



# Mary Jeanine Cummings Tolbert

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**M**ary Jeanine Cummings Tolbert, 91, of Trinity, Florida, passed away on March 25, 2023. Jeanine was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to R. John and Miriam Cummings. She attended Brigham Young University where she met the college sweetheart who swept her off her feet and invited her to embark on a happily-ever-after journey. Textbooks were exchanged for lifelong roles in homemaking, genealogy, and a variety of volunteer positions at her church. She and her husband found great joy in serving on an LDS mission in Oregon. Jeanine was an avid golfer, gardener, and reader, and enjoyed staying in touch with friends and loved ones with clever greeting card creations. Music shaped every facet of her life, and she was an accomplished piano and organ accompanist. Her greatest fan was her husband. Both held to the sentiment, “Life is a song; love is the music.”

Jeanine was preceded in death by Wilbur Norman Tolbert, her husband of 63 years. She is survived by her children: Karen Jones (Vaughn), Valerie Banfield, David Tolbert (Anita), and Joyce Tolbert; seven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be handled by Trinity Memorial Gardens, 12609 Memorial Drive, Trinity, FL 34655, (727)376-7824 and will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 31 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 7851 Lutz Lake Fern Rd., Odessa, FL 33556. Visiting hours are from 1:00 to 2:00.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Brigham Young University or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Family History organizations, at [www.philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org)



## Events


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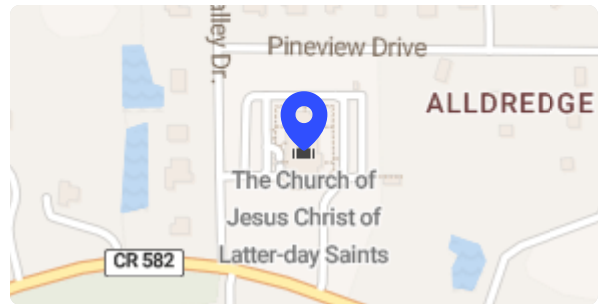
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### Visitation

 **Friday**, March 31, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
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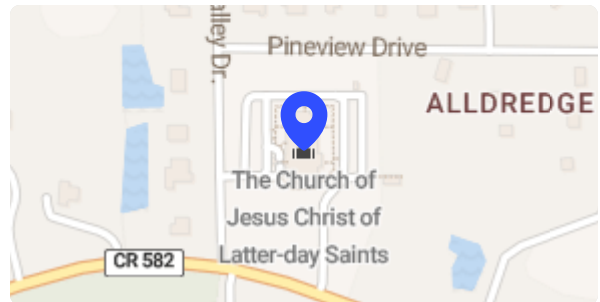


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**Christa** posted:

Dear precious Jeanene, my heart is heavy. Yet, it's comforting to know that your many unanswered questions about where you are now, are answered. You loved to hear about my memories lived as a child in Germany's horrendous Second World War. Sometimes, I saw you straining to hear, promised you to speak up louder, but often was carried away by my memories. You wondered why I sincerely look at you as my inspiration and why I loved the hours I was privileged to have in your company. You were so humble. You made me think of a phrase I read when I was a young student in Paris, France. It's from the French writer, statesman, philosopher, etc. Andre Malraux in his book *La Condition Humane* (The Human Condition) and says something like this (probably my own rephrasing): Important is to leave a trace on this earth. I think that you don't find the quotation anywhere, but it has been etched in my heart forever. Well, look at your awesome family. You left an amazing trace. I personally know only Karen who is my neighbor and has been an exceptional guide for me being part of our wonderful ward. I know about her gifted hands and have the pleasure to possess and admire her creations. I give a deep thankyou also to Vaughn, her husband; Vaughn who baptized me and guided special blessings when I needed them. Valerie, I know you only through your writings; the richness of your vocabulary, the accurateness of their usage, your endless research, and many more distinctive characteristics absolutely capture me. The first of your books I read was *Until Hope Whispers*. At the second page I screamed out loud: "Finally somebody who knows how to write." Since then, I haven't stopped downloading and borrowing more. I really owe you a lot of reviews. They will come when my desire to have a magic wand to transform each day into a 36 hour day comes true. Only kidding, of course. Gifted has a special meaning for me. I take care of my husband, a retired airborne Special Forces (Green Beret) reservist with a once brilliant mind and an exceptionally high IQ. It has now mutated into cognitive darkness due to Vascular Dementia. He lives at home with me. I am his care giver. You will understand. Know that English is my fourth language, but my entire life has been filled with speaking, reading, studying, writing, even dreaming in all "my" different languages. Words for me have and always had colors and sounds. I don't know of a special artistic talent I have, but I try to see and live my life with all its changes, detours, challenges, different cultures and countries as an artistic kaleidoscope in which all of you are precious colorful tiles. I am eager to possess at least one of your other daughter's minute paintings. I know other family members by bits and pieces from your sayings: A remarkable family how you were a remarkable person. Jeanene, you are and always will be part of my precious life kaleidoscope. I will miss you tremendously and will miss the meaningful messages that I found in my mailbox so often. I am glad that I kept them all. I feel so honored that you allowed me to wear the beautiful gown you are wearing now when I lately went to the Temple for my endowment. Your person is gone, but your sweet spirit will be with me as long as I am on this part of the veil. With Heavenly Father's gift of the Holy Spirit and in the name of His beloved son Jesus Christ who is among us, I believe that we are united forever. Christa

March 30 at 7:02 PM



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Tolbert family.

March 30 at 6:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Tolbert family.

March 30 at 2:19 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Tolbert family.

March 29 at 9:09 AM





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