be with the Lord. Born on March 12, 1963, in Nashville, Tennessee, Lester lived a life marked by faith, integrity, and deep devotion to those he loved.

Though his given first name was Boyd, he preferred to be known as Lester — the name by which family and friends warmly remember him.

Lester was a devoted and loving husband to his beloved wife, Elizabeth Ruth Tolleson. He treasured his family and friends and lived with a noble and humble heart. Caring, friendly, and deeply compassionate, he touched the lives of many. His love extended even to the pets he cherished.

Professionally, Lester worked as a Home Inspector and was respected for his honesty and diligence. Above all, he was a man of deep Christian faith, always grateful for the Lord's blessings. His church family at Monmouth Worship Center held a special place in his heart.

He found joy in the beauty of the outdoors — walking along the beach and boardwalks, strolling through parks, and enjoying the simple pleasures of

nature. He especially loved attending productions at Sight & Sound Theatres. A faithful fan of the New York Yankees, he followed his team with loyalty and enthusiasm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Boyd and Carolyn Tolleson. He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth Ruth Tolleson; his sisters, Nancy Culbertson, and Debbie Santee and her husband, Ron Santee; and his nephew, Ronnie Santee Jr.

Lester held close to his heart the words of Scripture:

“Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world.”

— 1 John 4:4

A Celebration of Life service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Lester’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Lester’s legacy of faith, humility, and steadfast love will forever remain in the hearts of those who were blessed to know him.

Cemetery Details

Monmouth Memorial Park

4201 Hwy 33
Tinton Falls, NJ

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson



Nancy - June 07 at 04:49 PM

NA

“ Les, I can't believe you have been gone for 3 months already. I still reach for my phone to call or text you. I miss you more than words can say. This Sunday, we are celebrating you and your life. It is going to be bittersweet, but looking forward to seeing your old friends and meeting some of the people you worked with and your Church family. I spent weeks trying to find the right words to honor you. Hope I did a good job, but know that it comes from my heart. I never in a million years would have thought I'd be writing a eulogy for one of my siblings. I know you are in a beautiful place and with Mom, George, and so many others. Sending you a million hugs and kisses!!! Love you always, Nancy

Nancy - May 15 at 05:19 PM

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson



Nancy - April 26 at 01:51 PM

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Lester B.
Tolleson



Nancy - April 16 at 04:08 PM

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Lester B.
Tolleson



Nancy - April 05 at 08:27 AM

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Lester B.
Tolleson



Nancy - March 24 at 08:48 AM

EL

“ Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Lester B.
Tolleson



Elizabeth - March 20 at 02:13 PM

EL

Yesterday marked what would have been 33 years of marriage with you, Lester...

33 years of walking side by side, through every season of life.

I still feel you with me in the quiet moments, in the memories, in the love that never left.

I miss you deeply, but i smile knowing you are at peace in the most amazing place with The Lord.

Thank you for loving me the way you did.

I will carry you in my heart always...

Happy Anniversary in Heaven, my love

Elizabeth - March 20 at 02:47 PM

LM

“ *Lidia Mejia lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Lidia Mejia - March 17 at 09:20 PM

ET

“ *Elizabeth Tolleson lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Elizabeth Tolleson - March 12 at 05:51 PM

ET

“ *Happy Birthday in Heaven, my beloved Lester
Today would have been another birthday together, and my heart
misses you so much. I think about your kindness, your faith, and the
love you gave so freely to everyone around you.
Even though you are no longer here with me, i found peace knowing
you are in the presence of The Lord a Place far more beautiful than
we can imagine.
Thank you for the love we shared and for the me memories that will
live in my heart forever.
Until we meet again ... Happy Heavenly 🎂 Birthday*

Elizabeth T - March 12 at 05:51 PM

NC

“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday Lester! I love and miss you so much.
Sending you a million hugs and kisses.
Love always, Nancy*

Nancy Culbertson - March 12 at 09:30 AM

NA

“ *Nancy lit a candle in memory of Lester B.
Tolleson*



Nancy - March 07 at 05:44 PM

TA

“ *In loving memory of Lester,*

Lester was truly a beautiful soul whose smile could light up any room. He had a special way of bringing joy to those around him, always ready with a laugh at life's little moments and a heart full of kindness.

I will always cherish the memories of him talking and laughing with my girls since they were little. He made them feel special, and that warmth is something we will never forget.

His love for God, for people, and for his beloved dogs reflected the gentle and caring spirit he carried every day. May his faith now be his eternal peace, and may the love he shared continue to live on in everyone who had the blessing of knowing him.

With deepest sympathy and love.

We'll miss you always my friend!

