



RINGGOLD, Va. - Witcher Lee Tate, age 62, of Ringgold, died Saturday, February 11, 2006, at his residence. He had been in declining health for several years.

Born May 16, 1943, in Danville, he was a son of Mary Wilson Tate and the late Jesse Walter Tate Sr. Mr. Tate had lived all of his life in Danville and Pittsylvania County. He had retired from Norfolk Southern Railway where he had worked as a carman. Mr. Tate was a member of Westover Baptist Church and he was a former member of the Baptist Tabernacle. ***He was a Vietnam veteran, having served with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Boston.*** Prior to serving in the Navy, he was a member of the Virginia National Guard for 2 years. He was married to Betty Barts Tate on October 31, 1965.

In addition to his wife of the residence and his mother of Sutherlin, he is also survived by a son Michael Lee Tate and wife, Betty, of Ringgold; two sisters, Mary Brumfield and husband, R. L., of Sutherlin, and Betty Allen of Dry Fork; two brothers, L.B. Tate and wife, Laura, and Harold L. Tate, all of Danville; and two grandsons, Joshua Michael Tate and Elijah Davis Tate. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by a daughter, Kimberly Ann Tate, and a brother, Jesse W. Tate Jr.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel with the Rev. Dr. R. J. Barber Jr. and the Rev. Daryl Joyce officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park with military honors conducted by American Legion Dan River Post 1097 Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel.