



## Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson

December 2, 1956 - February 17, 2023

Pastor Reverend Eddie J. Tomlinson was born to Mr. Howard Tomlinson Sr. and Mrs. Mary E. Tomlinson on December 2, 1956, in Henry County, Georgia. He was the fifth of eight children born to this union and was known to be humble, welcoming, and loving throughout his life, community, and ministry.

At a very young age, he accepted Christ and was baptized at Shiloh Baptist Church of McDonough, Georgia. He answered God's call to serve in ministry and received tutelage from the Rev. E. W. Lee. In the late 80s, Pastor Tomlinson was ordained to the Gospel ministry and served faithfully in this capacity. His ministry led him to serve as Pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church from 1985-2007 and Good Hope Baptist Church from 1982-2023), where he recently celebrated forty-one years as Senior Pastor. He exemplified the love of Christ with a sincere dedication to saving souls! In 1991, he received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley, Georgia. He was a mentor and father figure to many as well as a role model and Christian leader. He was a man of prayer and vision who loved God's people genuinely and served them diligently.

In 1975, he graduated from Henry County Comprehensive High School, where he began cultivating his agriculture and carpeting skills, including raising farm animals, gardening, constructing, and installing various carpentry projects.

On June 28, 1986, Pastor Tomlinson married the love of his life, Stephanie M. Whitehead. They celebrated 36 years of marriage, and during this union, God blessed them with one child Cornelius DuBois "Neil" Tomlinson, whom he spoiled and adored. He worked as a maintenance engineer for the Board of Education of Henry County for over twenty-five years. He served on the Henry and Newton County Ministerial Alliance for several years. He loved his family and helped disciple many who decided to follow Christ upon being impacted by his life and ministry. He was a true example of what it meant to bear the burdens of others and fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, KJV).

He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings: Mr. Robert Tomlinson, Mr. Roylee Tomlinson, Ms. Mary D. Tomlinson, Mr. Arlonzo Tomlinson, and Ms. Melinda Tomlinson.

To cherish his memory, he leaves his loving wife, Mrs. Stephanie, and son Mr. Cornelius Tomlinson. Siblings: Mr. Howard Tomlinson Jr. (Alvonja), Mr. Albert Tomlinson, all of McDonough, Georgia; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, ministry colleagues, classmates, and dear friends whose lives are enriched and forever changed because of his life and legacy.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church - McDonough  
262 Macon St.  
McDonough, GA 30253  
(770) 957-2344  
<http://www.shilohmcdonough.org/>

## Service

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church - McDonough  
262 Macon St.  
McDonough, GA 30253  
(770) 957-2344  
<http://www.shilohmcdonough.org/>

## Interment

FEB **24** (ET)

Rose Garden Cemetery  
743 Iris Lake Rd.  
McDonough, GA 30252

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ Sincere condolences from the United Kingdom to First Lady Stephanie and the family of Rev Tomlinson. He was a great man of God. God rest his soul.

*May flights of Angels sing Pastor Eddie to his rest.*

*From the family of Bishop and Lady Newell.*

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**L.A. Newell Lawson** - March 18, 2023 at 03:03 PM

GP

“ Geraldine Phillips lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson



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**Geraldine Phillips** - February 25, 2023 at 02:27 PM

TH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with First Lady Stephanie and Cornelius. We pray God's peace will cover you all during this time. Although the loss of Rev Tomlinson is profound for many of us we do rejoice and praise God for his life, his gifts and his ministry. Taken your rest, good and faithful servant. Sincerely, Dorothy, Theresa and Darryl Andrell Wade.

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**Theresa** - February 24, 2023 at 10:44 AM

MP

“ *Mattie Price lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**Mattie Price** - February 24, 2023 at 06:06 AM

TB

“ *Sending love and condolences to the family. Sorry for your loss we are praying for you and the family in this time of need.*

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**The Harrison, White and Bailey** - February 23, 2023 at 04:55 PM

PG

*GOD is still GOOD. Sorry for you loss, GOD is still in the BLESSING business. Keep The Faith ok Stephanie & family. Condolences from the Gaston Family. Patricia Welch Gaston. Love Y'ALL. & GOD BLESS.*



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**Patricia Welch Gaston** - February 24, 2023 at 11:31 AM

GC

“ *My condolences to sister Stephanie & Cornelius and the Tomlinson family. Reverend Tomlinson will be missed.*  
*Georgene Chester*



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**Georgene A Chester** - February 23, 2023 at 01:16 PM

JW

“ Sending love and condolences.

Love,

Jennifer & Divine



Jennifer Whitehead - February 23, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.



February 23, 2023 at 12:40 PM

JV

“ Continued prayers for the difficult days ahead



Johnny Varner - February 23, 2023 at 12:23 PM

TF

“ The Starks Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.



The Starks Family - February 23, 2023 at 12:08 PM

TC

“ *My sincere sympathy for for the family and a great man, great friend, and pillar to our community.*

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**Tony V Carnell** - February 23, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.*



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February 23, 2023 at 08:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.*



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February 22, 2023 at 09:20 PM

SC

“ *Sherry Clark lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**Sherry Clark** - February 22, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.



February 22, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ First Lady and Cornelius, Rev. Eddie was one of my favorite people on earth! I am so very sorry for the loss of such a wonderful human being, but he earned his reward through all of his labor. Praying fervently for peace in the midst of this storm, memories that make you smile, and that God fills the tremendous hole Rev. Eddie's passing has left for you.

Regina R Tate - February 22, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Rev.Eddie Tomlinson you have transitioned from here free of pain and burdens RIP



Keiwanta Mains - February 22, 2023 at 05:36 AM



“ Reverend Tomlinson will truly be missed was such a caring and giving man always willing to help anyone. Shirley & the Norris family



Shirley Freeman - February 21, 2023 at 08:23 PM

MF

“ Maggie And Bobby Clark And Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson



Maggie and Bobby Clark and Family - February 21, 2023 at 08:11 PM

MT

“ Lit a candle in memory of Rev.Eddie J. Tomlinson Truly will be missed



Melissa Thornton - February 21, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.



February 21, 2023 at 04:58 PM

N-

“ My prayers are with you Coach T and your mom.

Ms.King and kids



Nikky Hampton -King - February 21, 2023 at 04:13 PM

CM

“ *Cassandra Miller lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**Cassandra Miller** - February 21, 2023 at 03:51 PM

CM

*Rev. Eddie Tomlinson was a joy to have known and he leaves a imprint  
of love, joy, laughter and words of wisdom in the hearts of everyone he  
met.*

*My prayers are with his wife and son, as well as their family, church  
family and friends.*

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**Cassandra Miller** - February 21, 2023 at 03:56 PM

EM

“ *Elon Stalls Miller lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**Elon Stalls Miller** - February 21, 2023 at 03:32 PM

EM

*I am deeply sadness that Eddie is gone.  
I have known him all of his life and it was like he was one of mine own  
children.*

*I am praying for the Tomlinson family and friends.*

*I can only imagine how the angels opened up the gates of heaven for  
him*

*"When the saints of God  
are gathered around*

*the throne,*

*Oh, what a time, oh what a time that will be"*

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**Elon Stalls Miller** - February 21, 2023 at 03:46 PM

MW

“ Prayers are with the family and may God keep his hands on the family and friends



Marcia Wyatt - February 21, 2023 at 03:29 PM

GM

“ Gail Solomon Manns lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson



Gail Solomon Manns - February 21, 2023 at 12:45 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Hill lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson



Carolyn Hill - February 21, 2023 at 11:18 AM

CH

Reverend Tomlinson will be missed so much by the Spring Hill community. I loved his sense of humor and that he never met a stranger. We as a community, Thank God for allowing you to serve Good Hope Baptist Church and the Spring Hill Community. Earth has no sorrow, that heaven cannot heal.

Carolyn Hill - February 21, 2023 at 11:23 AM

PH

“ *Pastor Tomlinson will always be one of the Greats! A Great Man of God and a "true Man's Man!" He exemplified "strength." His strong-kind spirit and demeanor will be sorely missed, but Saved Saints will see him on the other side. May God bless, cover, shield and protect his beautiful family. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Tomlinson Family and especially Lady Stephanie, Pastor Bernard Hamp and Lady Evang. LaTonja Hamp*



Pastor and Lady Hamp - February 21, 2023 at 08:59 AM

CS

*Our brother in Love ,and Pastor whom has guided many of us will be missed. Save me a seat there in Heaven Pastor Tomlinson as you have done for many of us here on earth! Love You my Brother! Calvert Chappell Sr.*

Calvert Chappell Sr. - February 21, 2023 at 12:38 PM

TC

“ *Tim and I adored Rev Thomilson as he married us 30 years ago in an intimate ceremony @ Good Hope Baptist. We valued and appreciated his guidance and wisdom over the years.*



Timothy and Kimberly Clark - February 21, 2023 at 02:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.*



February 21, 2023 at 12:25 AM

AH

“ Thank you for always making Chase and I feel like family and simplifying the Word. Gone but never forgotten. God Bless



Alonza Q Hill - February 21, 2023 at 12:20 AM

EO

Junior Ushers

Evelyn Oliver - February 21, 2023 at 08:21 AM

SS

“ May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss.

