



## Michael Lafe Tate

December 10, 1950 - December 26, 2021

Michael Lafe Tate, 71, of rural Waynesfield, died 3:41 p.m., Sun. Dec. 26, 2021, at Lima Memorial Health System, with his family at his side. He was born Dec. 10, 1950, in Lima, the son of Dean C. & Bernadine L. (Harrington) Tate, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 1, 1969, he married Pamela J. Sproul Tate, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Michael T. (Casey) Tate, Rockford, OH,

Jeffrey W. Tate, Highland Park, MI,

Tara D. (Dave) Zorn, Waynesfield, OH;

8 grandchildren, Kelsey Williams, Zachary Tate, Cheyne Tate, Kenzi Tate, Parker Tate, Taryn Tate, Kasen Zorn, Tate Zorn;

2 great grandchildren, Jaxson, Khalie;

a sister-in-law, Merrill Tate, Eugene, OR.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Bill, Jim, & Dorothy Tate.

Mike served the Waynesfield community youth for many years as Packmaster of the Cub Scouts, then Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts, receiving the Vigil Honor as a member in the Order of the Arrow. He ministered his faith with local teens as leader of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and served on the Waynesfield-Goshen School Board. Mike worked for United Telephone/Sprint for 32 years before taking an early retirement in 2001. He enjoyed fishing,

camping and watching old Westerns on Sunday afternoons. He loved watching his children and grandchildren in their activities, gardening and cooking with his beloved wife of 52 years. Mike was a member of the Waynesfield Baptist Church, where memorial contributions may be made to support their youth fellowship initiatives.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Fri. Dec. 31, 2021, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Waynesfield Chapel. Burial is to follow in the Willow Branch Cemetery, Waynesfield. The family will receive friends 5-8 p.m., Thurs. and from 10:00 a.m., until time of the service Fri., at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Waynesfield Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Willow Branch

Waynesfield, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 E Wapakoneta St  
Waynesfield, OH 45896  
(419) 780-5050

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 E Wapakoneta St  
Waynesfield, OH 45896  
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## Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ prayers to the Tate family.enjoyed talking to him when he came to the alger freeze when he worked for the telephone company

DELMAR ZEIGLER - January 04, 2022 at 08:50 AM

BP

“ Pam and family, Ernie and I were sad to see of Mike's passing. You and your family were great neighbors to us. We pray for God to give you the strength to endure the coming days....Bert and Ernie Preston

Bertie Preston - December 29, 2021 at 09:23 PM

LC

“ Dearest Pam and family: God bless you as you comfort each other and remember Mike. You are so loved. Linda Strauser Cook

Linda Cook - December 28, 2021 at 07:58 PM

SM

We are sorry for your loss . Sending prayers to you and your family.

Sue McClain - December 28, 2021 at 08:29 PM