

Hiawatha, KS

Bernita M. Tate, Hiawatha, KS, walks victoriously with Jesus. She went to see her Lord, November 15, 2016, surrounded by her children: Joe (Alberta) Tate, Pomona, Alice (Rod) Carwell, White Cloud, KS, Louis Tate and Anita Tate of Hiawatha, KS. The joys of her heart were her grand-daughters: Elizabeth Carwell, Kelsi Tate, JoLynn Tate, Taylor-Abbott Carwell, her great grandchildren: Ryan and Hannah.

In her lifetime here, she married Valentine Tate (deceased), and had five children including Gene Tate (deceased). She took care of her family while working. As a CNA and CMA, she cared for the elderly for 30 years, working for several different nursing homes: Holton, White Cross Nursing Home, Bethany Home, Oak Ridge Acres and Maple Heights. In her spare time, she loved to cook and bake, always trying new recipes plus making a whole lot of Christmas cookies and candies. She like to stitch and quilt, using all of the artistry the Lord gave her.

When she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she focused on her stitching and quilting to keep her mind and fingers busy. She loved to show pictures of her quilts to everyone she met. As she journeyed through six years of chemo every three weeks, she created quilts for each family member. Each one stitched and created according to the individual's personalities. Every stitch was an expression of her love for us.

1Peter4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful servants of God's grace in various forms".

For now, we know she is sitting before the Lord, stitching the tapestries and banners for Him.

Cremation is planned with a Celebration of Bernita's life is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, November 18, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha, with Dr. Brad Farr officiating. Private family inurnment will be at a later date at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Holton.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to services.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bernita Tate Memorial Fund, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

A special message may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com