



Officer Liquori Tate

February 12, 1990 - May 9, 2015

“His dedication demonstrated a love for life and service”

Officer Liquori Tate, age 25 of Hattiesburg, Mississippi watch ended on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from a fatal gunshot wound.

He was born February 12, 1990 in Starkville, Mississippi to the proud parents of Mrs. Youlander Ross and Mr. Ronald Tate. He was a 2014 graduate of the Hattiesburg Police Academy, 2009 graduate of South Pike High School and 2011 graduate of Southwest Community College.

Funeral service for Officer Tate will be at 11:00am on Saturday at West Point Baptist Church located at 184 Hartfield Road Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39042 with the Rev. Dennis Johnson, officiating.

Interment will be in Fox Cemetery, Fox Road, Starkville, MS.

There will be two(2) visitations: Thursday, 6pm to 8pm @ Community of Believers Christian Fellowship Church, 507 Apache Dr., McComb, MS 39648, Friday, 5pm to 8pm @ West Point Baptist Church, 184 Hartfield Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Share Condolences online @www.craftfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Officer Liquori Tate*

October 09, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Our family send our prayers out to(Officer Liquori Tate) family may God for every bless y'all*

Collins Family - June 08, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ *My prayers and condolences to the family of Officer Tate.*

Anonymous - June 08, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. His life was cut too short. May God bless and keep you.*

Kathy Rayborn - June 08, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with family of Officer Liquorice Tate. May God wrap you in his arms of mercy during this difficult time.*

Dr. Sylvia Casin Brown - June 08, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *May GOD grant your family strength in this time, wrapping his arms around them as he welcomes you home with the same loving arms. Your life mattered, thank you!!!*

Dykes Family - June 08, 2015 at 09:51 AM

DF

“ May GOD grant your family strength in this time, wrapping his arms around them as he welcomes you home with the same loving arms. Your life mattered, thank you!!!

Dykes Family - June 08, 2015 at 09:50 AM

ES

“ To the Tate family, my deepest sympathy. Officer Tate was as much of a hero as anyone in the world could be. He and his partner knew the possible dangers of their careers but stood their ground anyway. From a former police officer, my sincerest respect and love to all of you. May he rest in God's arms forever.

Eddie Stair - June 08, 2015 at 09:50 AM

LI

“ RIP Officer Tate

Lisa - June 08, 2015 at 09:50 AM

RF

“ Ronald Tate (Father of Liquori Tate) shared Liquori Tate's Facebook post: · "Life is too short. So if i DIE today I'm happy how my life turned out. And I'm happy that i had a chance to meet the people that i met and I enjoyed every moment that i have spent with each and every one of them. Thats my word." [Liquori Tate via Facebook]

Richard Scott Farris: The magnificent Memorial Service for HPD Officers Ben Deen and Liquori Tate was stupendous!...Great as it all was, the particular highlight for me personally was the privilege, honour, joy, and blessing to meet and visit with dear Liquori's obviously beautiful, elegant, & precious mother--Mrs Youlander Ross. What a true & gracious CHRISTIAN LADY SAINT!!!...There must have been in excess of 2,000 Citizens there (maybe half of which had to gladly stand for some 2 hours to pay their Respects). It was an unforgettable Tribute of Quality & Quantity that was most worthy of these Hattiesburg Heroes! Of course my heart and thoughts and Prayers go out to the Hearts & Souls of these two fine young men and all their grieving Family, Friends and co-workers...This terrible loss and calamity is a shame & disgrace and a tragedy for all Hattiesburgers and Mississippians...Our only Hope & Prayer for HPD Officers Tate and Deen (and even for their killers) and for all of us is the unfathomable Love, the incredible Mercy, and the amazing Grace [in that order] of our Creator Savior God Christ Jesus... One of the Hattiesburg Police Officers that was murdered I knew pretty well: Liquori Tate, age 25. I've known him about 4 years, initially via his jobs as an excellent customer service clerk at O'Reily's Auto Parts and later Autozone on Broadway Drive in Hattiesburg, and also via his part-time job as a local security guard for commercial businesses, before he became a Hub City cop, and we're also friends on Facebook...He told me about 3 years ago when he was only 21 or 22 that his Life Dream was to be a Hattiesburg Policeman, so I remember telling him all about how Hattiesburg had the first and best Police Academy in our State! HPD was no mere job for him--THIS was his Life Career! "Quori" (pronounced "Corey") is one of the nicest fellas in the world! A beautiful human being. He had "a Servant's Heart" and was the Personification of Meekness--which far too many people mistakenly

perceive as weakness, but the real Definition of Meek is "strength with kindness", and actually the full definition is Christ-like "Strength with Loving-Kindness" (which I'm confident Liquori consistently showed fully to those of his Family & Friends to whom he was closest)...I remember giving him all the Hub Sign commemoratives during its Centennial in 2012 when he still worked at O'Reily's Auto Parts. I recall he got noticeably more interested when I told him that the official HPD uniform patches were based on that iconic 1912 four-story electric slogan sign in Downtown Hattiesburg (a wagon wheel design with the words "Hattiesburg--The Hub City of South Mississippi"). Liquori had very Good Character and natural Dignity and Class and so was such a humble, good, nice, helpful, smiling, soft-spoken kid, I recall being surprised when he first told me that he wanted to be a cop--knowing his pleasant and respectful disposition, but I know he was one of "the good cops"! RIP HPD Officer Liquori Tate. You are one of the dear Saints that I definitely look forward to seeing in Heaven! God Bless & Keep you and all your kith & kin, now and forever, in Jesus' Name. Amen... I also want to commend and thank Johnny DuPree for his genuine performance and authentic service to HPD and the Public (particularly via local and national TV and his obviously heartfelt contributions to the Memorial Service) during this painfully shocking and difficult time...

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R. Scott Farris - June 08, 2015 at 09:50 AM

RF

“ [...continued]

I have now been Blessed to have personally known 3 of the 6 Hattiesburg Police Officers that have been killed in The Line of Duty since 1952 (excluding Officers Vincent & Everett [killed in 1952 five years prior to my birth] but including Sgt David Anthony killed in May 1975 [my barber and father of one of my HHS classmates] and Sgt Jackie Dole Sherill killed 31 Dec 1984 [I worked for her dad's Dodge dealership in high school])--but this one hits me personally the hardest because I knew Liquori the best and he was such a personable, friendly, conscientious, and determined young gentleman! *He achieved his Dream Career far younger than most people do! Two of Hattiesburg's Finest Thin Blue Line are gone from us here on Earth--but never forgotten! Please everyone keep Praying for the Comfort & Strength of his beloved Family, Friends, and co-workers during this unprecedented time. Thank you. God Bless Hattiesburg The Hub! Long live Hattiesburg The Hub!! R. Scott Farris, former Hattiesburg City Councilman "Hattiesburg--'The Hub City' of Southern Miss!" Mom of Slain Hattiesburg Cop Liquori Tate Has Surprising Answer When Asked What She'd Say to Her Son's Killers: "If I could face the people who did this to my son--I'd tell them that I've already FORGIVEN them..."*

R. Scott Farris - June 08, 2015 at 09:49 AM

AT

“ *These tears get longer and my thoughts wonder. ..you were a friend with a heart and smile of gold...and even though you are gone our memories play on like a song...I love you cousin and your legacy will live on.*

Ashley Tate - June 08, 2015 at 09:48 AM

NP

“ There are no words powerful enough to express our sadness at the passing of Officer Tate or to express our profound appreciation for his service. We had never met, but he protected us nevertheless and for that we are forever grateful. The world will undoubtedly be a little less bright without him here, but he has left a lasting impression of a true hero in all of our hearts. Petal, MS

Nathan & Shaina Parker - June 08, 2015 at 09:48 AM

AN

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your son. He gave it all in the line of duty and I wish to thank him for his service. Please accept my condolences. May all friends and family find comfort sharing loving memories. My father served many years in law enforcement and it is a fear we live with that everyday might be the last. A former Hattiesburg resident.

