



## James "Rick" Eric Tate

September 29, 1940 - January 10, 2020

James Eric Tate (Rick), age 79, of Bloomington, Indiana passed away at home on January 10, 2020.

Rick was born on September 29, 1940 to James and Wilma (Winkler) Tate. Brother Mark Ellis preceded Rick in death. He has a sister Paula (Polly) Tate Benninghoff of Amelia Island, Florida. Rick graduated from Martinsville High School and attended Purdue University in the fall of 1959 and the fall of 1960. He served in the Air National Guard as a Navigator.

On December 3, 1966 Rick married Connie Gipson and reared three sons, Scott (Angie) of Atlanta, Georgia; Brian Dustin (Ruth) of Bloomington, Indiana; and Christopher (Tara) of Bloomington.

Rick and Connie retired to Bloomington, Indiana where they enjoyed traveling and sharing time with their family and especially their grandchildren.

Rick leaves behind his wife Connie of 53 years of Bloomington; a sister, Paula (Polly) Tate Benninghoff of Amelia Island, Florida; children, Scott Tate (Angie) of Atlanta, Georgia; Brian Dustin (Ruth) of Bloomington; and Christopher (Tara) of Bloomington; grandchildren, Nick Tate (Kaylee) of Indianapolis, Luke and Jacob Tate of Atlanta, Georgia; Abi, Ellie, Jackson, and Liam Tate all of Bloomington.

Rick had a love for his family and grandchildren. He loved to go camping, renting a houseboat on the Kentucky River, and traveling with his three sons, especially to trips to New Mexico, Colorado, and Squaw Valley. He loved to take his grandchildren in his golf cart called, "The Tater Bug", and explore the hills and valleys of Lake Monroe.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Main Street Hospice, 10 Highland Ave. Franklin, IN 36131. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Ann & Neil Kerwin purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of James "Rick" Eric Tate.*



---

**Ann & Neil Kerwin** - January 31, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James "Rick" Eric Tate.*



---

January 30, 2020 at 10:02 PM

DE

“ *Rick was a wonderful brother in law. I will cherish all the good memories*

---

**Denise** - January 23, 2020 at 03:45 PM