

Richard Jay Tate

Richard Tate, age 86 of Hidden Timber, passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at North Platte Care Center. He was born to Jay and Eva (Rothley) Tate in a tarpaper shack on their farm west of Hidden Timber on January 6, 1931. Richard spent his entire life on this land.

Richard attended Schneiderite School through elementary then Todd County High School, where he graduated in 1949. Following graduation, he attended South Dakota State College in Brookings.

He was drafted into the US Army on June 17, 1952. He spent two Christmases in Korea, drawing combat pay for 7 of those months, firing artillery. He also worked in the motorpool, traveling extensively throughout Korea. He was honorably discharged March 16, 1954.

After returning home, Richard worked with his dad on the farm and returned to college in the fall. He married Shirley Luedke in 1956 in Mission, SD and they were blessed with three children.

Richard worked at many jobs during his life, including planting trees for Todd County Conservation District, working as a ranch hand near Brownlee and working on teacher housing in Mission. He was a private pilot and owned his own plane. Several people remember getting their first plane ride from him. He would fly to the sale barn in Martin and often would fly to help neighbors find lost cattle and check pasture. Richard loved the freedom of flying, not following the roads.

Richard was very good with his hands. In the early 70's he built a boat that he and his family took to Lake of the Woods in Canada. He built the family's first camper. Richard loved spending time with his family camping and boating. He also, with the help of family and neighbors, built the house in which the family lived.

Richard started ranching on a quarter of land he purchased from his dad. He raised hogs and cattle and ran yearlings for many years, ranching with his son, Robert. He eventually retired in 1993 and sold the ranch to Robert & Tammi in 2015.

After retiring, he filled his free time with keeping the prairie dog population down. He could hit a prairie dog at 300 yards. He also enjoyed fishing. He treasured the trips made to Jones Hardware in Mission to visit with friends over a cup of coffee. He especially enjoyed the calls and visits from family and friends during his stay in North Platte.

Richard is survived by his wife of 60 ½ years, Shirley; children: Susan & husband David Love, David & wife Rhoda and Robert & wife Tammi; 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and nephew Andrew Luedke. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Raymond and 2 grandchildren: Rothley Larson & Rauleigh Linse.



In Loving Memory Of

Richard

In Celebration Of Life
Richard Jay Tate

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
Amen.

—Reinhold Nieburh

Arrangements By
Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE
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Funeral Service

Thursday ~ February 2, 2017 @ 2:00 pm
United Methodist Church in Valentine, NE
Officiant: Pastor Will Deeds

Special Music

Rick & Kitty VanderWey
'Old Rugged Cross' ~ 'Rock of Ages' ~ 'In The Garden'
Congregational Hymn: 'How Great Thou Art'
Recessional: 'America The Beautiful'

Flower Attendants

Heather Baker & Girls

Pallbearers

Jim Whiting	Greg Baker
Chuck Mack	Josh Liggett
Richard Liggett	Jesse Tate
John Love	Vick Morgan

Honorary Bearers

Friends and Neighbors

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
Valentine, Nebraska

Graveside Military Rites & Honors
By The Cherry County Veterans