



Mrs. Alma Lee Tate

July 10, 1937 - October 6, 2025

TATE, Mrs. Alma Lee - Age 88, passed away October 6, 2025, at Angel Manor - Clio. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Rabon Turner, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Tuesday. Mrs. Tate will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday., with the family present from 4:00PM-6:00PM.

On July 10, 1937, in Waverly Hall, Georgia, an angel of love named Alma Cook was born to the late Earnest and Sarah Cook. The eldest of three daughters, Alma grew up in Columbus, Georgia, where she attended Spencer High School. There, she met and married Grady Whitaker. Together, they welcomed two beautiful children: Charlotte Whitaker and Eric Whitaker.

Following her divorce, Alma moved to Detroit, Michigan, where she later met and married Leslie Tate in 1962. The couple eventually settled in Flint, Michigan, and from their union, they were blessed with a son, Marcus "Tony" Tate.

Alma's life was defined by kindness, grace, compassion, and unwavering love

for her family, friends, and community. She was generous to those in need, known for gifting clothing, socks, and gloves to local schools, and bringing joy to seniors in nursing facilities through thoughtful donations and visits. She embodied the Biblical call to care for the poor and serve others with humility and joy.

In 1962, Alma became a devoted member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where she served faithfully for over 60 years. Her dedication was evident in her active participation in numerous ministries, including the Usher Board, Nursing Guild, Kitchen Committee, and Pastor's Aide. On April 30, 2023, she transitioned her membership to Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she continued her walk with God.

Alma's life can beautifully be summarized by four words: Family, Friends, Flowers, and Food—each of which she embraced with joy and abundance.

She was a devoted gardener who loved planting flowers, traveling, fishing, and preparing meals. Alongside her husband, she co-owned a catering business, which brought delicious food and fellowship to many. Alma was a hard worker who also worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for a few years, then she transitioned as a Quality Control Inspector at Grand Blanc Metal Center, retiring after 27 years of service. She was a member of UAW Local #1292.

Above all, Alma cherished her role as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family was her greatest joy. She shared nearly 37 years of loving marriage with Leslie Tate until his passing in 1999. Together, they raised a strong, united family: daughter, Charlotte (Fred) Walker of Flint; sons, Eric (Jacquelyn) Whitaker of Farmington Hills, MI and Marcus Tate of San Diego, CA; grandchildren, Eric Whitaker Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI, Frederick (Tawny) Walker of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Nicole Walker of West Bloomfield, MI and Errin Whitaker of Flint; great-grandchildren, Madison Whitaker, Ethan Walker and Ezra Whitaker. Alma is also survived by her loving sister Mary

Whitaker of Lake Orion, MI; her “son from another mother”, Glenn Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many honorary sons and daughters.

Alma built deep and lasting friendships throughout every chapter of her life.

She delighted in phone conversations, family outings, church gatherings, and shared meals. She was an active member of the Flint Chapter of the Red Hat Society and played a vital role in organizing a senior group that entertained and uplifted fellow seniors. Her compassionate spirit often led her to minister to others through prayer, Scripture, and words of encouragement.

Even in her final years, Alma continued to radiate warmth and joy. At her assisted living facility, she quickly became known for her bright smile, sense of humor, and uplifting energy. She made new friends easily and touched the hearts of staff and residents alike.

Alma often expressed how grateful she was for the gift of a long, fulfilling life filled with cherished memories, a loving family, faithful friends, and compassionate caregivers. Special friendships included Claudette Kennedy, Sadie Brigance-Vann, and many others who remained close throughout the years.

