



## Stephanie Tolliver

August 4, 1955 - November 24, 2009

Viewing: Boyd Funeral Home 89th Street Chapel  
Wake and Funeral Services: Fri. Dec. 4th, 10:00 am  
St. Matthews United Methodist Church 1510 East 86th  
Interment: Lakeview

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Did Not Find out about your Passing as the Tears runs in my eyes..you care for humanity and justice..just uploaded a video To Celebrate lone Biggs Life on Youtube..that is when i found out about your passing..you were a freedom fighter and a great human,,will cherish the film i have of you..God bless you and i will pray for you..Love you and godbless you sister..Peace....

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**Sam Phillips - Cleveland, OH - Friend** - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am saddened at the death of Stephanie, but warmed by my memories of her from our early days at Doan Elemntary School through both our teaching tenures at The Music Settlement and Tri-C. She carried herself with an admirable balance of pride and humility, being careful to show consideration and compassion to those she encountered. I recall in particular Stephanie's beautiful smile, her focused intelligence and that marvelous singing instrument. She was endowed with remarkable gifts. I send my love, and my prayers and thoughts continue for Sherry, Attorney Tolliver and the family that God will comfort you, encourage you and heal your hearts.

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**Barbara Mattox - Cleveland, OH - Schoolmate and colleague.** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dear Family - I treasure Stehpanie as a solid African American Woman who stood up for all women, Africans and African Americans. A wise and wonderful human being.

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**Linda Gail Corrin - Dear triend National Music Camp** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ I believe it was the summer of 1971 when I met Stephanie at the National Music Camp at Interlochen Michigan. It was my second summer there. I met Sharon Madison there during the previous summer.

Only a handful of Blacks were fortunate enough to attend the camp. Stephanie was a dance major. I was musical theater. Stephanie and I made separate friends in addition to being friendly with each other.

She danced. I acted. She spoke so well of Interlochen. After summer ended we kept in touch. At the time of her death she was living at home. I was living here in East Orange.

Steph was always an adult and carried high self-esteem. Her handwriting strong. She lived with a pupose. She traveled to South Africa. She was planning to become a minister. I just can't say enoough about her intelligence, commitment to women's self esteem and to the good of the world.

Our talks were intelligent, strong, solid. I will never forget my visit to her parent's home in high school during one Easter. And her visit to my dorm at the University of Michigan. We visited the barber and she had her hair cut. It was beautiful.

I thank Mr. and Mrs. Tolliver (may she rest in peace) for their kindness and hospitality toward me. And Sherrie for her kindness throughout.

May God Bless you all. I hope to see you again. May God bless Stephanie as she rises in Heaven. She has made her mark. I will never forget her.

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Linda Gail Corrin - East Orange, NJ - dear friend - Interlochen - January 09, 2010  
at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I miss you sister. I am so sorry you had to go.

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**Sherrie - sister** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ I remember her beautiful voice as she would sing the song, 'As I come to the garden along'. It was so much loved by our Founder, Dean Emeritus; Dr. H. C. Kinley of the Institute of Divine Metaphysical Reseach, that she was the only one given the gift to sing it to his satifaction. She was a English Teacher, and she love the Arts. That is one of many things Stephanie and I had in common. But the most that we shared was the Knowledge given to us my our Dean Emeritus; Dr. Henry Clifford Kinley that revolutionalized the whole world and has immortalized us who believed.

*Much Love to my sister Stephanie in the faith, Hallaluyah.*

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**Selena Forte' - Cleveland , OH** - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Stephanie was a joy to talk to and to befriend. She started as my vocal coach and shortly became one of my sincerest confidantes. It is difficult to forget a person so profound in thought, witty, and talented. She was so special to me and I trusted her without fault. She didnt have a malicious bone in her body and my heart is heavy knowing that she is no longer with us. She and I used to share and laugh all of the time...I am ferclempt over this loss.

*Love always to my sister and friend....*

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**Christina-Michelle Jones - West Bloomfield, MI** - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I pray the memories of her voice and spirit spring forth to bathe the aching hearts of her family and friends. God bless you all. Marlene

Marlene G. Forney - Friend of Family - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ My deepest condolences for the entire Tolliver family. Stephanie will forever have a place in my heart.

Raymond Allmond - friend - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Please accept my condolences at your physical loss of Stephanie... and please also accept my thanks and gladness for the fullness of her life, what she stood for while here on this earth, and the difference her presence has made. The loss is softened for us all by the knowledge that she is now transitioned on to that better place. May your spirits find rest in wonderful memories of her, God's peace, and abundant blessings. Jacqui

Jacqui Brett - Durham, NC - December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ I saw Stephanie perform several times at the Karamu. She was wonderful! This is a great loss to her family and to the Cleveland artistic community and first and foremost to her father.

Ellen Connally - Cleveland, Ohio - December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ My deepest sympathy in the physical loss of your beloved Stephanie.

Linda Smith-Peterson - Zion / LHSE Alum. Cleve., OH - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ To the Tolliver family:

*As Stephanie has transitioned into the arms of our Savior know that she is now in peace. The book of Revelation tells us that there will be no more tears and no more dying. God will wipe all our tears away. Hold on to your memories of her love of Christ, her heart, her talents and her love for you until that day when we will be with her in glory.*

*Although I have known Atty. Tolliver since I was a child I knew Stephanie from our time together in class and driving back and forth to Ashland Theological Seminary. It was a blessing for our time together. God Bless You!*

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**Rev. Sharon Malone - Bedford, OH** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To The Tolliver Family,

*Nat, Sherry and Mr.Tolliver. Stephanie is a beacon of hope for those who lifes she touched. I am one of those people. Her courage, her strength and her endurance is one I will always remember. She has always been that light in my darkness of time with her words of encourage me. Stephanies, your family was truly blessed to have you. And I thank God for allowing you to be shared with so many others.*

*Love,*

*Pat, Patrick and Brnadon Webster*

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**Pat Martin Webster - Food Co-op Cleveland,Ohio** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Dear Soror,

*Your charm, love and dedication to Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. and its members will be truly missed. I will never forget your smile and comfort you gave to both myself and son, William Jr. You had such a surreal grace and etiquette about yourself that filled the room during meetings and outings. I truly love you and glad I had the opportunity to have met a noteworthy individual who stood up for women's rights and our sorority's mission. God Bless! my condolences go out to the family for their loss.*

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**Soror Sabrina D. Jones - Cleveland, OH** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Dear Soror

*You was a beautiful renaissance woman who was very encouraging to me with your words of wisdom. I am so happy i had to chance to know such a beautiful person . You will be truly missed. My condolence go to the family for their loss. God Bless.*

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**Charita Johnson - Cleveland, OH** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ You will be missed. Stephanie was a very special person.

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**shawnda lockridge - euclid, OH** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My deepest sympathy in the loss of your precious daughter. I will keep you and your family in my prayers and thoughts.

*Jim*

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**Jim Carney Jr. - Westlake, Oh** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *To the Tolliver family, please accept my sincerest condolences and sympathy to your family in your time of sorrow. I am truly saddened that my Sister Stephanie Tolliver has transitioned to Glory, but am glad to know that that is where she is!*

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**Denise D. Corley - Charlotte, NC** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM