

John Odell Tolman

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Seminary teachers are life savers! Hillcrest Seminary saved my life. Although I didn't have Bro. Tolman's class, I interacted with him several times in his capacity as principal. I thank him for his devoted service in bringing souls to Christ. As he meets our Savior, now, he might get a glimpse of the impact of his tremendous life. Thank you, Brother Tolman.

- Mary Holloway Thayer

Love you, Dad! I love your hugs! I will miss them. You have been a great example to me of faith and service in God's kingdom. I am so grateful for what I have learned from you.

- Kathy Jones

Thank you Bishop Tolman for your service and love and care of the Butler 10th Ward. I remember you saying how much you wanted to meet the prophet. Joseph. I hope you're having a good conversation. Condolences to you. Joan and to your children. Love and prayers sent your way.

- Lennan Jensen

I feel doubly blessed to have known Bro Tolman as both a beloved seminary teacher and my dear friend Tricia’s dad ❤■ I absolutely loved his class and any time I was able to visit with him. He will be missed! Sending all my love to the fam!

- Beva Hadlock Wilhelm

It is with great sorrow that I send this message to John's dear wife and family. He was a great supporter of mine and a very good friend that I could always rely on. We have had such good times when we were together and he made sure to remind me of the ever presence of the Lord in his family, and in his heart. I can feel his influence, and

love in my life daily, as I too have lost my mate 18 Months ago. My heart felt sorrow and love go to your family in this great time of grief. May The Lord bless you through the coming days and months, knowing that he is a true and faithful servant.

- Jay L Memmott

Kathy, Bishop, and Family; We are grateful for the knowledge we have of the resurrection. We know that you will be reunited with your father and grandfather again. We love attending the temple monthly with you guys, it is a highlight we look forward to. May you find peace knowing that your father and grandfather is no longer in any physical pain. Love you all.

- Andrew and Beth Petersen

Joan, we send our condolences to you and your marvelous family on the passing of your wonderful John. What a life well lived, and what an exemplary man of faith. Aren't we grateful that life is eternal! Heber and Diane Lloyd Olympus Class of '58

- Heber and Diane Lloyd

Dearest Tolman family, Your dad is one of the very best. I have such wonderful memories of him. His breakfasts were legendary! I spent many a happy morning in your kitchen with Tricia. :) He always treated me so kindly. I know he will continue to be involved in your lives and I hope you feel him near. I feel so grateful to have known him. Sending prayers and so much love to my friend, Tricia, and to Joan and to all of you. Shawna Berrett Borg

- Shawna Borg

I want to express my condolences to Joan and all the family on the passing of their wonderful husband and father. I was able to work with John on the board of the Thomas Tolman Family organization where he served as President for many years. He was a dedicated and effective leader and I appreciated his wisdom and friendship as he worked for the blessings of the Gospel to be available to our ancestors. I am sure there is much rejoicing on the other side by many who have benefitted from his faithful efforts!! Love to all the Tolman family. Kristie Tolman Pitts

- Kristie Tolman Pitts

Our family has benefited greatly from the teaching of brother Tolman and the Tolman family. They have supported our family and shown great love and support and been a great example to us . May Heavenly Fathers blessings be on you sister Tolman and your family. Sharon Jenkins

- Sharon Jenkins

It's been 2 years. I talked about you yesterday in Fast Meeting. Giving credit where it's due. Thank you for your continuing influence Bishop

- Keevin Keyes

Joan, I'm so sorry I didn't hear of John's passing until now. We were living in St. George. We've known each other for a long time. I hope you have found comfort in knowing he is with our Father in Heaven and is with family that have already graduated. My husband passed away that same year in May. May the Lord and your family continue to bring you comfort. With deepest sympathy, Your friend Jaci

- Jaci Smith