



Mr. and Mrs. Tate

June 4, 1925 - July 21, 2017

Raymond Tate passed away peacefully at his home in Coral Springs, Florida on February 17th, 2016. Mary Ellen (nee Shaffer) Tate passed away surrounded by family at her home in Waterloo, Iowa on July 21st, 2017.

Raymond was born in Wapella, Illinois on December 24th, 1922. Mary Ellen was born in Amboy, Illinois on June 4th, 1925. Both graduated from Clinton High School, Clinton, Illinois in 1943 and were married on June 27th, 1943 in Clinton prior to Raymond leaving for the Army in World War 2. In 2015 they celebrated 72 years of marriage.

After Raymond was discharged from the Army, they traveled with Shriver Gas Conversions converting homes to natural gas in mostly the Northeast and Mid Atlantic states. In 1959 Raymond purchased the Cadillac dealership in Waterloo (Tate Cadillac Olds Honda) and moved the family. After retiring in 1978 they spent their summers at Lake Kabetogama, Minnesota and winters in Coral Springs, Florida. At the lake they enjoyed over 40 summers of fishing, berry picking, shore lunches, and boating. Living at the lake was what they enjoyed most with family and friends often visiting. It is there that they instilled the love of the outdoors and nature in their children and grandchildren.

They are survived by their children Ben (Joanne) of Crystal Lake, Illinois, Linda (Fran) Eighme of Waterloo, Iowa, Steve (Bill Peer) of Eureka, California,

Abbe Little of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Nancy (Jerry) Sires of Dunkerton, Iowa, Jimmy, of Waterloo, Iowa, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be private.

Tribute Wall

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“ *It doesn't seem possible for the sun to shine today yet it does.*

A life that can never be replaced is gone and it feels strange to start our lives again.

*But sometimes it's in our sadness that we learn the most.
Remember a word, a look, or a feeling of the past and realize that memories will hold us together.*

We're left behind but not alone, as we let our loved one go to a better place. They would want the same for us. Not to mourn, but to live our lives to the fullest.

Life is for living and as hard as it is, we can lift our eyes to the sun and see a new day dawning. Our love one, would have wanted it that way.

*Our deepest sympathy,
The Staffords*

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“ *WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME*

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me*

*I wish you wouldn't cry
The Way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say*

*I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too*

Love you Mom and Dad

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