



William "Bill" Tate

August 11, 1959 - April 24, 2021

William "Bill" Tate

Sunset, South Carolina

William Tate (Bill) was welcomed into heaven on April 24, 2021 by his father Donald Tate (Linda), mother Jacquelyn Tate, and sister Lisa McNicol (Randy).

Bill lived every day to the fullest, filling every place he went with humor and kindness. Moreover, Bill loved with his whole heart, mentoring and sharing his entire life with those he met.

The memory of Bill lives on through his best friend and wife Deborah, son William (Sharon), daughter Jennifer (Adam), brother Earl (Sheri), his nieces and nephews, and the many business owners in the Greenville and Asheville areas as part of his Vistage group and their families.

Bill has done so much good in the communities he lived, and to honor his memory, the family is asking for donations to be made in his honor in lieu of flowers. Specifically, Bill had a special place in his heart for Wounded Warriors (support.woundedwarriorproject.org), Tunnels to Towers (t2t.org/donate), and the YMCA of Western North Carolina (ymcawnc.org/give).

Memorial services will be held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly at the

outdoor amphitheater on Friday, May 7 at 2 pm ET.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Tate family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
84 Blue Ridge Assembly Dr
Black Mountain, NC 28711
info@yblueridge.org
<https://blueridgeassembly.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Jenny, Jake and Deborah,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Ashley Telling

Ashley Telling - May 25, 2021 at 08:41 PM

MA

“ *I am a Vistage speaker and spoke for Bill four times and worked with two chief executives in his group. He was one of my favorite chairs and just being in his presence made me feel like a better person. He was the first chair to take me out to dinner and was so generous with his time. - Marcey*

Marcey - May 20, 2021 at 04:09 PM

SK

“ *Bill and I were friends during high school, worked many years together at UARCO, and kept in contact primarily through LinkedIn throughout the last 3 decades. Whenever I visited my parents in Michigan, my Dad would always ask "How's Bill doing"? It's been nearly a year since my Father passed - perhaps they are now teeing it up together in heaven. Bill was eternally optimistic, charming, and fun loving - I'll miss him.*

Steve Kovalcik - May 04, 2021 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ *What a loss! My sympathies go to Bill's family. Bill was a wonderful friend, colleague and person. Bill's enthusiasm and positive outlook were infectious. I cannot remember a time when I had a colleague I worked so hard to beat, but even harder to help. And it was always reciprocal. We shared ideas and best practices and it made us both better. I learned a lot from Bill, am a better person from knowing Bill, and am thankful for having him in my life.*

Chris - May 04, 2021 at 03:46 PM

ZW

“ *The world is just a little less bright without Bill in it. He cared so much about people and helping them along their path. His spirit of mentorship, generosity, and caring he fostered in all who had the pleasure of knowing Bill will continue to live on. I hope I can give back like Bill. I will miss him greatly.*

Zane Whitner - May 04, 2021 at 11:20 AM

FL

“ *Family – I'm sorry for your loss. He spoke of you often and loved each of you very deeply. I've known Bill for a couple of years through Vistage Asheville. He was a trusted friend who was always looking for ways to help people. Early in my Vistage experience Bill brought us one of those hard questions that nobody else asks. It was along the line of "what are your fears about the future/what scares you?" As usual, he went first in order to break the ice. I remember him saying he feared becoming irrelevant. Of course we told him that's not something he needs to fear. He made a tremendous impact on all of us. He made a huge splash with ripples reaching far and lasting long. Bill was and will forever be relevant to those he served, those he loved. I'm a richer man having known him.*

Fred Lewis

Fred Lewis - May 03, 2021 at 01:57 PM

JS

“ I have been reading so many wonderful and beautiful tributes and stories about Bill!!! Although I only knew him briefly through Debbie and we only met on a few occasions, I had a strong feeling in my heart he was that type of person!! His departing is a real loss to the world for sure!! God must have needed him more in heaven than on earth and I'm sure his talents and capabilities will be put to good use for the glory of God. What a true honor and privilege to have met such a special man who had such a strong work ethic and who was deeply concerned for the success of others!!! He is a real role model for the younger generation and a true rarity these days!!! Rest in peace, Bill, your life was quite an accomplishment and truly inspirational!! You will be loved and missed more than you know!!
Jeanette

Jeanette Schmitt - May 03, 2021 at 12:50 PM

BC

“ What a great friend and mentor to so many of us! He had so much passion for life and for everyone he met. My condolences to Debbie and the family, and to the numerous close friends. Made so many of us feel like his best friend. May he Rest In Peace.

Buzzy Cannady - May 03, 2021 at 09:07 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. A man that genuinely cared about everyone he came in contact with. Bill had a knack for listening intently, always with compassion and a gentle smile. He will be missed!

Rob Harris - May 03, 2021 at 08:48 AM

LS

“ So sad to hear of Bill's passing. Enjoyed working with him and connecting on a personal level. He was always generous with his time and advice. Tragic loss to our community.

