



Leatha Mae Tate

September 8, 1940 - June 27, 2018

Leatha Mae Tate was born September 8, 1940, in Kansas City, Kansas to James and Ethel (Pearson) Tate, and passed away peacefully June 27, 2018, in Oklahoma City, surrounded by her family.

Leatha grew up in the Bentonville, Arkansas, and Enid area. She graduated from Enid High School, and obtained her BS in biology from Phillips University and her Masters in Education from Wichita State University.

After graduation she worked as a medical technologist for St. Mary's Hospital. One of her many great achievements was the many years she worked as a teacher at Robinson Junior HS and East HS in Wichita, Kansas as a science teacher. She was honored multiple times by the Kansas Board of Education for her innovative and successful teaching methods. Leatha finished her long career working for the State of Oklahoma in the Department of Tourism and the Department of Corrections (Child Protective Services).

Leatha was well known for her artistic, interior design, and musical abilities. She also was highly recognized for her public speaking. She shared these talents with her family and was a stickler for all holidays and family functions to be planned out in great detail and executed properly. Leatha also enjoyed gardening and loving on her little dog, Annie and her 40lb cat Tater. She took advantage of her retirement years to help anyone in need. She loved her

family and with her smile and laughter was always able to make everything better.

Leatha loved the Lord and was not shy about sharing her faith. She was an active member of Seventh Day Adventist Church and loved her church family. Her family and all who knew her will miss her love, her guidance, her humor, her laugh, her stories, and her willingness to jump in and get things done. We celebrate knowing Leatha is with our Lord & Savior having run a good race, and knowing she is surely busy with multiple tasks and “organizing” everything.

Leatha was preceded in death by her parents James and Ethel Tate (Young), and her brother, Ronald Tate.

Leatha is survived by her 2 sons Michael and wife Dawn O'Brien of Enid, John Jones of San Diego; 6 grandchildren, Christopher O'Brien and wife Jessica, Lauren O'Brien, Jade Jones, Keegan Jones, Wyatt Jones, and Everett Jones; 1 great grandchild Gentry O'Brien.

Funeral service for Leatha will be 2:00 PM, Monday at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dave Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be Sunday 4:00 to 5:00 at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made through the funeral home to SPCA-Enid.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Visitation with Family & Friends

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burris Funeral Home
Enid, OK

Celebration of Life

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burris Funeral Home Chapel
3002 N. Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
<http://www.andersonburris.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ Although I knew leatha in high school I got to know her better as an adult. When she came to Edmond we had some fun adventures. She talked so proudly of her sons and grandchildren. Janice Boyer

janice Boyer - June 30, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to your families at the loss of Leatha. In working with her over the years, there are many stories to tell!

AK, Shirley Armstrong - June 29, 2018 at 07:39 AM