

A Brief Chronology of the Life of Donald James Tolle

- May 29, 1918: Born on a farm in Roxbury, Kansas. Son of Edgar Earl Tolle and Sadie Margaret Lott Tolle.
- 1919 or 1920: Moved off the farm into McPherson, Kansas, at the age of 1½ or so.
- 1923: Moved from Kansas to Jackson, Mississippi, at about age 5.
- 1925: Moved from Jackson to Tampa, Florida, at about age 7.
- 1928 or 1929: Moved from Tampa to Lakeland, Florida, at about age 10. Spent the rest of his childhood in Lakeland.
- 1936-1940: Attended Florida Southern College in Lakeland. A.B. in 1940.
- 1940-1942: Taught junior/senior high school (English and social studies) in Palmetto, Florida.
- January 5, 1942: Enlisted (with two of his brothers) in the United States Army Air Force in Tampa, Florida.
- September 5, 1942-July 12, 1945: Served overseas with the 47th Bombardment Group (Light).
- July 24, 1945: Married Mary Alice McNeill in Tallahassee, Florida.
- 1946-1947: Taught high school, Winter Haven, Florida. First child: Donald MacDavid Tolle.
- 1947: M.A. in English, University of Florida.
- 1947-1948: Taught high school, Monticello, Florida.
- 1949-1951: Principal, Jefferson County High School, Monticello, and supervising principal Monticello public schools. Second child: Louise Margaret Tolle.
- 1951-1955: Instructor, St. Petersburg (Fla.) Junior College. Third child: Theresa Love Tolle.
- 1953-1958: Dean of Men, St. Petersburg Junior College.
- 1957: Ed.D., Florida State University (Tallahassee).
- 1958-1966: Dean of Instruction, St. Petersburg Junior College.
- 1966-1967: Dean of Academic Studies, Florida Junior College at Jacksonville.
- 1967-1971: Associate Professor of Higher Education, Associate Director of Community College Cooperative Internship Program, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.
- 1968: Kidney cancer, removal of one kidney.
- 1971-1985: Professor of Higher Education, SIU. He advised and graduated 101 master's degree students and directed 20 doctoral dissertations at SIU.
- 1984-1993: Professor Emeritus, SIU.
- 1985: Retired.
- August 9, 1993: Died at home of primary liver cancer, possibly brought on by hepatitis C, probably contracted from blood transfusions while being treated for kidney cancer in about 1968.