



## Thelma Jean Biggs Tate

August 25, 1933 - October 2, 2017

Thelma Jean Biggs Tate, age 84, beloved wife, mother, and sister, passed away at Alive Hospice when her kidneys failed after she fought dementia for three years.

She was born in 1933 in West Tennessee to Samuel and Beulah Biggs. She was the baby of her family and had the love and support of three sisters and two brothers. As a young woman, she followed her oldest sister to Nashville where Thelma went to school and started her career. Her daughters owe their lives to a mutual friend who set Thelma up on a blind date with a handsome, big-eared young man from White House.

Together, they built a life in White House and Robertson County where they were long time members of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Thelma lived her life with love, generosity and kindness. She never met a stranger and never let go of a friendship. Countless people have homes for their own families because of her efforts as their real estate agent and their friend. Even more people owe their peace of mind to her because of her thoughtfulness in their times of trouble. She lived her love for others out loud every day. Thelma Tate was a real estate agent with Herb Lord Realtors serving families in White House, TN and surrounding area. She was privileged to become an early member and repeated member of the Million Dollar Club. Her parents and her brothers and sisters met her on the other side, Monday. She leaves behind, for a little while, her husband of 58 years, Joe J. Tate, her daughters, Julia (Lisa) Tate-Keith, Jill Tate (Ron) Martin, and her

grandchildren, Bailey Tate Martin, Clarissa Lee Martin, Luke Tate-Keith and Liam Tate-Keith.

Her family will receive friends on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 4 until 8PM and Saturday, October 7, 2017 12 until 2PM at Austin & Bell Funeral Home In White House. Her family and friends will celebrate her life on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 2pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House, with Bro. Bob Carroll officiating. Interment will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in White House with Bailey Tate Martin, Tommy Byrum, Herb Lord, Tim Murphy, Raymond Sanders and Tony Tate serving as pallbearers. Memorial contributions may be made to promote research and cure of Alzheimer's and Dementia to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001, [info@alzfdn.org](mailto:info@alzfdn.org) REMAINS REST AT AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest

White House, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House  
533 TN-76  
White House, TN 37188  
(615) 672-5000  
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## Visitation

OCT 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## **Celebration of Life**

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OCT 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Joe, Julie and Jill. Our deepest sympathies for all of you and your families in the loss of Mrs. Thelma. Joe and I are praying for you all. We are so sorry we cannot be there with you in this time of sorrow. Mrs. Thelma was always generous with her garden, her time and especially her blueberries. She loved her lord, her family, and her community. I was blessed to call her friend. Love Joe and Linda Hunt

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**Linda Hunt** - October 07, 2017 at 01:18 PM

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“ Jill & family, my heart aches for your loss. Please know I am just a call away. Prayers are lifted.  
Tracy Todd

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**Tracy Todd** - October 06, 2017 at 05:09 PM

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“ Jill,  
My deepest sympathies to you and your family in the loss of your Mom. May you find peace and comfort in knowing others truly care. In my thoughts especially during this difficult time.

Always,  
Chris Kroeger

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**Chris** - October 05, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Thelma Jean Biggs Tate.*



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October 04, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Joe, family and friends in the loss of your beloved Thelma. Rick and Beverly Gobbell*

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**Richard Gobbell** - October 04, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thelma Jean Biggs Tate.*



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October 04, 2017 at 10:41 AM