



Shirley Delores Honeycutt-Tate

May 16, 1943 - December 26, 2013

SHIRLEY DELORES HONEYCUTT-TATE, daughter of the late James and Mabel Honeycutt, was born on May 16, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life suddenly on December 26, 2013.

Shirley married Ervin Lee Diggs, who preceded her in death. Out of that union was born Gregory Martin Diggs. She later married Roy D. Tate, who preceded her in death.

Shirley was baptized at St. Philip's Lutheran Church at an early age. She loved gospel music and attended several churches.

She graduated and received her diploma in 1961 from Dunbar Junior/Senior High School. At Dunbar, Shirley participated in Modern Dance, Drama Class, the Choir, and was a cheerleader.

Shirley taught Modern Dance at the Chick Webb Center.

As teenagers, Shirley and William Hatchett were well known around Baltimore for the many dance competitions they entered and won. They also appeared on "The Buddy Dean Show" and danced in a "New York Theatre" Show.

Shirley worked at C&P Telephone Co., Johns Hopkins Hospital, Towson State College, The Maryland State Office Building and the Fifth Regiment Armory.

She was a PBX Operator and

Secretary. She retired from the State of Maryland with forty years of service. Shirley liked to play the piano, dance, swim and sew. She loved life. She loved shopping, music, family gatherings and traveling and was known for her delicious Rice Pudding and Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

She was a caring daughter, friend, sibling, mother and wife. She will be truly missed. Thank you, Shirley, for being there for us.

Shirley is survived by: her two sons, Gregory Martin Diggs and Tyrone Gadson; two daughters-in-law, Nadine Diggs and Sharon Gadson; grandsons, Gregory Martin Diggs II, Devin Earl Diggs and Tavon Gregory Diggs; granddaughter, Keiona Siler; great-grandchildren, Tavon Diggs Jr., Tori Samone Diggs, the Gadson children, five devoted siblings, Margaret Honeycutt-Clayton-Harvey, Barbara Honeycutt-Pickett, Helena Honeycutt-Haskins, Jane Honeycutt and James Honeycutt Jr., one brother-in-law, George Harvey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 3. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

JAN 4. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
2301 Guilford Ave.
Baltimore, MD

Service

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
306 E. 23rd Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Delores Honeycutt-Tate*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *A beautiful soul, wonderful sister in law who always had a smile that would light up the dreariest of days. Heaven received a unique angel the day you left this world. Light a candle for us here on earth and perhaps we too can find our way to the front gates of the realm of God. I remember you Shirley. Thank you for being such a wonderful sister in law. Randy Tate.*



Randy Tate - November 18, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ *I am so sorry to read about the death of your love one.. My family would like to express our condolences to your family. I would like to share this scripture with you at John 5:28, 29 "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming In which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." I hope this scripture will bring your family comfort that soon you will see your Love one again.*

A. Verrett - January 04, 2014 at 12:30 PM

GS

“ To the Honeycutt and Tate Family. May your faith and love of those who share your lost, comfort you at this time of sadness. Margaret, please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With sympathy, love and prayers. Georgia V. Swann



Georgia V. Swann - January 04, 2014 at 09:42 AM

MP

“ Dearest Barbara and Family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one. We love you and you are in our prayers. "Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." Psalm 9:10
Love, Marco, Margaret Pickett and Family

Marco and Margaret Pickett - January 02, 2014 at 08:32 PM

KN

“ For all the relatives and friends of Ms. Tate: know that our Heavenly Father is aware of your pain and will comfort you through your grief because "he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

K. Nichols - January 02, 2014 at 01:44 PM

VM

“ To the family of Shirley Tate, my husband and I would like to express our condolences to her family. Shirley was the first person that I had meant when I started at the Fifth Regiment Armory in 1998. We became fast friends and shared countless conversations and many laughs with each other. As of two months ago she called me. She had heard that I my husband was very ill. She told me to call her anytime if I needed to talk. She said "you hear??" That was my friend !!! I will miss her, and she will be my friend always, I will never forget her ...Her warmth and smile....

Valerie and Jeff Mason, Westminster Maryland

Valerie Mason - January 02, 2014 at 06:16 AM

LF

“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - January 01, 2014 at 10:20 AM

LW

“ My sympathy to Ms. Shirley Tate's family during their time of sorrow. I first met Ms. Tate back in either December 1999 or early 2000 at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore through my husband, Cornelius Waters, Jr..



She was so kind to me then and has always been kind since then. Always had a beautiful smile. Over the years, I had the opportunity to always fellowship w/Ms. Tate and others at the annual D-Day crab feast that's held in June at the Armory. She always kept my husband, my parents and me on her guest list year after year. For the past several years, Ms. Tate always mailed a Christmas card to my husband and me. When we didn't receive one this year, I didn't think anything of it, until today. Now I know why. Ms. Tate apparently had told C.W. that "I was a keeper" and the "he better hold on to me" after meeting me several times back in 2000. I never even knew she felt this way about me until my husband shared that after he and I were married in 2001, in which Ms. Tate was present at our wedding. After family, she was at the top of our guest list. She will truly be missed. Such a pleasant lady. Will miss you Ms. Tate.

Lynn Waters - December 30, 2013 at 02:15 PM

BD

“ My condolences to the family of Shirley Delores Tate. I am so sorry to learn that you lost your loved one in death. The Bible tells us at Isaiah 51:12 "I-I myself am the One that is comforting you people." This is to let you know that God will always comfort you, even in this, your severe time of need.

bdavis - December 30, 2013 at 07:03 AM

PL

“ I would like to send my condolences to the family. When someone we love dies its very painful. But the Bible talks about God doing away with pain at Rev 21:4. May the God of comfort provide solace to your family at this time.

Peggy Land - December 29, 2013 at 05:15 PM

MW

“ To The Tate Family: I am sorry to learn of the loss of your dear Shirley. Please take solace in the wonderful hope found in Gods' Word The Bible. We read in part, at John 5:28-29 "...the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out...". Our Heavenly Creator Jehovah promises to eliminate death once and for all, and restore the earth to a Paradise where we will welcome back our lost loved ones .(Rev. 21:3-4,Matthew 6:9,10) Until that very near time, may you have a measure of comfort in the pleasant memories of her life. Mrs. D. Ward Detroit Michigan

Mrsw. D. Ward - December 29, 2013 at 03:15 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 29, 2013 at 01:36 PM