Stanley E. Seay Sr. - February 20, 2023 at 10:05 PM

BL

“ First Lady Stephanie & Cornelius, at our bible study last Wednesday we all laughed together. I told the Pastor since he was late that he had to buy us all gift cards from Starbucks. He said sister Beverly, I don't go to Starbucks, and I said nor do I unless someone gives me a gift card. We laughed and he said lets pray everyone and we had a great bible study. Randy and I will help be a part of the vision that you and Pastor have announced. We love you sending prayers of condolences to comfort the family.

Beverly Love-Smith - February 20, 2023 at 08:50 PM

PL

*Rainbow Covenant Church give our condolences to the family of Rev. Eddie Thomlinson. Pastor was a giant in the community of Newton County and Covington Georgia. He served on the board of the Garden of Gethsemane Homeless Shelter. His words of wisdom always inspired me.*

**Pastor Clara Lett** - February 21, 2023 at 08:26 AM

SC

“ *Sherry Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



**Sherry Clark** - February 20, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson.*



February 20, 2023 at 07:59 PM

TF

“ *Stephanie and Cornelius our prayers are with you. Rev. Tomlinson was a very kind and respectable man of GOD. Our mother Mrs. Tillie Lee Pullin loved you and Rev. Tomlinson. GOD will comfort and keep you safe.*

**The Pullin Family** - February 20, 2023 at 07:10 PM

MB

“ Our condolences to the family of Pastor Tomlinson .  
From Mr. Reginald & Mrs. Elisa Butler.

Mr.Reginald & Mrs Elisa Butler - February 20, 2023 at 05:25 PM

DB

“ My Heartfelt Sympathy and Prayers to 1st Lady Stephanie Tomlinson and son. You're on my mind and heart ❤️ knowing that GOD will take care of you 🙏🙏🙏

Deborah L Belcher - February 20, 2023 at 04:44 PM

AC

“ Sending deepest sympathy to the Tomlinson family & friends & Good Hope Baptist Church. Praying for Gods comfort to you. Cherish the memories 🙏🙏🙏



Anntolea Cody - February 20, 2023 at 01:11 PM

TW

“ Such a great man!! Thankful for the honor to have known him. Our sincere condolences to the entire family and the Good Hope Church family.

Pastor Terrence Wilson & the Wolf Creek County Line Baptist Church

Terrence Wilson - February 20, 2023 at 01:06 PM

AS

“ Anthony Shy lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson



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**Anthony Shy** - February 20, 2023 at 12:41 PM

BG

“ BERNETTE GARDNER-BATTLE lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson



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**BERNETTE GARDNER-BATTLE** - February 20, 2023 at 08:13 AM

WA

“ Our classmate, the Reverend Eddie J. Tomlinson was one of the smartest of our class, a great preacher and a good friend. My prayers are with Stephanie, his son, family, church family and our community. May he rest with the angels. We love and miss you. Mrs. Willie Ruth Farley Akins

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**Willie Ruth Farley Akins** - February 20, 2023 at 05:32 AM

MS

“ Sending love and condolences to the Tomlinson family. May God give you peace beyond understanding. God Bless

*Michelle Shugart*

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**Michelle Shugart** - February 20, 2023 at 03:12 AM

JB

“ There are no words that can truly express how great this loss is. My prayers are with Stephanie, Cornelius, Howard (Bruh), Al, and the rest of our family for God's Grace for strength, comfort and peace. I can't help but to reflect back on our days growing up in "Browntown" and talks with him each time I visited home. I know the family will truly miss you Cuz Eddie, but I pray our hearts are gladden knowing you are rejoicing with our love ones already in Heaven.

Juanita (White) Brown - February 19, 2023 at 10:00 PM

AJ

“ Really shocked and saddened to hear that this tall tree had fallen. No one could do Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech like he could. I remember it all through my childhood. He will be missed. Praying for Stephanie, Cornelius, and the Good Hope Church family. May each of you find peace in knowing that to be absent from the body is presence with the Lord.



