



## Sharon Sue Tate

April 11, 1947 - May 20, 2024

Sharon Sue (LaValley) Tate sadly passed on May 20, 2024 at 77. She was born April 11, 1947 in Holdenville, OK above the Holdenville Bus Depot via a midwife to Clinton and Lula LaValley. She was a devoted, caring wife and mother. Family was very important to her. In the early 70s, she owned a clothing store, The Next Page, in Midwest City, OK next to Rose State College. Following that adventure, she began her career in student loans as the Student Loan Manager at the Tinker Federal Credit Union for over 10 years. Then, she and Johnny boldly moved to the mountains in Red River, NM for 5 years, where they single-handedly built their home together. While there, Sharon was the town clerk. After their return to Oklahoma, Sharon worked at the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loans Program (OGSLP) until her retirement in 2009. OGSLP was located in the Journal Record building where she was a survivor of the Murrah Building bombing. During their almost 60 years of marriage, Sharon and Johnny enjoyed many motorcycle journeys through the Colorado mountains and eastern Oklahoma scenery on their Harley, as well as attending many, many rock concerts throughout the years. She loved her two kitties, Milo and Phe. Sharon enjoyed and mastered many crafts, such as tole painting, sewing and crocheting. She loved dressing up for Halloween and won many costume contests throughout the years. She was an avid fan of OU sports and Thunder basketball along with watching great nieces and nephews play sports. However, her favorite pastime, for over 50 years, was watching

Days of Our Lives. Sharon will continue to live in the hearts of her family, friends and those she encountered throughout her life. Like the sands of the hourglass so are the days of our lives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Patsy Habern, Loretta Bennett, Joy Herring and Gary LaValley.

She is survived by husband, Johnny, and daughter, Shelley Griffin, and many beloved relatives and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Friday, May 24, 2024 at East Main Church of Christ, Holdenville, OK. Burial will follow at Holdenville Cemetery, Holdenville, OK. Send online condolences @ [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Johnny and Shelley, we are deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your wife and mother. Words fall short to adequately express the grief and pain of your loss. Sharon was really such an amazing Lady whose earthly race has come to an end and her Heavenly journey is just beginning. Our sincere condolences to you and the entire Tate family and we hope you find comfort in the support of the beautiful memories you hold close to your Hearts. May Her Gentle Soul be at Peace with our Heavenly Father  
In Jesus Name  
Amen



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**eric & lisa okeke** - May 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ May you find kindness to warm you, Sympathy to comfort you, and cherished memories to bring peace to your heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family.  
Donna Jackson



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**Donna Jackson** - May 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Sharon was a very sweet woman. I'm very grateful to have known her. She will be missed for the rest of our lives.

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**Shelby Kyle** - May 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *My deepest sympathies to Johnny and Shelley. Sharon is a close friend and I miss her so much. She was a great cheer leader for Melissa and Jessica. We are grateful that she was a part of our lives. Love you, Sharon.*



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**Laura Weiss** - May 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM