



## Michael Steven Tate

April 18, 1952 - January 14, 2025

Michael Steven Tate, 72, of Tazewell, TN and formerly of Norton, VA went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Friends of Hospice Serenity House in Morristown, TN.

He was born in Norton, VA on April 18, 1952, a son of the late Wayne Tate and Helen (Absher) Tate. In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his siblings, Frank Tate, Gary Tate, Gerald Tate, Robert Tate, Nancy Darnell, Deanna Tate, Jimmy Tate, Alfred Lee Tate and Jack Tate.

Michael was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of St. Charles First Baptist. He retired as a guard from the Department of Corrections in Richmond, VA. Michael enjoyed taking pictures of old churches and abandoned houses. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be dearly missed.

Surviving are his loving wife, Karen Gillenwater Tate; step-children, Christopher Gilbert and fiancé Brandi Johnson, Candice Swanson; step-granddaughter, Scarlett Swanson; sister, Sandra Rose; special friends, Tim Witt and Willis Beverly.

Per the family's wishes, there will be no formal services.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Fond memories of Mike from high school . Just a good guy all the way around .  
Another classmate gone too soon .*

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**David Daniels** - January 17, 2025 at 05:04 AM

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“ *Karen I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. Praying for you and the family..* ☐ ❤️ 🙏

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**Kimberly Robbins** - January 16, 2025 at 11:39 PM

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“ *Only met Mike a few times at family reunion and gravesite services for family members. Deepest sympathy to his loved ones as he married my cousin.*

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**Ann Lane** - January 16, 2025 at 10:51 PM