



Larry Von Tate

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Larry Von Tate, 81, passed away peacefully at his home on December 29, 2016, surrounded by family. Graveside service will be at 11 am on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Ore City Cemetery with Pastor John Whitehurst officiating.

He was born January 14, 1935 in Longview Texas, to Luster Von and Mable Dean Tate. He was raised in Longview and attended Kilgore College.

In 1954, when he was only 19, Larry began his banking career, at the former First National Bank in Longview. He progressed rapidly through the Transit Department, Proof Department, Teller, Loan Teller, Assistant Cashier to Assistant Vice President.

At the young age of 29 he was elected to Vice President. He was active in civic organizations and played basketball on the Longview City League Team in 1955.

He served as President of the American Bank, when it formally opened in October 1969. He was the former President of Citizens Bank in Kilgore, resigning to take an active part in the Oil and Gas development of East Texas. In the late 70's and early 80's his company drilled many Cotton Valley test wells. He remained active in the Oil and Gas Industry until his passing.

Larry was a Life Member of the Longview Junior Chamber of Commerce, and was made a Life Member of the Texas Jaycees in 1964. He was honored as Jaycee of the Year, when he was 27 years old and was the youngest Texas Jaycee President, at that time. During his Presidency, in execution of his duties, he traveled an unprecedented 300,000 miles, over 100,000 by automobile!

He was a member, past President and Treasurer of the East Texas Oil Man's Golf Association. Past member of the Board of Directors of Kilgore Chamber of Commerce, and a past president of the former Roy H. Laird Country Club in Kilgore. He is a Charter Member of Grace Crossing United Methodist Church in Longview.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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Larry is survived by his wife, Beverley Tate, son, Larry Michael Tate, daughter Melinda Tate Willbanks and husband, Rob, grandchildren, Chelsea Tate Copeland and husband, Spencer, Taylor McElyea, Lauren and Meredith Long, brother James Tate and wife Karolyn of Thornton Colorado. Also step-daughters, Leigh Ann Roy, Vicki Willkie and husband, John.

In lieu of flowers, Larry wished for donations to be made to the Grace Crossing United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 9100, Longview Texas, 75608.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. C. R. Martin and Dr. Rodney Slone for their professional and personal care, to Good Shepherd Home Health, and Heartsway Hospice.

A memorial reception will be held Thursday, January 5, at 1pm at Tyler Street Bistro for anyone wishing to share a few memories.




Events

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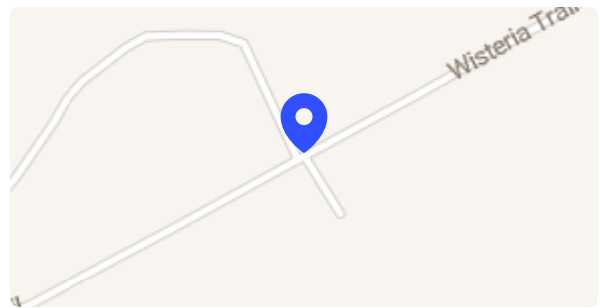
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Graveside Service

 **Thursday**, January 5, 2017

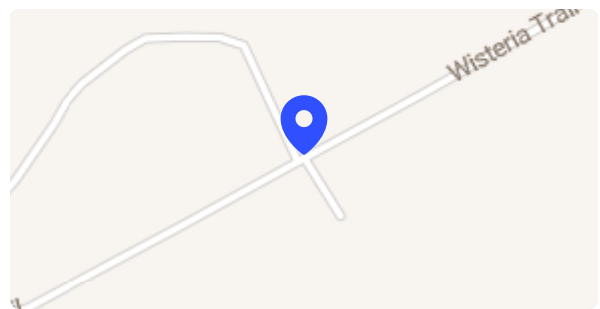
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 **Ore City Cemetery**
Wisteria St., Ore City TX



Cemetery Details

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DF

Denise Faulkner lit a candle in honor of Larry.

Sharin in your sorrow. With love & friendship. Brad & Denise Faulkner

January 5 at 4:05 AM



PB

Patty Bernhardt posted:

Mike, our deepest sympathy to you and all your family in the loss of your Dad. Phillip McCarty
Patty McCarty Bernhardt

January 4 at 9:41 AM

LL

Love Donny & Laurie sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Tate family.

January 4 at 9:14 AM



HW

Helen Wallace posted:

My deepest sympathies for your whole family. Helen Wallace

January 3 at 5:22 AM

KP

Kenneth Plunk posted:

im sorry to hear about Larry. prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

January 3 at 4:29 AM



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GF

Glynette Ford posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Glynn and Pat Keeling Whitney and Carie Keeling Tim and Glynette Ford

January 2 at 2:05 PM

RD

Robert Dragisic January 6 at 5:39 AM

So Sorry Beverly. I miss 'Tater' already.

DF

Denise Faulkner January 5 at 4:05 AM

Sharing in your sorrow. With love & friendship. Brad & Denise Faulkner

DF

Dianne Foussac January 5 at 3:17 AM

Thinking of you

GP

Gene And Jane Powell January 4 at 10:20 AM

Our thoughts and prayers are with Beverley and all of Larry's family. We have lost a good friend to many.

KC

Kenneth Callaway January 3 at 4:34 PM

A good friend, classmate and teammate. I too am saddened by your loss. My deepest condolences to his family.

VR

Vincent B. Russo January 3 at 3:57 AM

Sending my prayers, thoughts and sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.

LC

Lori Cox January 2 at 3:13 PM

Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace , comfort and strength. Lori Cox



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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