Les Smolin

Vistage Chair

Washington DC Metro Area

Les Smolin - May 01, 2021 at 11:55 PM

JT

“ I had the privilege of working for Bill at Manpower Professional. Bill was passionate about excellence when it came to serving people. I am deeply saddened to learn of Bill's passing. May he Rest In Peace in the hope of resurrection to eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Joseph Tuerff - May 01, 2021 at 12:26 AM

SC

“ Bill made such a positive impact on every person he touched. He just radiated positivity and sincerely wanted to help everyone. My husband considered him a dear friend as well as a coach and mentor. Rest in Peace, Bill. And, much love to his family. - Susan & Peter Cook

Susan Cook - April 30, 2021 at 05:27 PM

JH

“ I worked with Bill at Manpower. He was first my boss's boss's boss then as I rose up my boss's boss. I see a lot of kind words in tribute and they are all deserved, but I would like to say and point out he was a hard-nosed operational and sales manager and was very no-nonsense. He treated people really well, but had high expectations and liked people who performed at a high level and held themselves to the same lofty standards of performance that he held himself to. The role he was in was very important at a huge company with over 20,000 perm workers and 2.1 million contract employees. He was only one or two steps below the CEO and it was an impressive career!!! Very high stress and very highly visible role. I noticed from his pictures and roles after that he relaxed quite a bit and seemingly found less stressful positions later in life, but the one he was in when I worked in when we worked together was challenging and an impressive accomplishment.

John Hausmann - April 30, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ I only had a few interactions with Bill, however in each of those he was always so willing to help me as a young entrepreneur and made space for me when I needed his guidance. He will be missed deeply within our community.

Jesse Frye - April 30, 2021 at 03:34 PM

MS

“ As one of Bill's Vistage group members he was instrumental in helping me grow as a business owner and person. I enjoyed his kind, easy-going demeanor and he was truly committed to helping others grow and achieve success. Thanks Bill.

Michael Scully - April 30, 2021 at 12:41 PM

PC

“ Bill was gracious and a loving soul. He will be dearly missed. Bill was gifted to help others. He will be missed greatly.

Patrick Carver - April 30, 2021 at 12:19 PM

AC

“ Bill was the CEO when I started working at HR Plus in Chicago. He was always kind, funny and eager to help when he could. I was fortunate enough to work with him for several years and I gained a lifelong friend in his daughter Jenn. HR Plus was one of the best places I ever worked and it was because of people like Bill. He will be missed. Sending love to his family.

Amanda Carrington - April 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM

CB

“ What I gained from Bill through his Vistage group was incredibly valuable as Bill poured his experience and knowledge into every interaction. But our friendship that grew from that time together was priceless. I treasure the time we spent on the golf course talking about our families, our friends and our faith. Bill was an open book and the world's greatest cheerleader. I will miss him dearly and can't wait for his big hug when I see him again.

Chris Brittain - April 30, 2021 at 10:20 AM

TC

“ Bill was a friend through business and also a neighbor at the lake. We recently talked on his dock about boats, work, a new business venture of his , and just life in general while balancing work and pleasure. Bill was a fun person to be around whether on the golf course or around the neighborhood. He will be missed!

Tom Crouch - April 30, 2021 at 10:07 AM

TJ

“ Bill reflected love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control in simple ways that everyone who has ever met him easily grasped. Reflects a life lived in grace. We mourn with you, yet rejoice in a Hope that is unspeakable and full of Glory. You will see him again, and all your tears will be wiped away forever.

Todd and Mary Jaco

Todd Jaco - April 30, 2021 at 09:59 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers and thoughts are with your whole family. I am here if you need anything Jake, I love you.

Karen Mayes - April 30, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Tate.



April 30, 2021 at 09:47 AM

JM

“ All of us that were part of Bill's Vistage group are devastated and absolutely heartbroken over the loss of this wonderful person. Deb - our hearts go out to you and the rest of your family. We are holding you in our prayers. Godspeed Bill.

John Mansure

John Mansure - April 30, 2021 at 08:56 AM

ET

“ *Deb, Jenny and Jake,
Sheri and I are heartbroken at the loss of Bill. I will miss his humor and our facetime visits. He loved you all very much and I know this will leave a big void in all your lives. Remember all the good times, laughter, special moments, and joy you have all shared together. Bill will be missed greatly but never, never forgotten. Our prayers are for GOD's peace, comfort, and love to help you through this time. We love you all and will always be there for you.*

Earl & Sheri

Earl & Sheri Tate - April 30, 2021 at 07:44 AM

MJ

Sincere condolences to the family.

I had the pleasure of working for Bill and calling him boss and friend. We spent a great deal of time together in the office and on the golf course. I have great memories of the time we had together. I know this year's golf trip which Bill had often attended will be filled with toasts and stories to his life. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this difficult time and rest in heaven Bill as you are re-united with your Mother, Father and Sister.

Mark Juhasz

Mark A JUHASZ - May 05, 2021 at 11:39 AM