

## Shirley Tate

Shirley Tate, age 88 of Winner, passed away on Friday, December 15, 2023 at the Winner Long Term Care Center. She was born to Earl and Christine (Schmidt) Luedke on July 26, 1935 in Todd County, South Dakota.

While growing up in the Lakeview area, Shirley attended a one room school for six years. Her family later moved to Mission. Shirley's mother passed away when she was just 13 years old. She then went to live with her uncle and aunt, George and Mildred Schmidt, and attended Midway School. During high school, Shirley lived with her brother and his wife, Norman (Bud) and Shirley Luedke.

Shirley graduated from Todd Co. High School in 1953. She attended college classes in Brookings, SD. During this time, she had many different jobs including working at the dorm, as a nanny for four rambunctious girls and at the college library for 35 cents an hour.

In 1956, Shirley married Richard Tate in Mission, South Dakota. So began a partnership that lasted almost 61 years and blessed them with three children and many grand and great grandchildren.

After receiving her teaching degree from Black Hills State University, she taught at several rural schools including Lone Hill, Okreek and Klein. Jerry Whittle said "To teach is to touch a life forever." In the 29 years Shirley taught school, she touched many lives.

Richard and Shirley made their home on Hidden Timber Road where Richard grew up. Shirley loved animals and helped Richard ranch any way she could including nursing baby pigs and the occasional stray animal the kids brought home. She was very industrious. She loved to sew and made beautiful quilts, donating many to Cherry County Hospital for newborns. Shirley loved to watch her garden grow as well as her grandchildren. She grew anything you could think of in the garden and was the best cook around. Grandchildren rarely left her house without an ice cream bucket full of her famous monster cookies. She was very proud of her family and each one of her children and grandchildren. Shirley cherished time spent with her beloved family, friends, and neighbors.

Shirley is survived by her children: Susan & David Love, David Tate, and Robert & Tammi Tate; 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one on the way, along with nephews Andrew Luedke and Charles Mack.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Earl and Christine Luedke, brothers, Oliver, Norman, and Virgil, husband, Richard, 2 grandchildren, Rothley Larson and Rauleigh Linse, and daughter-in-law Rhoda Tate.



In Loving Memory Of

*Shirley*

July 26, 1935 ~ December 15, 2023

In Celebration of the Life of

*Shirley Fone Tate*

**Funeral Service**

Friday - December 22, 2023 @ 11am  
Holmes Funeral Home in Valentine, NE

**Officiant**

Pastor Scott McClellan  
*Valentine Berean Church*

**Music**

‘Old Rugged Cross’ & ‘In The Garden’  
*By Rick and Kitty VanderWey*  
‘How Great Thou Art’ - *Congregational Hymn*

**Pallbearers**

Josh Liggett	Richard Liggett
John Love	Jesse Tate
Dave Stuck	Jade Buss

**Honorary Pallbearers**

All Grandchildren, Family and Friends

**Interment**

Mount Hope Cemetery  
Valentine, Nebraska

*The 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 hardship 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.*

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