

A Celebration
OF
THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE:
OCTOBER 25, 1946

SUNSET:
JUNE 11, 2020



Robert Lee Tate, Sr.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Visitation: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. ♦ Service: 11:00 a.m.

Austin Layne Renaissance Chapel

7302 West Florissant Avenue ♦ St. Louis, Missouri 63136

Pastor Belford ~ Officiating

Life Reflection

II Timothy 4: 7-8

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course
I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of
Righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
Shall give me that at that day:
And not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

Robert Lee "Babe" Tate, Sr. was born in Liberty, Mississippi, on October 25, 1946 to the union of Robbie Mae and Marshall Percy Bates. He moved to Saint Louis, Missouri in 1968, where he completed his education at O'Fallon Technical High School. In 1973 he married the love of his life, Myra and for the next forty-seven years they lived in harmony.

He was raised in Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church, where he would often revisit for revivals and other family events. For over forty years, Robert was employed with the Kisco Co. and the Pohlman Co. He was a dedicated and loyal employee and never missed a day of work at either company. He was a good example to his children, of working for what you want and not looking for a handout. He was truly dedicated to being the core of his family. His devotion was displayed through his sharing of wisdom, his kindness and generosity to his family and loved ones. He was always observant and was never afraid to speak his mind. For his family and friends, he loved hard and was loyal to a fault. His grandchildren meant the world to him and he often went out of his way to spoil them. Besides taking care of his family, two of his other favorite pleasures were taking a nip and enjoying a good cigar.

Robert departed this life on June 11, 2020 in Saint Louis, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his mother, Robbie Bates; father, Marshall Bates; brother, Marvin Bates; sister, Marsha Richardson and grandchildren, Robert Tate, III and Trevor Gowins.

Robert is survived by: his wife ~ Myra Tate; two children ~ Tracey Tate Gowins (Marcus) of Florissant, Missouri and Robert Tate, Jr. of Black Jack, Missouri; two grandchildren ~ Trevia Gowins and Tevin Gowins; four brothers ~ James Cockerham of Kankakee, Illinois, John Tate of Liberty, Mississippi, Jasper Bates of Liberty, Mississippi, Milton Bates of Chicago, Illinois; three sisters ~ Bobbie Lucas of Liberty, Missouri, Icy Louise Walley (Jerry) of Moss Point, Mississippi, Ethel Coleman of Mount Olive, Mississippi; two aunts; and a host of nieces and nephews that loved him dearly.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

PASTOR BELFORD

PRAYER

PASTOR BELFORD

SCRIPTURE READING

MONA JACKSON

MUSICAL SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONDOLENCES

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

(READ SILENTLY WITH SOFT MUSIC)

MUSICAL SELECTION

DELORIS BURTON

EULOGY

PASTOR BELFORD

PARTING VIEW

AUSTIN LAYNE MORTUARY DIRECTORS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Interment

MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY
5200 LUCAS AND HUNT ROAD
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63121

Repast

LOWE'S CORNER
12260 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63138

*We little knew the day that
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You're always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.*







Pallbearers

Robert Tate, Jr.
Ken Jordan

Jordan Morrow
Jasper Bates

Roderick Martin
Marshall Bates

Honorary Pallbearers

Tevin Gowins
Marcus Gowins

Milton Bates
James Cockerham
Raymond Clark

John Tate
Henry Jackson

Acknowledgement

The family of **Robert Lee Tate, Sr.** would like to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for all the prayers, flowers, calls, food, and other expressions of sympathy extended to us during this time of bereavement. Special thanks to Pastor Belford, the staff of Austin Layne Mortuary, and all our family and friends. May God bless you all!

The Tate and Gowins Family

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:



Austin A. Layne
MORTUARY, INC.

7239 West Florissant Avenue ♦ St. Louis, Missouri 63136
(314) 381-6900 ♦ www.laynemortuary.com