



John Robert "Bob" Tate

January 17, 1920 - March 30, 2017

John Robert "Bob" Tate, 97, of Kankakee, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on January 17, 1920, in Kansas, IL, to John M. and Ruth Wheeler Tate. He married Mary L. Cothorn on December 7, 1947. She preceded him in death on December 19, 1996.

Bob was a farm manager for First Trust and Savings Bank. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a member of Kiwanis and the Rotary Club. He was also a proud member of Kayhawk Spurs. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, camping, and bowling.

Bob is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, John Richard Tate, of Kankakee and Gary (Susan) Tate, of Kankakee; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and his brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 12:00 p.m. funeral service on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

APR 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NT

“ *Remembering Uncle Bob with great fondness.
My thoughts are with you, Rick, Gary and
Suzie.*

With much love,

Nancy



Nancy Tate - April 04, 2017 at 10:45 PM

MT

“ Uncle Bob,

Another chapter has closed. I guess its time for us big kids to grow up now and take the lead. You showed us the way and I am proud to be a part of your life.

I always looked forward to the Kankakee Tates coming down to Kansas for the weekend. The constant teasing and the games. Sitting out on the porch after a meal and telling jokes. I liked going up to see you for the weekend. we slept out in the tent trailer or downstairs in the basement. You probably never knew we snuck out at night and roamed the neighborhood. You always made a lot of good times for us Kansas Tates.

When we moved to Oregon that ended a some of the closeness but when you came to see us, that was fun. We were in our hippie era then, long hair ,t-shirts and wore out jeans. You went right along with us but never cold do the long hair.

I shook you up a little when went salmon fishing in the bay. I had been on that bay many times, but not when it was that foggy. We could only see about 20' beyond the bow. I went into a cove that I thought was my usual spot for setting crab traps. But my usual cove didn't have a submerged rock at that tide. Sorry about hitting it and throwing you clear up into the front of the boat. You looked at me with funny look on your face and it wasn't a smile. All I could say was it was't there last time I came thru here and good thing we didnt hit the prop. It's funnier now.

That were a lot of good times and I'm sure there were plenty of times you wanted to give me the what for. I will never think about those just the good ones.

Thank you,

See you around,

Your nephew,

Mike

Mike Tate - April 04, 2017 at 01:08 PM

JE

“ *So sorry to here of your loss, Rick and Gary.....when I was little and your Mom would babysit me, your Dad would tease me no end until I would start laughing. The Tate family home was a wonderful place to be, there were always games and things to do in the basement. I would play with army guys in the summer out front by the planter under the picture window until my Mom got home from work. Sometimes my Mom and I would go over and visit and sit at the dinner table talking for several hours. It was not very far to walk on over, just across the back yard.....Thank you, for always sharing your family with so many.....*

Jim Enz - April 03, 2017 at 11:35 PM

DP

“ I think of your Dad's sparkling eyes & dimpled smile as he always "teased" us neighborhood girls growing up & made us smile, giggle & laugh!!

I can see your parents in you boys! 😊 I loved them both, so much! Even tho they were involved alot with all you boys in the neighborhood, they still included us girls, too! 😊 I remember once, your Mom fixing me up with a turquoise square dance outfit I needed for a school production & some blue heirloom dishes she gave me, when I got married. They really cared & helped form good character in us all! & They brought so much joy + laughter to everyone & made our life there, "Fun"!! Both were among the favorites in our "Sunset Lane Neighborhood "Family"!! We all had "Several Loving Parents"!! 😊 LoL! They were a big part of ALL aspects of The Life of The Neighborhood & School Activities ; Block Picnics, Parties, Scouts, Sch. Carnivals, Fund-Raising, Sports, etc. & Seriously; Politics, Schools, Roads, etc. & Taxes! They influenced all aspects of our lives & took care of us all! Our Big "Family" was Blessed by them, all the time we were growing up, together!

Debby Prindlle--Bell - April 03, 2017 at 09:43 PM

MT

“ Prayers and hugs are with you at this sad time.



Mary Thomson - April 03, 2017 at 02:54 PM

Gail
Lindsay

“ Rick, Gary and Suzie: So sorry for your loss. I have such great memories of your dad. He loved to tease us girls and we loved every minute. He was so funny. My memory is when I back into their car and my Dad made me go over and have to tell them I did it and he just sat there and laughed and said that is why you have insurance. I was a wreck but he was the greatest. I loved all the block parties we had. We had a great street back in the days. Again our sympathies and prayers are with you. Gail(Reagan) and Chris Lindsay



Gail Lindsay - April 02, 2017 at 07:12 AM

DS

“ Rick, Gary and Susie, many of my fondest memories as a teen include Bob and Mary Lou. God's blessings to you all at this difficult time. Dorcilla

Dorcilla Schoolman - April 01, 2017 at 10:25 PM

TD

“ Gary and and Rick,
So sorry to learn of the passing of your dad.He was a great guy.Always easy to talk too.
My thoughts & prayers the family.

Tom Dandelles - April 01, 2017 at 07:52 PM

RR

“ John (Rick), Gary and families,
We send our sympathies on Bob's passing. Growing up directly across the street I have many fond memories of him and the Tate family. As a kid I was included on many fun family camping trips and recall us boys camping out in the Tate's backyard many times. On those occasions the responsibility for keeping our noise from disturbing the neighborhood fell to him and Mary Lou. They cut us boys a lot of slack so when Bob said to "tone it down, " we new it was serious. I fondly recall his story about catching the GIANT marlin. Many years later when he was still wintering in Cape Coral, FL we enjoyed a Twins preseason game with him in Fort Myers. Bob knew baseball and was up on every player. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
- Ross (Stan) & Bridget Reagan

R Reagan - April 01, 2017 at 04:19 PM

AW

“ Gary & Susie, Our deepest sympathy to you both and all the family. Thinking of you. Arvella & Tim Waugh

Arvella Waugh - April 01, 2017 at 11:15 AM

PZ

“ Gary, Susie and John,
Sorry to learn of your loss. I remember both your Mom and Dad from the days at Taft School as well as their support of sports activities at Westview as well. My condolences to all of you.

Paul Ziemer

Paul Ziemer - April 01, 2017 at 08:38 AM



Pamela
Zeedyk

“ *My sympathy and prayers for comfort. Pamela Voss Zeedyk.*

Pamela Zeedyk - March 31, 2017 at 08:31 PM