Alma L. Tate was truly a gem—an example of selfless love, joyful service, and enduring faith. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Mrs. Tate was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie A. Tate; parents, Ernest and Sarah Cook; and sister, Ernestine Cook.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT 13. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

OCT 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Ruthi Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Ruthi Hill - November 03, 2025 at 05:09 PM


Yolanda
Alexander
Haynie

“ *I have fond memories of your mother's beautiful spirit. So sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to Eric, Charlotte, and Tony.*

Yolanda Alexander-Haynie (aka BB)

Yolanda Alexander-Haynie - October 17, 2025 at 07:43 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Sharon Mixon - October 15, 2025 at 07:53 AM

SH

“ *Sincere condolences from the Houston Family*



Sandra Houston - October 14, 2025 at 04:26 PM

GD

“ Gloria Dukes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Gloria Dukes - October 14, 2025 at 02:12 PM

IR

“ Iris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Iris - October 14, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TN

“ Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Tanya Neely - October 14, 2025 at 11:12 AM

AC

“ Alfonzo And Kimberly Credit lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Alfonzo and Kimberly Credit - October 14, 2025 at 07:33 AM

EP

“ *EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY - October 13, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CW

“ *Craig Williams lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



Craig Williams - October 13, 2025 at 01:21 PM

MB

“ *Marcia B. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate.*



Marcia B. - October 13, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MB

“ *Marcia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate.*

Marcia B. - October 13, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MT

“ *Michael Thompson lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



Michael Thompson - October 13, 2025 at 09:00 AM

MT

“ *I'm am very sorry to hear about my work mom Alma Tate,a woman who help me become the man I am today, I will always have a place in my heart for you and will never forget you Thank you for being you Ms.Tate love you,God have gain a true Angel,Rest in Heaven my love.*

Michael Thompson - October 13, 2025 at 08:58 AM

BW

My condolences to the Tate family especially Eric and Charlotte Walker. She always talk about them.we worked together many years and became friends. She was very dear to many friends and a good cook. She would always share her banana pies with us on the job. We love her for sharing her wisdom with us and we will always miss her. We will always treasure many memories of this special lady. Rest in Heaven and we will see her again at the great reunion in Heaven.

Ben Wilkerson - October 15, 2025 at 01:21 PM

BJ

“ *Bruce and Charlotte Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate.*



Bruce and Charlotte Johnson - October 12, 2025 at 09:51 PM

LT

“ Your last words to me was "I LOVE you" and I'm soooo grateful for that!! Fly high fly gurl💋 Love Leslie Tate-Carter, Great niece & God Daughter 😊

Leslie Tate-Carter - October 12, 2025 at 09:22 PM

CW

“ Sending prayers and heartfelt condolences to the Tate and Walker families. Mrs. tate was a lovely soft spoken women, but when she spoke you listen, because you know she ment what she said. Cherish all the special moments you all shared. For our earthly house has dissolved, but we have a building of God. A house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. Rest on in Jesus loving arms, Mrs. Tate.



Love,
Deacon Curtis & Valerie Williams

Curtis & Valerie Williams - October 12, 2025 at 08:02 PM

GT

“ Gregory Tolbert-Bey,Msta#19 lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Gregory Tolbert-Bey,Msta#19 - October 12, 2025 at 07:57 PM

GS

“ Gregory Tolbert-Bey Shiek lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Gregory Tolbert-Bey Shiek - October 12, 2025 at 07:54 PM

ME

“ Marsha Eagle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Marsha Eagle - October 12, 2025 at 06:23 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



yvonne Tidwell - October 12, 2025 at 12:44 PM

TW

“ We send our love and condolences from Earline Wren Wren and Family!

Toni Wren-Tunstall - October 12, 2025 at 12:10 PM

BH

“ *My Condolences to the Family R.I.P Mrs. ALMA*



Betty Hobson-Rosborough - October 12, 2025 at 08:27 AM

HW

“ *Howard & Ya'Sheaka Williams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate.*



Howard & Ya'Sheaka Williams - October 11, 2025 at 06:51 PM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Christine Brown - October 11, 2025 at 05:40 PM

YT

“ *Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



yvonne Tidwell - October 11, 2025 at 04:16 PM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Althea Barbee - October 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM

TH

“ *The Girls (Natalie & Erica Hughes) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate.*



The Girls (Natalie & Erica Hughes) - October 11, 2025 at 02:52 PM

MF

“ *To the family of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement in the loss of your precious mother.*

Marcia Teer & family - October 11, 2025 at 09:36 AM

FF

“ *Frankie Wallace & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate.*



Frankie Wallace & Family - October 11, 2025 at 04:52 AM

FF

“ Frankie Wallace & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate.

