



## Rev. Douglas D. Tate

September 16, 1933 - November 19, 2017

Rev. Douglas Driver Tate, Sr. age 84 of Bagley, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday November 19, 2017 at his home, with his family and friends surrounding him. He was born on September 16, 1933 in Bagley, AL, where he remained a lifelong resident.

As a young boy, he grew up helping his dad on the family farm, and spending a lot of time at the Birmingham Farmer's Market selling the produce they raised. In 1951 he graduated from Corner High School; and continued farming with his dad after graduation.

In 1956 he met and married Peggie Ruth Davison, whose career was nursing. They were married for forty-four years. She was the love of his life and his sole partner.

On March 16, 1965, his life made a drastic change, when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and was later called to preach. In preparation for his preaching ministry, he attended the Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans. He began his ministry as Pastor of Wyatt Baptist Church in Burnwell. He founded and built Burnwell Baptist Church (now Greater Vision Baptist Church). He also began a tent revival ministry, and traveled far and wide preaching God's word. In 1974, God called him to build a new church. The church he founded and built was named Grace Baptist Church in Sumiton, AL. He also had long running and successful radio and television ministries. He was also Owner and Founder of Tate Contracting Co.

"Brother Doug" was faithful, doing God's work for 43 years. For any thanks he

received, he always said "To God be the glory".

Funeral services will be Wednesday November 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Grace Baptist Church in Sumiton. Revs. Joel Carden, Jeff Oates, Andy Frazier, John Foles and Steve Knox will officiate. Burial will follow in New Horizon Memorial Gardens. Visitation is Tuesday night 6-8 pm at the church and Wednesday from 1-2 pm at the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Roosevelt and Willie Mae Tate, Sr.; his wife of 44 years, Peggie Ruth Tate; his son, Douglas Driver Tate, Jr.; his grandson, Jason Linn Huguley and his brother, William R. "Bill" Tate. Survivors include his daughter, Carolyn Tate (Randy Huguley); daughter in law, Dana Tate Standridge (Robert); sister, Patricia Williamson; granddaughters, Jayna Dawkins (Jacobe), Katie Oates (Jeff) and Sarah Tate; great grandchildren, Ezekiel and Jasolyn Huguley, Ruthie, Noah and Jonah Dawkins and Caleb Oates; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a host of friends.

# Cemetery Details

## New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.  
Dora, AL 35062  
(205) 648-8749  
<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
Sumiton, AL

## Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
Sumiton, AL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Douglas D. Tate*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of the passing of Rev. Douglas Tate Sr. He was a long-time friend of our father the late Rev. Chester Thomas Sr. Our family still remember the words of comfort that he spoke to us over 30 years ago...that was just how impactful Rev. Tate was. Please accept our sincerest sympathy and we are praying for your strength and comfort in the days to come. The Thomas, Elizabeth, Veth, Chester, and Archie.*

**Archie Thomas** - April 11, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Brother Tate's passing our condolences go out to the family .. He was a great influence on the youth of our area when I was young and he was a steadfast soldier of the faith .. RIP Bro. Doug*



**garry butler** - November 23, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ *Our love and prayers to the family of Doug Tate,.. We are unable to attend the services but know we will keep in touch. May God continue to be with you. Donnie, Rose, and Tim Walker.*

**Tim Walker** - November 21, 2017 at 08:47 PM

WW

“ Great man who has helped a lot of people both spiritually and physically, will be greatly missed in the Bagley, Corner communities. Well done Brother Doug.

wayne wingo - November 21, 2017 at 04:43 PM

CT

“ Chequita Cherch Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate



Chequita cherch Taylor - November 21, 2017 at 01:04 PM

LR

“ Linda Rouse lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate



Linda Rouse - November 21, 2017 at 09:02 AM

LM

“ Lawanda MacKay lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate



Lawanda MacKay - November 21, 2017 at 08:29 AM

KL

“ *Kimberly Wilson Ledford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate*



Kimberly Wilson Ledford - November 21, 2017 at 08:03 AM

BG

“ *Bonnie Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate*



Bonnie Goodwin - November 21, 2017 at 07:08 AM



“ *Christie Watson Reed lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate*



Christie Watson Reed - November 20, 2017 at 02:02 PM

CT

“ *What a wonderful man!! Heaven is much sweeter with brother Doug there!!*



Chequita church Taylor - November 20, 2017 at 01:23 PM

TH

“ *Where in the world do I start!?! Awesome example of God's never ending love. My family loved this man forever and will miss seeing him. How sad for us, how wonderful for Doug. Bless you family!* ”

Teresa McCreless Haun - November 20, 2017 at 08:11 AM

WW

*We truly appreciated this man of God.*

Wanda Wells - November 20, 2017 at 08:01 PM

SW

“ *Scotty Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate* ”



Scotty Westbrook - November 19, 2017 at 11:34 PM

CT

“ *Wonderful pastor, friend and Christian. Always praying for someone and always with a smile on his face.* ”

Chequita church Taylor - November 19, 2017 at 07:24 PM

SC

“ *Shelbie & Stan Corley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Douglas D. Tate* ”



Shelbie & Stan Corley - November 19, 2017 at 06:23 PM