

Teddy Westbrook Tate
June 13, 1932 - February 1, 2019



Teddy Westbrook **T**ate, 86, of Kountze, died Friday, February 1, 2019. He was born on June 13, 1932, in Colmesneil, to Jessie Elizabeth Westbrook and Dr. Robert Alexander Tate.

Coach Ted Tate, a love for Kountze began early in his life. Living in Kountze as a boy, then moving to Austin through high school.

Tate's passion for sports led him to the opportunity of putting Kountze on the map. One evening after several days of scouting, the fast

throwing pitcher who was striking all the kids out, Tate felt ready on that third day. Stepping into the box, he took the first pitch. Knowing what was coming next, he was ready. A swing and over the fence the ball went. All the boys cheered, putting Tate on their shoulders, carrying him around the bases. The next day at school they asked Tate where he was from, he proudly went to the map on the board and pointed to Kountze, Texas.

Tate went on to excel in Baseball, playing catcher for the University of Texas from 1950-1952, and went on to a successful career in Pro Ball starring for the Beaumont Exporters in the 50's.

In 1962, the Kountze legend began. Coach Tate sported a career record 502-258-5.

In Varsity Athletics, to our knowledge, Coach Tate is the only coach to reach the State Semi Finals in three different sports as Head Coach: Football, Baseball, and Basketball securing his position of being

Kountze's all-time winningest Coach and one of the best to coach the games!

Survivors include his wife, Billie Tate; children, Tatia Tate, of Lumberton; Tanda Tate-Pruitt and her husband, Geary, of Kirbyville; and Tray Tate, of Kountze; and grandchildren, Taryl Coco and her husband, Chad, of Sour Lake; Sydney Marceaux, of Houston; Cara LaForge and Tate LaForge, both of Beaumont; and Sterling Tate, of Kountze; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tate is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dr. John Tate; and sisters, Dr. Eugenia Gauntt and Aline Williford.

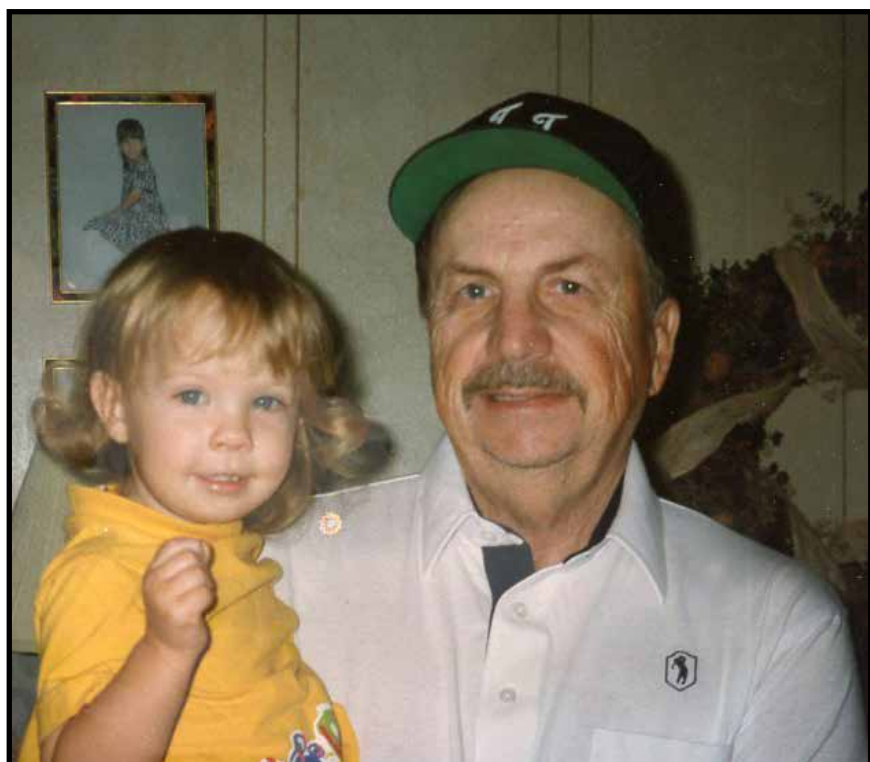
The family would like to thank the team of nurses from Best Care Hospice for the excellent level of care shown to Coach Tate and a special thanks to Caroline Blending and Sarah.





















Gathering of Family and Friends

Saturday, February 9, 2019

5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Kountze, Texas

Pallbearers

Fred Williams

Bill Conway

Von Myers

Jan Ray Peebles

Memorial Contributions

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Kountze, Texas 77625

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Kountze Booster Club

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Kountze, Texas 77625

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