



"Since We Lost You"  
We wish that we  
could see you  
Come walking through  
the door.  
We know that it's  
impossible and  
We'll hear your voice  
no more.  
We know that you  
can see our tears,  
And you don't want  
to see us cry.  
Our hearts are  
very broken  
Because you had to die.  
We know that God  
will give us strength,  
And will absolutely  
see us through,  
As we struggle  
with the heartache  
That has come since  
we lost you.



## "You Never Said Goodbye"

Author Unknown

You never said I'm leaving.  
You never said goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it, and only  
God knew why.  
A million times we needed you,  
A million times we cried.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You would have never died.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
That no one will ever fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you;  
But you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
the day God took you home.



### Acknowledgement

The Family of Mr. Bobby L. Tate sincerely thank you for  
your kind expressions of love, prayers, and support. Your  
thoughtfulness will always be appreciated.

### Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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# Celebrating the Life of

*Mr. Bobby Louis Tate*



Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Visitation 2:00 PM

Service 2:30 PM

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Officiating

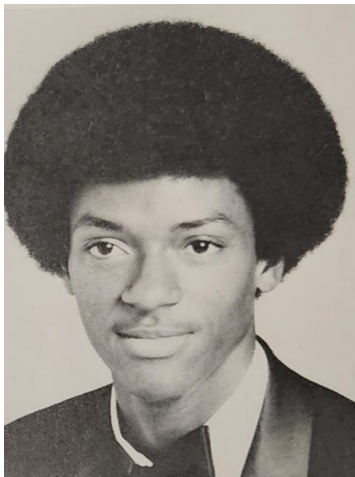


# ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude  
Processional  
Visitation 2:00 pm -2:30 pm  
Moloch Elks Lodge #468 Rites  
Final Viewing “He Saw the Best in Me”  
Call to Worship Dr. Benjamin Hinton  
Selection “Going to Have a Good Time”  
Mr. Sherman Joyner  
Elder Joann R. Barber  
Invocation  
Scripture  
Old Testament Psalm 23 Rev. Dr. Rodney Glover  
New Testament 2 Corinthians 5:12-17  
Reverend Willie Jones  
Prayer of Comfort Pastor Rodney Tate  
Selection God’s Choice  
Remarks (2 Minutes Please) Family and Friends  
Mrs. Deborah Wallace Mason  
Mrs. Jennifer Moore  
Ms. Sherrol Jones  
Resolution Moloch Elks Lodge #468  
Selection Ms. Michelle Warren  
Words of Comfort Apostle James Setzer  
Recessional “I Am Free”



Interment  
Armstrong Cemetery  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
Casket and Flower Bearers  
Ashbrook Class of 1973



# OBITUARY

Mr. Bobby Louis Tate was a fun-loving, free-spirited family member and friend. He answered God’s call early Thursday morning, October 26, 2023, at the age of 68.

Born May 18, 1955 “Ba-Boy” was the fifth born child of Mr. James Albert and Mrs. Mary Jeter Tate. He attended Robinson and Pleasant Ridge Elementary Schools, then Grier Jr. High. He was a proud member of the graduating class of 1973 from Ashbrook High School. Some of the accomplishments he was most proud of during his high school years were being a member of the Black Student Union and the fact that his “fro” was never out of place. After high school, he attended Gaston College.

BT never met a stranger and was never at a loss for words. Being in his presence would always produce smiles and laughter. He was employed at Glass Tech Industries and later worked in the Winding Department of Arlington Mills. Bobby was a faithful member of Moloch Elks Lodge #468 where he faithfully served, for many years, as Financial Secretary.

He would often talk about growing up as a child with his parents and 12 siblings on Booger’s Mountain. Later his family relocated and created fond memories within the neighborhood on Green Circle Drive.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Carolyn, Constance, and Carmen Tate; and brothers, James, Terry, and Kenneth Tate.

Leaving to cherish his memory are his mother, Mrs. Mary Jeter Tate, Forestville, MD; brothers, Mr. Joseph L. Tate (Angie), Forestville, MD, Mr. Richard K. Tate, Gastonia, NC; Mr. Jeffery A. Tate (Warrenetta), Winston-Salem, NC; sisters, Ms. Elizabeth D. Moore, Forestville, MD, Ms. Deanna M. Tate, and Ms. Cathryn R. Tate, Gastonia, NC; sister-in-law, Mrs. Parnice P. Tate, Gastonia, NC. Bobby was surrounded in love by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and a circle of friends that was beyond measure. He will forever be etched in the hearts of those who loved him, each of whom are giving thanks to God that he can now be at peace.