



Marilyn Tate

July 28, 1939 - October 29, 2024

Marilyn Tate, 85, of Centralia, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Centralia, Illinois on July 28, 1939, the daughter of Herman Sessions and Mae (Hiltibidal) Sessions. On January 14, 1957, Marilyn married the love of her life, Rodney Tate. He preceded her in death on January 16, 2023, just two days after their 66th Wedding Anniversary.

Marilyn is survived by her four sons: Rick and Kelly Tate of Walnut Hill, Randy and Caroline Tate of Ferrin, Russell and Melissa Tate of Centralia, and Jason and Heather Tate of Centralia; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a set of twins on the way, that would be her first great-great grandchildren; a sister: Judy Ericksen of Centralia; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, an infant daughter: Denva Lee Tate, two brothers: Bill Sessions and Jerry Sessions, and two sisters: Phyllis Davenport and Nina Cuno.

Marilyn had her first job at 16 years old at the Siegler Factory in Centralia and then worked at Little Fuse for several years until she retired. She also helped clean houses over the years. In 1955, Marilyn was baptized with her mother at the First Baptist Church in Salem.

Marilyn had a passion for painting and making crafts. One craft that Rodney

and Marilyn made were bird houses, she had a big heart for her birds. She enjoyed watching NASCAR and Westerns. Earlier in the years, Rodney and Marilyn traveled all over the United States on their motorcycle and were members of the GWTA Goldwing Motorcycle Club. During the cold winter months, they would stay in Mission, Texas.

The biggest part of Marilyn's life was her family. She loved her family very much and cherished all the wonderful memories that were made over the years with her husband, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 4, 2024 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held Monday, November 4, 2024 from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Marilyn's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Tate*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - November 04, 2024 at 08:59 AM

KB

“ *Marilyn was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. We certainly enjoyed spending time with she and Rodney while members of Goldwing Motorcycle Group. May she join Rodney as they rest in peace. Mark & Karan Busse.*



Karan Busse - November 03, 2024 at 11:16 PM

SD

“ *So sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and our prayers.*



Stephanie K Daniels - November 03, 2024 at 08:06 AM

WJ

“ Wendy Jourdan lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Tate



Wendy Jourdan - November 02, 2024 at 05:15 PM

VD

“ Fly High Marilyn, right into Rod's arms! My deepest sympathies go out to the family & friends 🙏 May knowing that she is now in the Presence of our Lord & Savior be of some comfort at this sad time.



Vickie Diehl - November 01, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MS

“ Michael Sessions lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Tate



michael sessions - November 01, 2024 at 12:24 PM

PH

“ So glad my brother, Mike got to Visit in September, he really enjoyed his visit with his aunts Marilyn and Judy and his cousin. Marilyn and Judy have always been caring people, they were so glad to see Mike and he was so happy to spend time with them and share family stories about Grandma Mae and our mother, the pictures said it all. Rest in peace Marilyn. Condolences to the family.
Patty Hardesty

Patty Hardesty - November 01, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Marilyn Tate.*



November 01, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Tate.*



November 01, 2024 at 07:35 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss to the Tate family...*

Dale Heustis - November 01, 2024 at 12:07 AM



“ *Donny & Jenalee Trumbo lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Tate*



Donny & Jenalee Trumbo - October 31, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Marilyn Tate.*



October 31, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ *Marilyn and Rod were the sweetest neighbors. Marilyn was the best cook sharing many meals with us. They will be missed.*

Bones & Lora - October 31, 2024 at 05:24 AM



“ *Janet Finley Huffman lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Tate*



Janet Finley Huffman - October 31, 2024 at 01:27 AM

LF

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Ricky, Randy, Rusty , Jason and their families.

I am so saddened to hear this news. I loved my Aunt Marilyn very much.

My mom Phyllis Davenport was my Aunt Marilyn's sister. I have very fond memories of my Uncle Rod ,Aunt Marilyn and my cousins.

When I was little we lived with them for a bit while my Dad Lester Davenport was relocating to Missouri for the Navy. My brothers Roy and Terry stayed in the Tate's house while my Mom , sister Leslie and I stayed in my Gramma Mae's trailer on the Tate's property. I tell you we had so much fun. My aunt was just the sweetest , and my uncle Rod was a prankster The boys were a blast and I feel we got so close in a short amount of time.

My favorite memory is the whole family cramming into my Gramma's trailer on Sunday afternoons.

I know my Aunt Marilyn loved her family so much and I know she will be forever missed.

*I just know my Uncle Rod was right there to hold her in his arms
I love you Aunt Marilyn ❤️*

Lisa (Davenport) Fantacone - October 31, 2024 at 12:50 AM



“ When we lived in California years ago (1970's) Aunt Marilyn and Uncle Rod came out for a visit . Well they had never seen the ocean , so my parents decided to take them to see it of course . The day we went was very overcast and a bit breezy. My dad decided to take them to Long Beach which was closer to our home but not as pretty as farther down the coast . So we get there and it's cold and windy and the waves might as well as been in a lake as an ocean for how small they were ! Well Aunt Marilyn got out and looked at it and says "that's it" ?!! Needless to say she was less than impressed! I know in future years she and Uncle Rod made many trips to much nicer beaches , but I'll never forget that first impression!

Vicki Sessions - October 30, 2024 at 11:59 PM

MS

It was so good to see aunt Marilyn and aunt Judy in September. i had not seen them in over 30 years since i moved to Omaha. Aunt Marilyn was such a sweet lady, never a bad word about anyone. she will be missed.

michael sessions - November 01, 2024 at 12:22 PM