Tatiana Andrades - February 25 at 04:04 PM

NA

“ *Nancy lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Nancy - February 24 at 04:37 PM

LH

“ *Lisbeth Herrera lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Lisbeth Herrera - February 23 at 06:27 PM

EL

“ *Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Elizabeth - February 23 at 02:32 PM

EL

Today, as we experience another blizzard day. I can't help but remember the snowy season of March 1993 , Just before Lester and I were married., and starting our life together as husband and wife. Snow was falling then too, and we were full of dreams, laughter, and so much hope.

There are moments when the silence feels heavy, yet my heart finds comfort knowing he is in a far better place--safe in the presence of The Lord..I miss him more than words can express ..

Forever my love, Lester

Elizabeth - February 23 at 02:42 PM

BS

Hi Ruth. Lester was such a great guy. He always spoke very highly of you and often mentioned the delicious meals that you made for him. You know that he speaks highly of you now up in Heaven and still prays for you and us all there just as he did here...Ben Solomon

Ben Solomon - March 07 at 12:20 PM

ET

thank you Ben ..

Elizabeth T - March 12 at 05:24 PM

AR

“ *Anthony Ricci lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Anthony Ricci - February 21 at 08:35 AM

AR

Rest in Peace my beloved friend. You will be missed.

Anthony Ricci - February 21 at 08:40 AM

MR

“ *My sincere condolences to Elizabeth and her family for the passing of brother Lester. I know that the light of brother Lester will continue to shine in our memories and all who remembered him.*



Maria Rivera - February 19 at 09:26 PM

MR

“ *Brother Lester was a wonderful friend and brother in Christ. I truly enjoyed getting to know Lester at Monmouth church and having our talks at church. He was a blessing in my life and will always be cherished in my heart. May God bless your soul with our Heavenly Father rest in peace brother Lester. - Marjohn*



Marjohn Rivera - February 19 at 09:17 PM

RH

“ *Roxana Herrera lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Roxana Herrera - February 18 at 06:01 PM

RH

No es facil expresar las emociones que corren en nuestra humanidad en estos momentos que nunca deseamos tener, pero lo que nos fortalece es que nuestra parte espiritual esta completamente segura de que nuestro amado Lester esta disfrutando en el Paraiso Eterno con Nuestro Padre Celestial; y que muy pronto nos veremos. Al momento siempre guardare los momentos compartidos en mi corazon.

Roxana Herrera - February 18 at 06:12 PM

EL

“ *Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Elizabeth - February 18 at 05:04 PM

EL

My beloved Lester, I miss you more than words could ever express. Every day I carry your love in my heart, and it comforts me to know you are in the most beautiful place in The Presence of Our Lord! Thank you for loving me so faithfully and so gently , You were my greatest blessing. Life feels different without you here, but i know you are home with The Lord. That gives me comfort, I will love you always !!

Elizabeth - February 18 at 05:13 PM

NC

“ Lester, Always on my mind, forever in my heart. I love and miss you.

Nancy Culbertson - February 15 at 05:16 PM

NC

“ Nancy Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson



Nancy Culbertson - February 15 at 05:01 PM

BS

“ I miss you Lester. You were a great friend, teammate, and brother in Christ. Until we meet again in Heaven and take on all challengers in basketball, enjoy the awesome kingdom of Love that our God and Savior has prepared for us.

Ben Solomon - February 15 at 01:44 PM

CO

“ Lester, you will be deeply missed. Your memories will live in our hearts forever. My deepest condolences to Elizabeth and the entire family.



Claudia Obliskey - February 15 at 09:46 AM

RS

“ Gonna miss you Uncle Les... Every single Tuesday night for almost the past 2 and a half years you would text me “Great show, you sound great” for my radio show... you don't know what tha meant to me... so many great memory's with you. Taking me to my first wrestling event, ECW in Asbury Park.. your in heaven now and no longer suffering, but I sure will miss you.. I will look after Aunt Ruth for ya! Love you forever...



Ron Santee - February 14 at 11:09 PM

EL

Nice Pic! Great Memory !!

Elizabeth - February 18 at 05:17 PM

KN

“ Rest in peace cousin Lester! Sending our sympathies to your family. You will be missed.

Kirsten Nachman - February 11 at 10:25 PM

DG

“ Rest in Peace cousin Lester.

Donna (Bibee) Gorlier - February 11 at 10:13 PM

PH

“ So sorry, I remember Lester when he was a little boy,riding bikes in the alley..when he lived in tn...we were double cousins....tell ya your up there with our family...love cuz, Patty

Patricia Henry - February 11 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ *Debbie & Ron Santee lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Debbie & Ron Santee - February 11 at 10:22 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 11 at 10:02 AM

NC

“ *Nancy Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Lester B. Tolleson*



Nancy Culbertson - February 10 at 06:44 PM