



## Gerldene Tate Ellington

July 6, 1941 - May 6, 2024

Gerldene “Gerri” Tate Ellington went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 6, 2024, at the young age of 82.

A daughter of the late Marvin Zander Tate and Vonnie Louise Wood Tate, she was born on July 6, 1941, in Bonifay, Florida. She married the love of her life, Robert Lee Ellington, at the age of 18. Through his 27 years of service in the United States Army, they traveled the world and raised a family together. At the time of his passing, they had been married 56 years, but her heart remained his until the day she joined him in heaven. Throughout her career, she worked for civil service and retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in Tallahassee.

She attended Morningside Church and was a member of the American Legion. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, and spending time with her treasured friends. She immensely loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Judy (Brian) Morris, Robin (Scott) Songer; grandchildren, Lauren (Benjamin) Lazar, Lisa (Mitchell) Mims, Allie (Calvin) Adams, Amy (Caleb) Higginbotham, Matthew (Lacey) Sampson, Jennifer Songer, Patrick Morris, and Paul (Mallory) Morris; great-grandchildren, Mason Whitlow, Kenley Songer, Bryson Mims, Luka Lazar, Esther Lazar, Cassidy Sampson, Phoebe Songer, Hadley Higginbotham, Thomas Morris, Evelyn

Morris, Dakota Robert Sampson (due on July 20, 2024) and Magnolia Dene (due on July 6, 2024, on her birthday); and sisters and brothers, Grace Rhodes, Sonja (Sonny) Kellum, Billy (Betty) Tate, Kenneth Tate, and Michael (Louise) Tate. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister, James Tate, Jerry Tate, Johnny Tate, and Cheryl Studstill.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2024, at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral following at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32309. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 17.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home  
4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
[abbeyfh@comcast.net](mailto:abbeyfh@comcast.net)

## Funeral Service

**MAY 17.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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*Interment will follow in Tallahassee Memory Gardens after service is completed.*

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ Billy/Jan Rhodes & Grace T. Rhodes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerdene Tate Ellington.

Billy/Jan Rhodes & Grace T. Rhodes - May 16, 2024 at 07:23 AM

IS

“ Ila S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerdene Tate Ellington.

Ila S. - May 17, 2024 at 03:07 PM

LH

“ Larry and Lisa Higginbotham purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerdene Tate Ellington.



Larry and Lisa Higginbotham - May 16, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BR

“ Billy/Jan Rhodes & Grace T. Rhodes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerdene Tate Ellington.



Billy/Jan Rhodes & Grace T. Rhodes - May 16, 2024 at 07:23 AM

TF

“ *The Kosal Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerdene Tate Ellington.*



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**The Kosal Family** - May 15, 2024 at 10:17 PM

RS

“ *Ronda Stepler lit a candle in memory of Gerdene Tate Ellington*



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**Ronda Stepler** - May 15, 2024 at 05:05 PM

SP

“ *Scott and Patricia Potter purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gerdene Tate Ellington.*



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**Scott and Patricia Potter** - May 15, 2024 at 01:08 PM