



## Mr. L.B. Tate

November 6, 1933 - December 20, 2008

Mr. L.B. Tate went home to be with the Lord embraced by the love of his family on December 20, 2008. He was born to the union of Willie Mack and Ella (Jemison) Tate in Prairie Point, MS. Mr. Tate accepted Christ at an early age at Drake Hill Methodist Church in Mississippi. He was united in holy matrimony to Ida Ruth White (Newman), in 1952. Mr. Tate moved to Kalamazoo, MI during the great migration from the south. He was later employed by Kalamazoo Tank and Silo, where he worked for many years as a brick mason, traveling across the country on special building assignments. He later moved to Youngstown, OH where he pursued his own business as a builder/contractor and a restaurant owner. As a builder and contractor he constructed the Beagly Center as part of Youngstown State University, and he built several churches in Ohio, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He also remodeled Famous Staples Bar-b-que restaurant and many other business. The restaurant established by him and his partner, Lottie Lunday, was titled, "Tate's and Taste Bar-B-Que". It was known for it's superb barbecue sauce and succulent ribs, whole hogs, goats and lambs. Mr. Tate returned to Kalamazoo, MI in the fall of 2007 where he decided to finish out his retirement and spend time with his children. Mr. Tate was preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters and 3 brothers. He leaves to cherish his memory a daughter, Isabell (John) Martin of Kalamazoo and their daughter Kimberly Martin of Kalamazoo; sons, Elton Glenn of Chicago, IL and Isaiah Gordon of Kalamazoo and New Jersey; his brother, Willie Mack (Quince) Tate of Prairie Point, MS; his former wife, Ida Newman of Kalamazoo; long-time friend, Lottie Lundy of Youngstown, OH and her children, Rosie A. Barrett and Loletia Herron both of Columbus, OH and Donald Rhodes of Lidonia, GA. He also leaves a host of other grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

DEC 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church  
821 S Burdick Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. L.B. Tate*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. L.B. Tate*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Isabell and Family'*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers,*

*God Bless,*

*your friend, Diane##imported-begin##Diane McPherson-Carver##imported-end##*

December 30, 2008 at 06:46 PM



“ *Dear Family of Mr. Tate:*

*Mr. Tate worked for my dad Herb Vander Horst when he worked for Kalamazoo Tank & Silo. My dad always liked Mr. Tate. He also helped build my dad's house in Richland by helping lay the brick. My dad died in Feb 2006 but my mom still lives in the house some 40 years later. My sincere condolences for your loss.*

*Joe Vander Horst##imported-begin##Joe Vander Horst##imported-end##*

December 28, 2008 at 07:53 PM



“ *Uncle L.B. we love you and we will miss your wisdom and humor.##imported-begin##Tito and Lynette Brown and family##imported-end##*

December 27, 2008 at 06:44 PM



“ *YOU ARE SADLY MISSED.....##imported-begin##Youngstown,ohio##imported-end##*

December 26, 2008 at 10:07 AM



“ Uncle L.B I will miss you a lot.....Bell##imported-begin##Beverlyn  
Staples##imported-end##

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December 23, 2008 at 08:28 PM