



Richard Toles

August 31, 2011

Toles, Richard Allen age 64, of Minneapolis, and originally from Massillon, OH, passed away peacefully on August 26th, 2011. Richard was preceded in death by parents, Walter and Inez Toles (Johnson) and brothers, David, Gordon, & Lawrence Toles. Survived by children, Stacey Stevens, Althea (Thea) Hahn (Aaron Hahn), & Inez Toles; grandchildren, Jaiden Toles-Ford & Kevin E. Holley Jr.; siblings, Wanda Frazier (Arthur Frazier), Dennis Toles, Walter Toles Jr. (Margo Toles), and Patrice DeWees. He had retired from the State of Minnesota early in 2011. Richard was a lover of music, children, and animals, with an extremely generous spirit. He was an inspiration to many, and always had a funny story to tell. Richard had enjoyed participating in the high school rivalry between the Massillon Tigers and the McKinley Bulldogs, especially with his children. Funeral service at 11 AM Saturday, September 3rd, with visitation 1 hour prior at: Washburn-McReavy Swanson Chapel 612-529-9691 1600 Lowry at Irving Ave. N.

Tribute Wall



“ You live in my heart and your memory will always be with me. *Patrice*

~

Patrice De Wees,

Jacksonville, Florida

Patrice De Wees - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Here's a homage to Big Daddy. We will miss your freewheeling ways: Your humor, your wit, and your style Yours was a brain that made the dean's And a big heart of many means A spirit that knew how to dance Every time that it got the chance We already miss the snap of your finger The pop of your collar (fine leather) and the gleam of your shades, under your hat brim- Worn indoors, for extra style points - and sometimes even for trim Your childhood made you a man Charged with your cousins' defense, At late-night fire rescues you rose out of bed and to the occasion. Saving your brothers more than once. When your mother left You were deeply bereft But you carried on by carrying on Clothing your brothers with a sharpness and simply getting along Your Detroit detour made it clear: You lived the hedonism of your era Drinking E&J from the cup And dancing your life on the brink. Despite that you loved your girls fiercely And with a tender, open hand. You experienced grace late in life When you lived the way we knew you could Like an old velvet rosebud that suddenly, mysteriously blooms. What becomes of the open-hearted? They live, they love, they laugh, they try and sometimes falter. And then they try again.

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September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Wanda, I am sorry to hear of your younger brother's passing and want you to know that you and your family are in my prayers. May your memories comfort you all.

~

Nancy Adams Thomas,

Westerville, Ohio

Nancy Adams Thomas - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Hey, Wanda ----I'm so sorry about the loss of your brother Richard. May god bless you and your family, ---Sharon Scott

September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.*

~

Rev. George B. Woods Sr.,

Canton, Ohio

Rev. George B. Woods Sr. - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Wanda and family, please know that you have many friends who will keep you all in their prayers at this time of great loss. God bless.

~

Shirley Johnson Zurcher,

Winter Haven, Florida

Shirley Johnson Zurcher - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.*

~

Kathleen Spencer,

Massillon, Ohio

Kathleen Spencer - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard will be missed by all my family, He had a funny personality which was often time misunderstood. He always had a good argument if he felt he was close to being right. But this is what made Richard Richard. Rest in peace cousin, Mary Scott, St. Paul, MN*

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September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Stacey, Althea, Inez, Wanda, Walter, Dennis, Patrice and Family, You have our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your father and brother, Richard Allen Toles. We were shocked to hear of his sudden passing away. We're really going to miss our cousin and his great sense of humor! He had a big heart and good taste for sharp clothes! May God continue to comfort and strengthen you in your hour of sorrow. Remember: Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Tomorrow, 9-4-11, would have been his 65th birthday! Love and prayers, Cousins Peggy and Herman Honaker and Family Fairlawn, Ohio

September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Richard was always kind and helpful to me at work. The thing I remember most was his readiness to smile. He had a great smile. My sympathies go out to his friends and family.*

~

Georgia Boyle,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Georgia Boyle - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathy to all of you. I work in the HR office of Minneapolis Community & Technical College and knew him while he worked here. He had a remarkable sense of humor and enjoyed talking with him. Elaine Kirchner*

September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *God rest his soul*

~

Mesfin Negia,

St Paul, Minnesota

Mesfin Negia - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Inez and family:Mr. Toles is one in a million, present tense, because there will not ever be another. All who were blessed with the opportunity to meet him will not ever forget him. I am sure he already has Jesus smiling. Let your memories give you comfort during this difficult time and in the future. Love and prayers,*

~

Desiree Sawyer,

St. Paul, Minnesota

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Desiree Sawyer - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Richard will be missed i really injoyed babysitting for him back in the days your friend. Carna carter*

~

carma carter,

new brighton mn, Minnesota

carma carter - September 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the family. I know that he will be greatly missed. I will miss his great sense of humor and protective ways. Richard had a personality to be reconned with. He was a cheerful giver, fun-loving, full of spunk and given the right occassion he'd dress-up clean like a TRUE Ohio Playa! I got much love for ya! Your only one memory away...

~

Dawona Harper,

Brookly Park, Minnesota

Dawona Harper - August 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM