



C. E. "Tinker" Tate Jr

September 22, 1928 - March 21, 2018

C. E. "Tinker" Tate, a resident of Sulphur was born September 22, 1928 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma to Campbell E. & Effie (Burcham) Tate. He passed away Wednesday March 21, 2018 at Sulphur, Oklahoma at the age of 89 years 5 months and 29 days. He grew up in the Prairie View Community. He attended school and graduated from Stratford High School.. Tinker was married almost sixty years to the late Pauline (Lawrence) Tate before her passing in 2012. He began working for the Garvin County Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service in 1950 while attending East Central State University in Ada. He measured acreage for crop programs and administered soil conservation projects for the county, all in an effort to help farmers increase production and reduce costs. After receiving his degree and working his way up the ranks, he became Director of the Murray County Agricultural Conservation Service where he stayed until his retirement in 1984.

Tinker loved horses and mules all his life and after retirement he began organizing and leading trail rides as part of the Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Ride Association. Working with the Park Service, Tinker cut a trail through the Chickasaw National Recreation Area toward Arbuckle Lake and led monthly trail rides with riders from all over the state. For many years Tinker served as board member for the state Trail Ride Association. He also served on the Rural Water District 1 Board, where he helped oversee construction of the pipeline distribution system An avid outdoorsman, Tinker loved to take his

camper and horse trailer to Colorado or anywhere there was beautiful scenery. Tinker became a baptized Christian late in life, but he loved and appreciated God's beautiful creation his entire life. He loved his many friends and relatives in Sulphur and surrounding areas. Special thanks go to Tinker's caretaker Mrs Mary Jarrel of Wynnewood, and also to Brenda and Wayland Howard who have supervised his healthcare the last few years. Thanks also to Clifford Hughes, Janelle Gilbert, Barbara Mann, and other friends who have helped Tinker in the last few years.

He was preceded in death by his parents 1 brother and 3 sisters.

Survived by his nieces: Virginia Lee & Bill, of Wynnewood, OK

Shirley McBride & Carl, of Garland, TX

Nancy Todd, of Garland, TX;

Brenda Howard & Wayland, of Keller, TX

Nephews: Mike Tate & Mary, of Durant, OK

Grover Jones, of Dallas, TX

James Jones, of Wynnewood, OK

Cousins, Gary Moore, of Elmore City, OK

Gina Anderson

Memorial Services will be held Saturday April 7, 2018 at 1:00PM at

DeArman's Funeral Chapel officiated by Pastor Jerry Lemley.

Online condolences may be sent to www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ C. E. "Tinker" Tate Jr

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“ Tinker and Pauline have been grandparents to myself and my daughter. She always referred to them as Nana and Papa. Nana Pauline always introduced my daughter as her granddaughter and me as her daughter. We love these two people as much as we do any of our family. We will miss him so very much. Love you Tinker.

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