



## Sammie Ann Thacker Tate

January 18, 1952 - November 27, 2025

Sammie Ann Thacker Tate, 73, of Travelers Rest, SC, entered her eternal rest on Thursday, November 27, 2025, a Thanksgiving Day which brought the loss of a great treasure. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Jackson Thacker and Emmie Erskine Thacker, born at the family home on January 18, 1952. On April 1, 1972, she married her true love, Robert Mitchell Tate, at Pretty Place Chapel, Greenville, SC. After fifty-three years of marriage, Sammie is survived by her husband Robert, her son Robert Mitchell Tate, Jr.(Ann Marie) of Phoenix, AZ, Jessica Emily Tate(Jason) of Clinton, SC, and Elizabeth Thacker Tate(Vincent) of Greenville, SC. She is also survived by her ten grandchildren: Joseph Paul Tate, Gabriel Matthew Tate, and Dominick Xavier Tate of Phoenix, AZ, Nadia Sydney Tate, Oliver Paul Stephens, Penelope Grace Tate-Stephens, and Eloise Jenny Tate-Stephens of Clinton, SC, and Scarlett Mae Quinteros, Hazel Eve Quinteros, and Vincent Gray Quinteros of Greenville, SC.

Sammie studied at North Greenville University and at the age of nineteen she began her career in nursing. She continued her studies at Clemson University, proudly graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2008 with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Sammie's nursing journey spanned forty-five years of loving service. She retired in 2017 to pursue new chapters of unwritten stories. Sammie never met a stranger, loved her small corner of the world in the Travelers Rest community, and gave her whole self to all she pursued. She loved nature, feeding and watching hummingbirds, and the beauty of

fragrance of crape myrtle trees planted at the farm. She was perfectly suited for the path of her profession and as a wife, mother, grandmother, or friend, she presented the face of genuine honesty with love and compassion which was a refreshing welcome to all who knew and respected her.

Sammie had many interests and was involved in a variety of organizations. She was a member of the Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild, Busy Bees Quilt Guild, served on the hospital system recreation committee for 20 years, served as Mrs. Claus for ten years in Greenville, SC, was a long-time member and supporter of Girl Scouts of America, and Hammers and Harmony Band. She enjoyed many interests from reading, gardening, quilting, sewing, and anything Wizard of Oz, to various sports, including fishing with Robert. She made precious gifts she shared with her family and friends, as a needle in her hand was like a paintbrush in the hand of an artist. She recently posted a quote on Facebook this past September which said-"I sew because it makes the world feel softer, kinder, and a little more comfortable." No better phrase can express Sammie's heart as a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a sister, and a friend. She could tend to a broken spirit as if taking torn fabric of the human soul and applying gentle worlds like stitches of love and friendship to restore the broken to wholeness again. Sammie was truly a rare treasure.

The family will receive friends Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 2:00pm until 4:00pm at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest, SC.

Memorial services will be Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 4:00pm at The Howze Mortuary Chapel in Travelers Rest, SC, conducted by Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made as follows, you may either plant a Crepe Myrtle tree in the spring or make a donation to Lucky Pup Rescue SC, Greenville, SC.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

### Memorial Service

DEC 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
[thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com](mailto:thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Sammie Ann Thacker Tate*



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**The Howze Mortuary** - December 04, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SP

*What a beautiful family. I will always treasure my friendship with Sammie. She was a good friend for many years.*

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**Standish Price** - December 06, 2025 at 02:37 AM

PB

“ *Paul B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sammie Ann Thacker Tate.*

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**Paul B.** - December 09, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RG

“ *Sammie, there's not enough time and space to share what a wonderful person you were. I was blessed to have worked several years with you at MIPH. This world will not shine as bright without you in it - RoseMary Gilreath*

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**RoseMary Gilreath** - December 07, 2025 at 12:31 PM

EB

“ I was utterly devastated to learn of your loss. I am so sorry. Elaine Patterson Brewer



Elaine Patterson Brewer - December 05, 2025 at 06:58 PM

AT

“ AbbVie OMA Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sammie Ann Thacker Tate.

AbbVie OMA Team - December 04, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Sammie Ann Thacker Tate.



December 04, 2025 at 06:33 PM

MF

“ Macel, Pam, Bev & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sammie Ann Thacker Tate.



Macel, Pam, Bev & Family - December 03, 2025 at 02:09 PM

LP

“ I work at Memorial. Most of my contact was on the phone with Sammie. I met her face to face as Mrs. Santa after I had my first grandchild. She was so sweet and held many of my other grandchildren over the years. When my Mom was in the hospital and near end of life she performed the marriage ceremony for my daughter. It was short notice and all I had to do was ask and she was happy to help. She made a lasting impression no matter what she did.

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**Lisa Phillips** - December 03, 2025 at 09:54 AM

VM

“ Sammie was just delightful. I worked at GHS many years, and our paths crossed frequently. She was always helpful and joyful. God bless you family.

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**Venice McCall** - December 02, 2025 at 11:49 AM

KM

“ So sorry to hear the news of Sammie's passing I worked with Robert for the railroad many yrs ago got to know them both. Both very fine and generous people. Lost touch with them thru the yrs my loss again. My condolences to Robert and the rest of the family prayers be with yu all. Kellie & Ted Mason

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**Kellie & Ted Mason** - December 02, 2025 at 10:00 AM

AK

“ I grew up with Sammie and honestly feel she has taught me everything I know. She even was saving me a place in her cellar in case the big bomb hit. She will always be in my heart and I have become the person I am because of her. Ann Werner Koziol

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**Ann Koziol** - December 01, 2025 at 07:53 PM

JH

“ Then there were four. We started out with eight siblings. This year we were down to five. Never did I ever think that Sammie the youngest would be the next to get their angel wings. God had a plan and took her. She was a delight sister, very talented and caring. She enjoyed her life working at General Hospital at Marshall Pickens ,retiring and being involved with the quilt guilds making music with her friends enjoying her grandchildren ,cooking with Robert,loving her dogs Rosie and Jasper . oh and fishing with Robert. Never a dull moment with her. She will be missed my so many, we love you my dear sister. Jonell, Toma,Jack and Nancy. God is in control. Give your family and friends a hug tell them you love them. We never know who will be next. Love to all who read this.  
Jonell Thacker Hart.

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**Jonell Hart** - December 01, 2025 at 07:06 PM

JG

Well said, Jonell. I know many will miss Sammie. I only knew her for a short time, but she left her mark. Jan

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**Jan Gaunt** - December 06, 2025 at 07:13 PM