



Thomas Ralph Tate

January 8, 1947 - April 29, 2024

Thomas Ralph Tate, a man whose life was a testament of dedication to his faith and family, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2024 surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren. He was born on January 8, 1947 to the late Ralph Roosevelt Tate and Willie T. Tate of Trezevant, TN. He was one of seven children and grew up in the Jarrell Switch community in McKenzie, TN. He was a devoted member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church while living in Tennessee. He is currently a member of World Changers Church International for the past 24 years. He was a 1966 graduate of Webb High School in McKenzie, TN. After graduating from high school, Thomas began his employment journey at Milan Arsenal and worked there until he moved his family to Adrian, Michigan to pursue a career in the automotive industry. Thomas worked for General Motors in Adrian, Michigan for 30 years. He was also an entrepreneur, who owned a successful cleaning business, The Joy of Cleaning services, for several years.

On November 30, 1968, Thomas Ralph Tate and Jessie Bell Word were married and to this union five children were born. Thomas was not only a devoted family man, but was also a pillar in his community. His dedication extended beyond the walls of his home and workplace. He served as a minister of the gospel for over four decades, spreading messages of the love of Jesus Christ, hope, compassion, and love to all who crossed his path. His commitment to faith and service touched countless lives, leaving an mark on the hearts of those he encountered.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted wife of fifty-six years, Jessie Bell Tate; six children: Mark Newbill (Monique), Corey Tate (Bianca), Andrea Tate, Felicia Gordon (Damon), Joy Tate, and Isaiah Tate (Sara); twenty-two grandchildren: twenty-two greatgrandchildren: two brothers; Micheal and Jamie Tate: two sisters; Priscilla Williamson and Linda Pearson: one uncle; Hurley Taylor, Jr. and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Willie T. Tate and two siblings, Willie Hester Perry and Ray Charles Tate.

As we bid farewell to Thomas Ralph Tate, we celebrate a life well lived that was characterized by love, service, and an unwavering faith in God. Though he may no longer walk with us, his spirit and teachings will endure in the hearts of his

loved ones
as a beacon of hope for all to follow.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on TUESDAY, May 7, 2024 at 1:00PM in our Gwinnett Chapel. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4280333>

Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30045 (Gwinnett Chapel), 770.338.5558

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Celebration of Life

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Gwinnett
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Ralph Tate



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - May 06, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ The Kroth Family (Brandon & Laura) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Ralph Tate.



The Kroth Family (Brandon & Laura) - May 06, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ MortgageRight Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Ralph Tate.



MortgageRight Team - May 06, 2024 at 11:07 AM

MT

“ MortgageRight Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Ralph Tate.

MortgageRight Team - May 06, 2024 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ The Reed Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas Ralph Tate.



The Reed Family - May 06, 2024 at 08:33 AM

LH

“ Mr Tate was always so welcoming. I loved going over to their house when they lived in Michigan! RIP Mr Tate. You will be missed and never forgotten

Liz Hughes - May 04, 2024 at 06:13 PM

VT

“ Vada, Lynette, Henry & Tracey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Ralph Tate.



Vada, Lynette, Henry & Tracey - May 03, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Ralph Tate.*



May 02, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ *The Slates Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Ralph Tate.*

The Slates Family - May 02, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ *Theresakaizer And William Garcia lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ralph Tate*



Theresakaizer and William garcia - May 02, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Ralph Tate.*



May 02, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ *Elaine Harrison lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ralph Tate*



Elaine Harrison - May 02, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Ralph Tate.*



May 02, 2024 at 03:53 PM