



Frances Louise Shufflebarger Tate

December 13, 1927 - November 13, 2020

Frances Eloise Shufflebarger Tate of Blacksburg, Va. died peacefully November 13, 2020 at Radford Health, Radford, Virginia.

Frances was the youngest of five children born to Thomas E. and Mary Craig Shufflebarger, Sr. on December 13, 1927 in Christiansburg, Va.. Frances' parents, four siblings- Thomas E. Shufflebarger, Jr., Sallie S. Bromm, Virginia Shufflebarger, Elizabeth S. Klawitter, three great grandchildren- Josh, Emma and Landon McKinney, and her beloved husband of more than 70 years, Charles T. "Tommy" Tate, Sr. all predeceased her.

She is survived by her children - Charlotte T. Burgess, Charles T. Tate II, (Nancy) James Edgar Tate; grandchildren Megan K. Tate (Salman), Charles T. Tate, III (Dorcas), Amy B. McKinney (Ryan); two great grandchildren Cristian "Jack" Guiterrez, and Charles Thomas-Joseph Tate, many nieces and nephews.

Frances grew up in Cambria, Va. She attended Mary Washington College, and Radford College. After her marriage, she spent the next seventy years as a resident of Blacksburg. She was a member of the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School, and was active in several women's circles.

She was an active member of the Allegheny Chapter DAR, and a Girl Scout leader. Frances worked at Blacksburg High School as a secretary in the Vocational department , and later as a receptionist at the Montgomery County School Board Office.

Frances loved to sing! She was a longtime member of the BUMC choir, and was a member of the VT New Virginians! She never quit singing , and through the years , she would sing to her family members, and her favorite dogs. She enjoyed writing , working in the garden, bridge, dancing , talking to her friends , and she loved to cook. Many enjoyed receiving one of her pecan pies “just because.” She will be greatly missed!

The family would like to thank Radford Health and Rehab, Medi-Health Hospice, and caregivers, Kristi Martin, Casey Shaffner, Shannon Medley, Jillian Trent, Amber Akers, Ashley Hill, Nancy Payne, and Catie Letner for taking such good care of her over the past months . In lieu of flowers, we suggest that donations be made to organizations that are searching for cures to Vascular Dementia/ Dementia.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Westview Cemetery. McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg is handling the final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *VERY SPECIAL LADY☐ SHE WAS ALWAYS FULL OF SURPRISES 🥹 GLAD I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE CARE OF HER MISS YOU BUNCHES ❤️💜 SHANNON*

Shannon - March 25, 2021 at 01:16 PM

DM

“ *Prayers for James, Charlotte and the whole Tate family.
Mrs Tate was always a cheerful person. Such a delight to be around. She'll be missed by many.*



Diane Matusevich - November 18, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DC

“ *Frances and my husband grew up on the same street although not at the same time. We now live across the street from Frances' parents' house. I worked with Frances' sister, Virginia, and also knew Elizabeth. As I recently joined the DAR, I saw Frances at a couple meetings. She always had a smile for everyone as her picture shows. Our thoughts and prayers for all her family.*

Dot and Rick Cupp - November 17, 2020 at 03:15 PM

PW

“ *Frances and Jeanne Warner and I taught Sunday School together. I learned to have tolerance and to have a good time from both of them. They were truly one of a kind. You have my condolences, along with my thoughts and prayers.
Pam winfrey*

Pam Winfrey - November 17, 2020 at 12:26 PM

CT

“ Mrs. Tate was the secretary at the Blacksburg Vocational High School when I attended there from 1973-75. The enormous positive impact she made on the lives of myself and the other students is beyond measure. She was a true friend and her memory will always be cherished. To the family, please accept my deep condolences.

Chuck Thomas - November 17, 2020 at 12:04 PM

BB

“ Much love and prayers to Frances' family. I've known Frances for my whole life. She and my mom (Phyllis Blevins) spent many hours together, over the years, at my mothers fabric store. I remember Frances' smile and her laugh and the friendship that she and my mother shared over fabric! What an iconic woman who will be dearly missed!

*Beth Blevins
Lexington NC*

Beth Blevins - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM

KW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one, She was so good to the students at BHS, a smile that was contagious!

Kim Linkous Woolwine

KW - November 17, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *David Bohlin lit a candle in memory of Frances Louise Shufflebarger Tate*



David Bohlin - November 17, 2020 at 12:05 AM



You will be missed i rembered when i was in school at BHS i would see you and you always had a smile on your face and a kind word for all we will miss you

David Bohlin - November 17, 2020 at 12:07 AM