



## M Theobell Tate

October 19, 1918 - January 31, 2019

Theobell (Tucker) Tate, widow of Paul W. Tate, passed from this life at age 100 on Jan. 31. Born on Oct. 19, 1918, outside Ramona, Oklahoma, to Oran and Jennie (Street) Tucker, Mrs. Tate attended Ramona schools. She married Paul W. Tate of Oglesby on Dec. 31, 1938, and they made their home in Bartlesville, where they raised their three children, Brenda, Ronald, and Elaine.

Mrs. Tate was employed at the original TG&Y store in Pennington Hills Shopping Center and also worked part-time at the Washington County Treasurer's office before taking a position as secretary to the Washington County Superintendent of Schools. She retired from that job in 1982.

An active member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Mrs. Tate was the first woman to serve on the board of the Bartlesville congregation. She held many other positions with First Nazarene including Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School director, and she participated in the church orchestra, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, and Senior Adult Choir.

On Sept. 25, 1997, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Nazarene World Mission Society of Bartlesville First Church of the Nazarene, "In appreciation for her loyal dedication the past 48 years, serving faithfully in the NWMS, Church Board, Senior Adult Ministries, Choir, and Vacation Bible School."

Mrs. Tate served as president of the Highland Park School PTA when her two older children attended there, and served as a precinct supervisor for the Washington County Election Board for several years.

A widow since Paul, her husband of more than 50 years, passed in 1989, Mrs. Tate lived by herself until she was 96 years of age.

She is survived by her daughter, Elaine Tate Gaut of Bartlesville and her husband, Bob; son-in-law J. D. Stotts, of Bartlesville: four grandchildren, David Wesley Tate of Fayetteville, N.C., Jodi-Kaye Tate Luera of Snellville, Ga., Greg Stotts of Longmont, Colo., and Dana Stotts Kahl of Bentonville, Ark.; nine great grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; a daughter, Brenda Tate Stotts; a son, Ronald P. Tate; and a great grandson, Paul W. Tate.

A graveside service will be held at Ramona Cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Dan Dennison officiating directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Ramona Cemetery**

**FEB Visitation 09:00AM - 08:00PM**

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**FEB Graveside Service 10:30AM**

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Ramona Cemetery

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“ Though I am 30 years her junior, I was actually Theobell's Sunday School teacher for about 2 years back in the late 90s. It was a group of lovely older Christians (70+) who'd given themselves the name: the Kum-Joy-Nus class, Joy being the operative word. They all still possessed a love of learning and loving to the fullest, especially when it came to the things of God. Because I have a penchant for biblical history and context, that's the way I taught my lessons. As a school teacher, I was accustomed to using a chalkboard or overhead projector, too, so my lessons were always visual. They all participated in a way that makes any teacher feel positively reinforced in her efforts and made me want to work even harder. It was a large class, and Theobell was one of the most faithful students, always sitting close to the front, asking incisive questions and providing timeless insight and powerful wisdom. I'm sure that having a teacher daughter made her more attuned to how important student feedback was, but, more than that, I could sense her lively, active mind at work. She loved her Savior and intended to know all she could about serving Him to the fullest. Her entire life inspired me. I'll never forget her, and I'm looking forward to her big hello and motherly hug when it's my turn to walk through Heavens gates. I love you, Theobell. Thanks for the memories!

Loni Capshew - February 03 at 11:43 AM

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“ Don and I were so saddened to hear of Theobell's passing. She was always a bright spot in our Sunday morning service and ALWAYS had a smile and kind word to share. We miss you, Theobell! See you soon!

**Trailer Crafter** - February 03 at 11:38 AM