Antoinette and Eddie Jackson - February 19, 2023 at 11:45 AM

TF

“ The Hardy Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson



The Hardy Family - February 19, 2023 at 09:55 AM

TF

“ *The Hardy Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**The Hardy Family** - February 19, 2023 at 09:54 AM

TJ

“ *The Family Of Late Pastor Carl H. Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**The Family of Late Pastor Carl H. Jones** - February 19, 2023 at 01:13 AM

RB

“ *Ruth Banks sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**Ruth Banks** - February 18, 2023 at 06:01 PM

DW

“ *My deepest condolences to the Tomlinson family. May you find strength in the all the wonderful memories he left behind. He was one that could make you laugh. Rest in Heaven classmate!!*

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**Debra Williams** - February 18, 2023 at 03:04 PM

AR

*Keep Smiling, God know what best. RIP*

**Annette Rayner** - February 19, 2023 at 05:45 AM

BV

*Sending prayers and condolences to the family*

**Betty Varner** - February 19, 2023 at 09:52 AM

BH

*PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY AND GOOD HOPE FAMILY*

**barry harkness** - February 19, 2023 at 03:55 PM

RJ

“*Look to the hills whence cometh your help". We send love and prayers to the Tomlinson Family and the entire Good Hope Family. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. May God grant us all peace and comfort and may he give comfort to Stephania and Cornelous and shower you with his Love.*

**Rev. and Mrs Larry Johnson** - February 18, 2023 at 11:50 AM

BV

*Sending love and condolences to the family from the Varner family*

**Betty Varner** - February 18, 2023 at 10:26 PM

TT

“*Well I had to come back unc to give another memory and it was one that has happened since I was a kid up to my adult years and it's when you heard the name Meshach from the Bible I knew I was getting ready to have an experience cause almost every time he would start singing the song " You Better Run and you better believe it was an experience to hear him sing that "*

**Tamara Martin ( Tomlinson)** - February 18, 2023 at 11:01 AM

TG

*That was his favorite song to sing. He has been my Pastor since 2004.  
SIP REV E J TOMLINSON. THE GIBSON AND WHITE Family*

**Todd Gibson** - February 20, 2023 at 03:15 AM

TT

*“ When me I my sister were kids and it had snowed he took a big trash can top and a rope and would slide us across the snow all day . Another one comes to mind is when we were kids and after church my grandma Mary would had cooked this big dinner and we would play baseball and every time after the game he would get in his brown truck and all the kids would get in the back and there was a hill and he would ride us up that hill and come down so fast and we had so much fun. There are so many great memories I have of my uncle . One of my most precious memories is the day he married me and my husband at his house and to how I wanted something so simple yet the words he spoke that day , so much wisdom and advice he gave us that day seem like I had the biggest magical wedding. So thank you God for such an amazing blessing in my life my uncle the great Reverend Eddie J. Tomlinson*



**Tamara Martin ( Tomlinson)** - February 18, 2023 at 10:25 AM

RN

*“ My condolences goes out to pastor Tomlinson and his family and church. Pastor you were a great pillar to this community .you were have a special place in the Nelson Family..RIH RickNelson and Family*

**Rick Nelson** - February 18, 2023 at 10:10 AM

MJ

“ *Cousin Eddie you will truly be missed.  
Nobody will be able to sing you better run like  
you!!*



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**Maria James** - February 18, 2023 at 10:06 AM

LM

“ *I love you uncle Eddie*



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**Laila Martin** - February 18, 2023 at 07:32 AM

CM

“ *My tomato 🍅 plant that he and I grew  
together. I miss you so much already Uncle  
Eddie. I miss you*



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**chassidy martin** - February 18, 2023 at 07:32 AM

TM

“ *Tamara Martin lit a candle in memory of Rev.  
Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**Tamara Martin** - February 18, 2023 at 07:28 AM

LH

“ *Lester Holloway lit a candle in memory of Rev. Eddie J. Tomlinson*



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**Lester Holloway** - February 18, 2023 at 07:03 AM

SF

“ *My you find comfort in the days to come. Allow the memories of your husband's life keep you! I'm praying for you, your son and the rest of the Tomlinson family. My Dad loved to hear Rev preach! I love you Stephanie 😊 Your cousin Sandra*



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**S. Franklin-Pye** - February 18, 2023 at 06:42 AM

PI

“ *May God keep your wife and family as well as the Good Hope family. Thank you for always being kind. You were definitely one of my favorite preachers to hear. On behalf of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, we thank you for being our friend.*



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**Pastor Greg Tyler II** - February 17, 2023 at 10:33 PM

WG

*The Tomlinson Family and the Good Hope Church Family are in our thoughts and prayers. We want you to know that Reverend Tomlinson is warmly remembered in our hearts. It is our prayer that the Lord will speak blessings and comfort to your hearts on today and in the coming days. He is gently holding your hands, guiding, and keeping each of you.*

*In sympathy and love, William and Evoyne Nesbit, Griffin, Georgia*

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**William & Evoyne Nesbit, Griffin, GA** - February 25, 2023 at 02:21 AM