Frankie Wallace & Family - October 11, 2025 at 04:52 AM

CB

“ Charlotte ,Eric, and Tony. You all have my sincere condolences. Your Mom will truly be missed. Praying for your families.



Cassandra Burks - October 10, 2025 at 08:38 PM

JW

“ Jackie Webster-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Jackie Webster-Williams - October 10, 2025 at 02:57 PM

BJ

“ Bernadette Woods Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Bernadette Woods Jackson - October 10, 2025 at 01:00 PM

DW

“ Debra Woodson-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Debra Woodson-Williams - October 10, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MS

“ Marilyn Sams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Marilyn Sams - October 10, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Sheila Johnson-Toins - October 10, 2025 at 06:22 AM

CD

“ Claraetta Dennis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Claraetta Dennis - October 09, 2025 at 09:41 PM

CA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the Tate



Crystal Ashburn - October 09, 2025 at 05:42 PM

TJ

“ Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Tonya Jackson-Battle - October 09, 2025 at 04:39 PM

GT

“ Your

Glen thompson - October 09, 2025 at 02:47 PM

KT

“ Keith and Pamela Tipper lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate



Keith and Pamela Tipper - October 09, 2025 at 12:06 PM

RM

“ Sending condolences, love, and prayers for the family.
Sincerely,
Byron and Phyllis McCree



Rev. Phyllis McCree - October 09, 2025 at 10:40 AM

LP

“ Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Lynda Pitts - October 08, 2025 at 09:23 PM

RS

“ Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Rosalind Smith - October 08, 2025 at 08:44 PM

VH

“ Vanessa Hicks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Vanessa Hicks - October 08, 2025 at 03:23 PM

VL

“ One of the nicest, sweetest and down to earth mother ever. She also baked delicious pound cake... Sincere Condolences to you all Charlotte, Eric and Tony.

Vanessa (Hicks) Lewis - October 08, 2025 at 03:22 PM

VH

Forever 6th Street family ❤️🙏

Vanessa Hicks - October 09, 2025 at 03:08 PM

CW

“ Crystal Williams lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate



Crystal Williams - October 08, 2025 at 10:09 AM

RD

“ Sending Prayers and Heartfelt Condolences to Charlotte and Eric in the loss of your Mom and the entire family very fond memories of Ms Tate from our Six Street family 🙏❤️



Ramona Dulaney - October 08, 2025 at 09:43 AM

RD

“ Sending Heartfelt condolences to Charlotte, Eric and entire family fond memories from our Six Street family 🙏❤️



Ramona Dulaney - October 08, 2025 at 09:20 AM

TW

“ Sending our (6th St. Wade family) prayers and condolences to the entire family of Mrs. Alma Tate. Mr. Tate pierced my ears when I was about 5 yrs old, the old fashion way. Mrs. Tate was such a sweet and kind hearted lady. So many memories on 6th St.



Tamera Wade - October 08, 2025 at 08:40 AM

BJ

“ Bernadette Woods Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Bernadette Woods Jackson - October 08, 2025 at 08:40 AM

RJ

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your Mother; my heartfelt condolences and sympathy; to you and family. I understand that words can hardly provide comfort when faced with such a tremendous loss. I hope you find some solace in knowing that you and your family; are in my thoughts and prayers; be strong in The Lord. Mother Tate; was peaceful; polite; humble; and a joy to be with. Strong in faith; grounded and solid in The Lord. A servant who really Loved The Lord. You will be greatly missed; Blessings
Rev Ronald C Wilson Jr;

Rev Ronald C Wilson Jr - October 08, 2025 at 07:36 AM

CS

“ Never know how the passing of a loved one will affect until it happens. My deepest condolences to my bonus family💜



Connie Sawadogo - October 07, 2025 at 11:33 PM

CB

“ Heavenly Father touch my friend Charlotte Walker and her family with your finger of love. Ms. Tate always had a beautiful smile and loved to dress. Take your Rest.

