



Mr. Bruce Tate

March 4, 1956 - April 1, 2020

The family of John Bruce Tate will hold a graveside service at Rusk County Memorial Gardens with Dr. David Higgs officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

Mr. Tate passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at UT Health Tyler. He was born March 4, 1956 in Henderson, Texas and was a life-long resident of Rusk County and member of the First Baptist Church of Henderson. Upon graduation from Henderson High School in 1974, Bruce earned his Associate's Degree in Music from Kilgore College in 1976 and played an active role in the Kilgore College Band and Jazz Ensemble. He went on to attend University of North Texas where he studied Marketing and Music. While studying at UNT College of Music, Bruce was a member of the award winning One O'Clock Lab Band. Possessing a lifelong passion for music, he was an avid jazz musician, writer and composer. He performed with jazz notables including Joe Sample and other bands around Texas in the 1980's before returning to Henderson. Bruce was known for his kind heart and gentle spirit. He was patriotic, enjoyed military history, and cherished spending time with his mother and precious adopted cats, Gracey and B.B.

Preceded in death by his father, Milford Tate, Bruce is survived by his mother, Jean Tate of Henderson, Aunt Ernestine Tate of Waco, Aunt and Uncle, Wanda and Billy Joe Young of Longview, and a host of loving Tate and Hardwick cousins. He will be especially missed by his lifelong friends, Donny and Tammy Blair, Roger and Jan Johnson Spann and Richard and Glenda

Wallace.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Music Ministry, 207 W. Main St., Henderson, TX 75652. Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Susan Summers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate*



Susan Summers - May 21, 2020 at 11:49 AM

MD

“ *Always a nice guy...*

mike duncan - April 29, 2020 at 03:37 PM

MD

“ *I met Bruce when he would come and visit his mom . Bruce was a very loving and kind man !*



Melissa Davis - April 12, 2020 at 10:31 PM

DA

“ *Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate*



Donna J Aaron - April 05, 2020 at 10:40 PM

RT

“ Rickey&Liz Thrasher

Rickey&Liz Thrasher - April 04, 2020 at 07:55 AM

CB

“ Connie Boatwright-Conner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate



Connie Boatwright-Conner - April 03, 2020 at 09:47 PM

PK

“ Peggy Jones Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate



Peggy Jones Keeling - April 03, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate



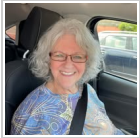
Carol Phillips Harris - April 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM

TJ

“ *Tracie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate*



Tracie Jones - April 03, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ *I always thought if Bruce as our hometown James Taylor. He was quiet, talented and such a nice man. So glad I got to see him at our last reunion. Rest In Peace Bruce.*



Stephanie Osteen - April 03, 2020 at 11:38 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.*
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - April 03, 2020 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ *Dianne Choice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate*



Dianne Choice - April 03, 2020 at 10:49 AM

WR

“ *The Tate's were one street over neighbors for more than fifty years. The neighborhood will not be the same.*



Winnie Ramey - April 03, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CH

“ *Bruce was my first sweetheart at Central Elementary School. We exchanged disc as customary in that day, but the funny thing was we were both too shy to even speak to one another. Bruce was a kind soul and he will be missed by many. Rest In Peace Bruce.*

Cindy Hays - April 03, 2020 at 10:14 AM

CW

“ *Bruce was a much loved member of our class and will be deeply missed. His musical talent was boundless - God's angel choir is gaining a great bass player! Love to all the family.*

Cyndi Walker - April 03, 2020 at 09:21 AM

MS

“ *Martha Solomon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate*



Martha Solomon - April 03, 2020 at 05:56 AM

DA

“ Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate



Donna J Aaron - April 03, 2020 at 04:12 AM

JC

“ Bruce, Donny & I were close friends. I knew Bruce from our earliest years at FBC Henderson. We three played a lot of music together. Donny & Bruce went out to create some incredible music together. I got stuck in three chords. Over the years and many miles I wasn't as close to Bruce, but our friendship was more than contact and closeness. Our close knit group lost our friend, Robert Hall, a few years ago. That second pic is of us four at our 40th class reunion. The first is from October last year at our 45th. Now just two. Bruce was a kind and creative soul. We shared so many good times. I shall treasure his memories forever. I know he has found rest.



Jim Coode - April 03, 2020 at 01:58 AM

DV

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of our classmate Bruce Tate. Praying for his family and friends—but especially his Mother 🙏🙏
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Debra Bell Vandeventer - April 02, 2020 at 09:49 PM

JC

“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate*



Jan Crow - April 02, 2020 at 09:20 PM

MM

“ *I can't tell you how many songs I hear on the radio and think about the first time I heard that song was at Bruce's house. He had all the great albums. He was a talented musician and I had lots of good times with him. He will be missed!*

Mike Mason - April 02, 2020 at 09:14 PM

SG

“ *Bruce was a very nice human being. It's really not for me to say but sometimes I wished more for Bruce in life. But who knows anyone else's life. God bless you Bruce*



Steve Gay - April 02, 2020 at 08:32 PM

CG

“ March 28, 2019: Bruce and his mother, Jean, celebrating her birthday with friends. We loved the Tates! Tate & Jean were dear friends of my parents and Bruce was a high school buddy of my brother, Holland. After my husband and I moved to Henderson, we had the chance to get to know Bruce. Jean thought Bruce was the most wonderful son anyone could have! He was a wonderful son and took care of his mother with a passion!



Christie Gambrell - April 02, 2020 at 07:36 PM

CB

“ Bruce will be missed. Prayers for family and friends.

Cindy Belcher - April 02, 2020 at 07:11 PM

CB

“ Rest In Heaven Bruce. I certainly enjoyed knowing you and being your friend. You were an extremely gifted musician with a kind and gentle soul. I know your enjoying Heaven and being with your dad, Tate.



Chad Boatwright - April 02, 2020 at 06:54 PM

NG

“ Many memories through the years with Bruce and Tate and Jean. Lots of family time shared with the Tate’s and Gibsons at family reunions, after church gatherings, and sharing meals. 2nd and 3rd cousins and life long friends will forever be in our hearts!❤️Mark, Scott, & Nancy Gibson

Nancy and Mark Gibson - April 02, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Steve Sanders - April 02, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ Cyndy Broadus lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate



Cyndy Broadus - April 02, 2020 at 05:59 PM

RG

“ Rebecca Glass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate



Rebecca Glass - April 02, 2020 at 05:37 PM

JC

“ Please accept my very deepest sympathy.....

Jimmy Culp - April 02, 2020 at 05:34 PM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Tate



pud patterson - April 02, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Bruce was more than a classmate he was a dear friend. Rest high on that mountain till we meet again.

Pam Boles



Pam Boles - April 02, 2020 at 03:22 PM

HA

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Heidi Arouty - April 02, 2020 at 03:07 PM

DW

Heidi I am so sorry about Bruce. We were band mates in Jr High & High School. Saw him & was at his 40th class reunion, as they invited classes near theirs to attend. He & Donny Blair & Scotty Perryman & Scotty's wife did a wonderful job entertaining us with some great music. Guess they needed a bass player in Heaven.

Don Whitehead - April 03, 2020 at 11:07 AM