



## Rollin Tolliver

August 27, 1933 - August 12, 2023

ROLLIN TOLLIVER passed away on August 12, 2023 after several months of declining health. His children and family members remained by his bedside; and as he peacefully transitioned, we celebrated his victory in Christ Jesus.

Rollin was born on August 27, 1933 in Decatur, Illinois. He was the only son of Charles Tolliver and Mudell Johnson, both of whom preceded him death. Rollin often spoke of his childhood as a Black boy in Decatur, Illinois. He loved fishing, attending the family church and family gatherings.

He was educated in the Negro public schools and received his diploma. His desire to serve his country led him to join the United States Army; and after completion of his obligation, he received an honorable discharge.

While on leave, Rollin met and fell in love with “Lillie” Henson (who preceded him in death), and the two were joined in holy matrimony. Through her support, Rollin continued his education at the Maryland Institute College of Art and received his B.A. degree. Together they raised four children -- Charlotte (preceded in death), Diane, Vanessa and Rollin C.

Rollin and Lillie valued time spent with family, summer trips to the Midwest, and vacations in Florida and Virginia Beach. On the way, Dad would stop to just throw his fishing rod into a lake or stream of water. Fishing was his passion and “me” time. Dad looked forward to decorating our Christmas tree and outside decorations. He won first place in the neighborhood competition. Dad always gave everyone in the family a brand new watch, a tradition we will all miss. Because the market for a Black architect was limited, Rollin took jobs in other fields to maintain the household.

Rollin leaves to cherish his memory: his daughters, Diane P. Marshall, Vanessa Watkins and son, Rollin Clinton Tolliver; two sons-in-law, Wendell Marshall and Craig A. Watkins Sr.; four sisters, Linda Dedrick, Gretta Tolliver, Joan Tolliver Walker and Pattie Jo Tolliver; four granddaughters, five grandsons, sixteen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends (including Dave).

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 28. 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

AUG 29. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Rollin Tolliver*



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**March Funeral Homes** - August 16, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rollin Tolliver.*



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August 28, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 16, 2023 at 12:31 PM