



## Mrs. Lillian B. (Sonnenberg) Toler

December 13, 1919 - January 18, 2014

Toler, Mrs. Lillian B. (Sonnenberg),  
Saginaw, Michigan

Passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2014, in Saginaw Township. Age 94 years. Lillian was born on December 13, 1919, in Au Gres, MI to the late Fred and Bertha (Bleasing) Rohn. She was first married to Edmund Sonnenberg on June 7, 1941, in Standing, MI. He predeceased her on July 6, 1957. She was then married to Oliver G. (Bud) Toler on July 18, 1965, in Saginaw, where he predeceased her on May 24, 2001. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a day-school teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran School for 12 years. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Ladies Society, Senior Saints, and she also helped with the Braille group and funeral luncheons for several years. Surviving are three children and their spouses, Sharen (James) Bielby; Roger Sonnenberg; Marcia (Michael) Jaremba; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; son-in-law, James Lloyd and sister-in-law, Christina Rohn. She was also predeceased by a daughter, Janet Lloyd, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 2014, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave, Saginaw. The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn will officiate with burial in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home,

Inc., on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies of Lillian may be shared with the family on her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
wakemanfh@charter.net

## Funeral Service

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## Graveside Committal Service

JAN 23. 12:15 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery  
3356 Hermansau Road  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lillian B. (Sonnenberg) Toler*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Lillian B. (Sonnenberg) Toler*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *To the Sonnenberg/Toler Family,*

*I am truly sorry for your dear loss. During your time of grief and sorrow, it is my hope that you are able to find some comfort and hope in knowing that God Almighty has the power and the desire to resurrect our dear loved ones to a paradise earth. You can read such loving promises at John 5:28, 29 and Revelation 21:3-5. Please accept my sympathies.*

**N Williams** - May 31, 2014 at 08:40 PM



“ *Marcia and Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all. I now work at Wellspring Lutheran Services with Kristie in Personal Assistance and have prayed for your family constantly. May God give you comfort and peace knowing that Lillian has received ultimate healing in heaven!*

*Blessings,  
Kim Odorico*

**Kim Odorico** - January 28, 2014 at 07:46 AM

JC

“ I had Mrs. Toler for fourth-grade and fifth-grade at Bethlehem. I learned a lot those two years. She was one of the best teachers I ever had.

*Jeannie Spenner-Constantine*

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**Jeannie Constantine** - January 27, 2014 at 06:19 AM

FS

“ Faith Sonnenberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian B. (Sonnenberg) Toler



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**Faith Sonnenberg** - January 23, 2014 at 11:24 AM

PK

“ One of my mom's best friends for over 50 years. She gave me "Little Visits with God" for a childhood birthday and a New Testament for my confirmation in 1965. Her life was a blessing to me and to many. Thanks for everything, Mrs. Toler.

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**Pastor Philip Krieger** - January 23, 2014 at 04:51 AM

HR

“ Aunt Lillian was my Godmother and my Dad's twin sister. She was an inspiration to me. I remember her telling me stories about when my Dad and her were little. She was a school teacher in a one room school house with students of different ages. She also taught at Bethlehem school. While I taught preschool, I found out how challenging it was to teach different age groups being the lead teacher without an assistant. I remember calling her to ask how to deal with a misbehaving student and she always gave good advice. Aunt Lill gave me my first Bible and would send me a card on the anniversary of my baptism. She would also send encouraging Christian pamphlets or books like Portals of Prayer. We all loved her and will miss her very much. My prayers and sympathy go out to my cousins, family and her friends. Love, Heidi (Rohn-Schaible)

Heidi Rohn-Schaible - January 22, 2014 at 11:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rodney Wakeman - January 22, 2014 at 11:16 AM

FS

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Faith Sonnenberg - January 21, 2014 at 04:19 PM

TG

“ When first entering the fourth grade I was shaking in my boots. Rumor had it that Mrs. Toler was tough. Through the year I learned she was tough but always fair. She wanted you to do your best. She was the first teacher that told me to always use my voice to sing no matter what others may think of me or what they say about me, and I always have. And one last note to this day I still bow my head when the pastor does the blessing she always made sure we did. You will be missed Mrs. Toler

*Timothy Grueber*

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**Timothy Grueber** - January 20, 2014 at 10:53 PM

PP

“ I always cherished Mrs. Toler as my 4th grade teacher. She was firm with the rules, but with good reason. She presented her faith well in the classroom. I will miss seeing her whenever I come back to Bethlehem. Thank you to her family for sharing her with us as a teacher at Bethlehem. Our prayers are with all of you.

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**Peter Peitsch** - January 20, 2014 at 02:37 PM