



## Marsha Rena Tate

May 26, 1952 - December 16, 2024

Marsha Rena Griffith Tate was born May 26, 1952, in Atlanta, Ga. to the late Columbus Xavier Griffith, Sr. and Hattie Margaret Gaines Griffith. From her marriage she had two children, Kimberly Alisha Tate and Reginald Allen Tate. She departed this life and entered into eternal rest on December 16, 2024. She was preceded in death by both her parents, her brother Columbus Xavier Griffith Jr. (Speedy-Yo) and her sister Ester Diana Lynn Griffith.

At an early age, Rena joined Thankful Baptist Church of Decatur. She grew up in the “Real Decatur where it’s greater”. She was educated in the City of Decatur School System and proudly remained a residence in Decatur her entire life. She retired from McKinney’s Inc. after twenty-five years as an Account Specialist.

To know Rena was to know she possessed the gift of gab and connected with people on anything and any level. Wherever she was employed she was in charge. She was well known for her dedication, commitment and impeccable knowledge of any array of areas. Whether professional or personal, Rena could always be counted on to support those in need. She was the Go-To-Girl. Rena was a fashionista, never missing a chance to shop and hunt for a bargain. Her famous line was “You never know when you are going to need something so buy it now. “. For all who knew Rena, you knew she was an avid sports fanatic especially those Georgia Bulldogs

Rena received her wings on Monday, December 16, 2024. She is survived by her two children, the love of her life, Kimberly Alisha Tate and Reginald Allen

Tate. Yvonne Gaines Kirkland (sister) and Frederick Douglas Griffith (Brother). A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws whom she loved all of them dearly and her special friend Janice Davis and Best Friend Forever Wanda Sims Watters.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, Georgia 30034.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Drive  
Decatur, GA 30034

## Family Hours

DEC 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Drive  
Decatur, GA 30034

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Drive  
Decatur, GA 30034

## Burial

DEC 28. 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Washington Memorial Gardens  
700 Jordan Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033-5731

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Marsha Rena Tate



sharon - January 19, 2025 at 09:26 PM

JM

“ We have been friends for over 30 years and I will always remember all the fun times you and I had. You will always be in my heart.  
Jackie Marshall

Jackie Marshall - December 28, 2024 at 09:59 AM

NJ

“ Re was the only person who could call everybody Boo and it meant something different for each person. Re was a mom and a friend to alot of people. I will miss her greatly.



Nolita Jackson - December 26, 2024 at 02:44 PM

JP

“ Jackie Phillis lit a candle in memory of Marsha Rena Tate



Jackie Phillis - December 23, 2024 at 01:42 PM

JP

*Jackie Phillips*

**Jackie Phillis** - December 23, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JP

“ *Worked with Rena for about 3 years at McKinney's and developed a lifetime friend. She was that friend that you could always count on to tell you the truth about whatever. She was very outspoken, and I loved it. My regret is that we kept saying to each other that we got to get together but, never did. She's really going to be missed. I love you Rena, RIH.*

**Jackie Phillis** - December 23, 2024 at 01:41 PM

AS

“ *The day you retired. You will be missed. Love you my friend. ❤️*



**Audrey Simmons** - December 20, 2024 at 02:41 PM

YK

“ *Yvonne Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Marsha Rena Tate*



**Yvonne Kirkland** - December 20, 2024 at 09:12 AM

JD

“ *Johnna Stueck & Rick Dustin purchased the Heartfelt Tribute Lavender & White Floor Basket Arrangement for the family of Marsha Rena Tate.* ”



Johnna Stueck & Rick Dustin - December 19, 2024 at 10:05 AM

JS

“ *Rena was my work "mom". She was an amazing lady and came to visit me when I had my kids and attended their birthday parties. She was fiercely protective of her family and friends. My heart goes out to her immediate family. I love you mom and will miss you every day!* ”

Johnna Stueck - December 19, 2024 at 08:54 AM

YK

“ *So much love and memories. I love you baby sister. You will truly be missed.* ”



Yvonne Kirkland - December 18, 2024 at 09:37 PM

YF

“ *Yvonne Kirkland and family purchased the Red Rose And Lily Floor Basket for the family of Marsha Rena Tate.* ”



Yvonne Kirkland and family - December 18, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ *I will always remember our time as softball team mates! May you RIP my friend!*

*Charlene Jones-Culberson*

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**Charlene Jones Culberson** - December 18, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ *Red Rose Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Marsha Rena Tate.*



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December 18, 2024 at 12:09 PM