Carolyn Butler - October 07, 2025 at 09:20 PM

FW

“ Frankie Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Frankie Wallace - October 07, 2025 at 08:08 PM

FT

“ Fred And Pat Tarver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate



Fred and Pat Tarver - October 07, 2025 at 04:40 PM

CD

“ *Carla Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Carla Dunn - October 07, 2025 at 04:40 PM

CD

“ *Carla Dinn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Carla Dinn - October 07, 2025 at 04:34 PM

JM

“ *Judy Manning sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Judy Manning - October 07, 2025 at 02:28 PM

SA

“ *Sheila Brown Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Sheila Brown Arnold - October 07, 2025 at 02:14 PM

AP

“ *To the family of Ms. Tate. She was good friends with my mom for many years. I will miss her her warm hugs and smiles. Rest on, you’ve earned your rest. Deacon Shelton & Anna Pinnix*



Anna Pinnix - October 07, 2025 at 01:33 PM

JN

“ *The Best Auntie In The Hold Wild World Going But Not Forgotten. Going Miss You Young Lady. We Love You So Much Auntie From your Great Niece Jo Ann Dana Tate*

Jo Ann Tate Great Niece - October 07, 2025 at 12:00 PM

CF

“ *Claudette Fletcher-Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



Claudette Fletcher-Kennedy - October 07, 2025 at 11:20 AM

GT

“ My condolences to the Tate family..Oh the fond memories I have of such a wonderful woman..First we worked side by side when I first got hired in General Motors GB plant. Alma and I became the best of friends. Then Alma and her husband worked diligently in helping my husband and I get our meat market off the ground! The family dinners with our daughters were also special. You all loved our daughters like they were your own, and they loved being at your home on a lot of weekends as we had wonderful homemade dinners.I'll never forget Mr Tate showing my husband and I how to make souse to then sell in our market! You all were the greatest and our appreciation was beyond measure! May God continue to bless comfort and strengthen you as Alma makes her transition to her eternal home! My prayers are with you !..Gloria Jordan Thompson

Gloria Thompson - October 07, 2025 at 09:35 AM

BT

“ Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate



Betty Tipper - October 07, 2025 at 01:34 AM

SC

“ Sheila Carter lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate



Sheila Carter - October 06, 2025 at 09:23 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Payton lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



Lisa Payton - October 06, 2025 at 09:20 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



Brenda Duckett-Greer - October 06, 2025 at 08:57 PM

MW

“ *Mary (Keels) Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



Mary (Keels) Wilkes - October 06, 2025 at 08:45 PM

JP

“ *June Perkins lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



June Perkins - October 06, 2025 at 08:26 PM

JM

“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Alma Tate*



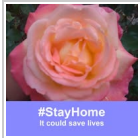
Jimmye Maxwell - October 06, 2025 at 05:57 PM

RK

“ *Our sympathy and condolences.* 🙏
Russell & Diane Kirksey



Russell & Diane Kirksey - October 06, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ *Pauletta Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Pauletta Epps - October 06, 2025 at 03:43 PM

JP

“ *Janet Poole-Little lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Lee Tate*



Janet Poole-Little - October 06, 2025 at 03:38 PM

JN

To Best Auntie in the world going but not forgotten We love you so much Auntie. Truly going to miss you Auntie love your Great Nieces Jo Ann and Dana Tate.

Jo Ann & Dana Tate Great Nieces - October 07, 2025 at 12:12 PM