

# <u>Obituary</u>

God in His infinite wisdom and divine love called **Odell Tate** from labor to rest early Friday morning, October 5, 2012 at Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, New Jersey. He was born on September 6, 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Alfred and Emma Lou Tate. He was a graduate of East Technical High School in Cleveland, Ohio.

Odell served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. After serving his country he was honorably discharged.

While he was visiting his family in Newark, New Jersey. He met and married Beverly A. Marshall. They were joined in holy matrimony. To this union God blessed them with three children. Odell Tate Jr., Kim Michelle Tate and Tamiria Tate. Odell had two sons prior to his marriage, Anthony C. Armstead and Darryl Davis.

After his divorce he married Nellie White of Newark, New Jersey. They relocated to Houston, Texas and their family union included, Sam, Tonya and Darnell Tate.

In his earlier years he was with the little League in Newark. His passion was working with Sharp James and Mayor Ken Gibson of Newark. He was a life member of the VFW and the American Legion in Newark, New Jersey. He served as the Commander and Legion Police at the American Legion Post 152. He was also on the Old Timers Bowling Club. He was a member of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftsman Local Union No. 6 and Plumbers Local No. 24.

Odell never forgot his roots, family and friends in Cleveland, Ohio. He enjoyed life as a whole and he lived his life according to his rules and expectations.

He leaves to mourn: his children; two sisters, Eva Johnson (William) and Mary Williams; his aunt, Lena B. Bradley; a cousin and friend, Rosetta Williams; his special and long time friend, Phyllis Johnson; twenty-three grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

He is predeceased by his parents; his brother, James H. Bradley and sister, Sylvia Tate.

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude Processional Opening Hymn Scripture Reading...... Old Testament New Testament Selection *Mary E. Tate, (granddaughter)* John James, Commander of Post 152 Edward Simon, County Commander Gloria W. Thomas, Woman's Auxiliary Remarks (2 minutes please) Selection Eulogy Elder Raynal S. Harris Recessional "Dance With My Father"

### **Honorary Pall Bearers**

Members of Post 152

#### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio

#### Repast:

Immediately following the service the family invites you to join them at Post 152

212 Elizabeth Avenue Newark, New Jersey 07112



This is the beginning of a new day.

God has given me this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good

What I do today is very important because

I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place I have traded for it



I want it to be gain, not loss... good, not evil... success, not failure... in order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it.

### <u>Acknowledgement</u>

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever

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