



Joseph Lee Tate

April 1, 1948 - October 27, 2020

Joseph Lee Tate was born on April 1, 1948 to Marlin C. Tate Sr. and Mattie F. Tate in Memphis, TN. His childhood nickname was Joe Black. Joseph passed away on October 27, 2020. He was preceded in death by his loving father, Marlin C. Tate Sr. and one brother, Marlin C. Tate Jr.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on Pillow Street under the leadership of Rev. Willie C. Swift. He was a faithful member of the male chorus. Joseph grew up in the Memphis neighborhood of Dixie Heights and graduated from Hamilton High School. After graduation he attended Lemoyne Owen College and later enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served as military police.

While serving his country, he married Martha Brown and to this union three sons were added to the family. A few years later Joseph and Martha were divorced. On July 8, 1982, Joseph married Linda Evans and one child was born. Joseph loved to have fun and he loved his grandkids. He was a friend to all. He worked for the Army Depot, Bulk Mail Center and later retired from Thompson Machinery.

Joseph's memory will be forever cherished by his loving wife, Linda Tate; four sons, Kenneth (Renee) Tate, Kevin (Shona) Tate, Keith (Lorraine) Tate and Justin (Ashley) Tate; his mother, Mattie Tate; seven siblings, McGellan Tate, Richard (Anita) Tate, Patricia Robinson, Florentine Stepter, Ralph (Lauren) Tate, Kathleen Tate, Velma (James) Tate; two sisters-in-law, Lozona Tate, Sylvia (Brad) Campbell; three brothers-in-law, Evan (Cheryl) Evans, Clarence

(Joyce) Evans, and John (Jemalie) Evans; fifteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, his best friend, Mack Trent and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery

Forest Hill Irene
Memphis, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bond Funeral Directors Inc.
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Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrim Rest MBC
1482 Pillow Street
Memphis, TN 38106