

When God Saw You Getting Tired



When God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
He put his arms around you
And whispered come to me
He didn't like what you went through
And he gave you rest
His garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best
And when we saw you sleeping
So peaceful and free from pain
We wouldn't wish you back To suffer that again
Today we say goodbye
And as you take your final rest
That garden must be beautiful
Because you are one of the best. ~ Anonymous

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express its deepest gratitude for all the kind expressions of sympathy and acts of love and concern during the illness and passing of Velvette Tate Fort.

May God bless you,
The Tate/Fort Family



Services Entrusted to
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Homegoing Service for



Mrs. Velvette Tate Fort



*Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 2:00pm
Resthaven Memorial Gardens
Piedmont Highway
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673*

Obituary

Ms. Velvette Tate Fort was born on Sunday, June 1, 1952, to the late Harrison Tate, Sr., and Cornellia Smith Tate in Greenville, South Carolina.

At the tender age of 10, Velvette gave her life to Christ, and was baptized at Springfield Baptist Church. She was a 50 year Gold Star member who served faithfully in many ministries over the years; most notably serving as the Girl Scout Daisy and Brownie Leader of Troop 151, and singing in The Voices of Faith choir, which she named. In 2019, Velvette was recognized as the only living original member of The Voices of Faith still attending the church.

Velvette was educated in the Greenville County School System, graduating with honors from Sterling High School in 1970. She went on to further her education, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Knoxville College in 1974, and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Development from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in 1980. Her passion for education led her to a prominent teaching career as an elementary teacher with the Greenville County School District for 35 years.

Velvette was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated through the Gamma Eta chapter at Knoxville College in the Spring of 1973. She remained financially active for 46 years, obtaining both Silver Star and Life Membership status. She was a member of the Epsilon Tau Omega chapter in Greenville until her passing.

Later in life, Velvette became ill, but she did not let that stop her. She bore her illness with faith in God, and never complained. She departed this life on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at St. Francis Hospital-Downtown.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Douglas Carl Tate.

Left to carry on her legacy are her daughter, Jervelle Fort of the home; two brothers, Harrison Tate, Jr., of Philadelphia, PA, and Jimmie (Ruthie) Tate of Beaufort, SC; a sister-in-law, Mildred Tate of Greenville, SC; and a host of other relatives and friends to include a very devoted cousin, Janice Williams, and two very devoted friends, Mary Edwards and Beverly Byrd.

Order of Service

Minister Stephanie Knight, Presiding

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn.....*It is Well*

Old and New Testament.....Bishop Sam Zimmerman

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Mildred Schell

Remarks

Mrs. Janice Williams (Family)

Mrs. Mary Edwards (Friend)

Words of Comfort.....Dr. John H. Corbitt
Springfield Baptist Church

Committal/Prayer/Benediction/Recessional

