



Thomas Eugene Tate

July 28, 1939 - January 18, 2018

Thomas E. Tate, 78, died in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, on January 18, 2018. Tom was born July 28th, 1939, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to Thomas C. and Evelyn Tate, and had four younger siblings: Sue, Carrol, Judy, and DeWayne. As a youth, his industrious nature led him to buy and resell donuts door-to-door, deliver papers, and mow lawns. He spent his afternoons swimming and fishing with friends, and maintained contact with many of them until his death. Tom served our country in the Army Enlisted Reserves in the Vietnam era. Later, he assisted at his father's construction materials business, operating dump trucks and loaders. He worked hot Oklahoma afternoons at the local lumber company offloading train cars, which led him to attend OSU. Not finding college to his liking Tom returned to Bartlesville, pursued education in technology, and entered the computer programming division of Phillips Petroleum Company, where he occupied several positions until his retirement at age 52. For several years, he designed, drew, and subcontracted the construction of homes in the Bartlesville area.

Tom married Betty Charles Lay from Bartlesville, Oklahoma on April 27, 1962. Together, they had Stacy Diane Tate and Stephen Spencer Tate. Tom was an involved father, supporting Stacy and Stephen in their extracurricular efforts and funding their academic activities into adulthood. Tom enjoyed traveling to destinations in the continental United States, Hawaii, Canada, Europe, Mexico, and New Zealand. He traveled to his family members Stacy, Carol, and Sue when they were unable to travel to him. Tom forged life-changing

relationships with his grandchildren: Micheal, Zachary, Tanner, Mia, and Ava. Whether attending sports, shooting fireworks, providing monkey-bar assists, baking sugar cookies, or playing My Little Ponies, Tom enjoyed his time with his grandkids – and they enjoyed him. Tom regularly assisted individuals and friends and volunteered at the Concern Center, the Convention Center, and other charitable venues. Tom is survived by both children and all five grandchildren, and his memory lives in their hearts. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Community Center, 300 SE Adams Blvd, on February 17th, at 12:00 p.m. – followed by snacks, and Tom's favorite... dessert. We invite all those who were positively impacted by Tom's personable, gentle, and generous nature to join with us to remember an intensely loved and well-respected man.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville Community Center
300 E. Adams Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Eugene Tate*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Thomas Eugene Tate*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *It's very sad to hear of Tom's passing. He was a wonderful friend and always a joy to be around. What a fitting tribute that everyone remembers him for what a positive and good man he was. I will miss him, as will our community.*

Jill Jones - March 16, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Your Martin Marietta Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Eugene Tate.*



Your Martin Marietta Family - February 12, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ *Tom quite simply was a GREAT guy. I first met him through work but really got to know him when he became our neighbor. He will be missed.*

Stan Beck - February 07, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Eugene Tate.*



February 06, 2018 at 10:02 PM



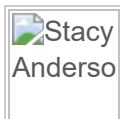
“ *Tom has always been such a nice guy. Bartlesville is a lesser place without him here.*

Janis Blanton - February 04, 2018 at 01:29 PM



“ *I worked with Tom for several years at Phillips. He was one of my best friends. He always had time to visit with me. After we retired from Phillips, we went to a coffee group of former employees that met on Tuesday mornings. We solved a lot of world problems!*
John Berry

John Berry - January 31, 2018 at 11:19 PM



Daddy's Celebration of Life will be at the Community Center on February 17th at 12:00. We will have the room at 10 and will be preparing so if anyone shows up early, that's fine too. Casual dress is encouraged, or dress up is fine too. Bring your stories and let's pay tribute to a man who, in my opinion, will never be replaced. We will have snacks and desserts to share.

Stacy Anderson - February 06, 2018 at 09:40 AM