Anonymous - June 08, 2015 at 09:47 AM

LG

“ Dearest Tate Family, The dreams and hopes fulfilled for a loved one is something we all seek and pray for. It is my desire that you find comfort in knowing that the ultimate sacrifice does have eternal significance. There will be peace. We weep with you.

Lynn Gilmore - June 08, 2015 at 09:47 AM

SC

“ The Southside M.B. Church Family offers our sincere condolences to the family in the loss of Office Tate. We encourage you to keep your trust in God and look to Him to comfort you during this time.

Southside M.B. Church - June 08, 2015 at 09:47 AM

HG

“ My thoughts and prayers have been with Officer Tate and his family all week. To learn of his enthusiasm for law enforcement and desire to protect and serve our city has touched my heart and the hearts of everyone in Hattiesburg and beyond. Officer Tate epitomized what is right and good about our country and those who answer the call to service to others. I know how terribly proud you are of him and my heart aches that you and our community have lost him so soon. God bless you and may you find strength in His love and the prayers of this community and state in the days to come.

Hermine Granberry - June 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

CM

“ To the Ross and Tate Family, I want to expressed my deepest condolences to your family in lost of Son and Brother Officer Liquori Tate. I can feel your pain, because I lost my baby brother in 2006. I don't know you but I feel in my heart that I do. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. You were truly blessed to have had Liquori Tate in your lives for 25 year. Your son, brother and uncle Officer Liquori Tate is with his Lord and Savior "Jesus Christ." and your will see him again. My Thoughts and Prayers are with your family.

Cassandra Martin - June 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

JO

“ Prayers for Family and Friends . From Laurel

Joan - June 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

LM

“ While I never had the privilege of meeting officer Tate, I have a son the same age. I will not even pretend to understand or comprehend your grief and heart break. Please know that the family and friends of this outstanding young man are in my prayers and thoughts. I can see the kindness and compassion in his eyes, and from what I have read and heard, his belief in justice and providing security for the city of Hattiesburg was a calling. He was a true patriot and those who knew him are better human beings. I make this judgment based on the truth that I have witnessed over the past few days. As I listened to his step-father's statement that Liquori was a Christian, I pray that in the days to come you may find some solace in that knowledge, and he is now your guardian angel. Blessings to his mother and family.

L.J. Miller - June 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

GM

“ You all will be in my continuous prays. You are a very great women to say you forgive the men who took your son from you. You are a better person then me. Again you will be in my thoughts and prayers!

Georgia McGee - June 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

DG

“ My deepest heart felt condolences to the family of this fine young man and a fellow officer. Godspeed.

Diana Graves - June 08, 2015 at 09:45 AM

KM

“ Officer Tate was an amazing young officer and I am so glad that I got a chance to meet him in service. He responded to an accident I was involved in last Dec. The one thing I remember is this gentle voice asking if I was alright. Then this big comforting smile. He was very professional and I could tell he was new to the force but was pleased that our HPD had young men like him protecting us. Not only did he secure my car, assist my relatives at the scene, but also followed up with me at the hospital. He was so kind but professional and took his job very seriously. He was a beautiful person. To his mom and his family, may God wrap his arms around you for strength and comfort. Officer Liquori Tate may have only been on duty for a short time on this earth, but his legacy of service will remain forever. Thank you for sharing him with our community.

Karan McGee - June 08, 2015 at 09:45 AM

RO

“ Our staff will continue to keep your family in our prayers. We thank you for allowing us to serve your family during this difficult time.
~~~~~Craft Funeral Home & Craft-Ginn Funeral Chapel

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