



*Richette Belynda Tate-
Gore*

March 3, 1972 - March 7, 2026

Richette Belynda Tate-Gore was born on March 3, 1972 and was "the one and only child" of the late Oscar David Tate and Diann Thomas Tate of the Lake James community of Burke County, North Carolina. She was the granddaughter of the late Samuel A. Tate and the late Dora Baker Tate and the late Tommy L. Thomas and the late Laura Edmonson Thomas, all of Morganton, North Carolina.

She is a 1990 graduate of Freedom High School and a 1992 graduate of Western Piedmont Community College. She attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She has been married for 26 years to Michael Anthony Gore of Winston Salem, NC and resides in Kernersville, NC. She is the proud mother of two sons Michaelanthony Thomas Gore of Carrboro, NC and Benjamin David Gore of the home.

She accepted Christ as her Savior while in high school and became a member of New Bethel Baptist Church in Morganton, NC. She has been attending Destiny Christian Center in Greensboro, NC for a number of years.

Her working years included Bank of America in Greensboro; RMIC in Winston Salem; American Bee Company in Kernersville and First Point Background Screening

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She loved making and embellishing crafts and started CREATE IT Creations, an on-line craft adventure to sell her creations. For several years she helped Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church with their Vacation Bible School as a crafts teacher.

For the past sixteen months she has fought a courageous battle with brain cancer and died on March 7, 2026 at Trellis Supportive Care in Winston Salem, NC.

Those that are left to cherish her memory include her mother, husband, sons, in-laws William and Elnora Gore, brother and sister in-law, Dr. Mitchell R. Gore and Dr. Sheritia Faulcon; Aunts: Belinda T. Vinson, Susan Thomas, Sandra Thomas, Vonda Thomas and Audrey Tate; Uncles: Stephen L. Thomas, Frank A. Thomas, Phillip J. Thomas, Samuel B. Tate, Louis P. Tate and Rev. Walter Vinson. Along with two nieces and many lovable cousins among the Thomas and Tate families, classmates and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Willard Watkins officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Caring Hearts Mission Outreach, PO Box 2013, Morganton, NC 28680.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Oh Diann, I just learned of your daughter's passing. I am so very sorry! I remember her as a beautiful child and remember you sharing stories of her with me so often at school! I am sure you are heart broken along with many others. Keep looking UP! God is always so good. He will carry you through. May God grant you much love and comfort.

–Norma Rains



Sending my condolences and prayers to the Tate & Gore family for comfort and peace to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart.

–Dwayne L Crouch



Sending love and hugs to family. Praying for you. Continue to hold onto God's hand.

–Phyllis & James Ratliff

–Lanisha Edmondson Kincaid

To Diane, Michael, Michaelanthony, and Benjamin; I'm still lost for words. Our Richie is gone much too soon but God in His Grace and Mercy has relieved His child of her pain and suffering. We'll cherish the sweet memories left and rejoice at her precious reunion with her loving father, relatives, but most of all, her Lord and Savior. Rest Dear Richie, until we meet again. Much love cousins.

–Greta Tate



Our deepest and most sincere sympathies to Michael, his sons, and family for this tragic loss of a remarkable wife, mother, and friend. For we know this is not goodbye.....but, until we meet again. May God comfort the hearts of all of those she touched.

–Michael and Wanda Krystyn

My sincere thanks for all your prayers, encouraging words, love, support and best wishes. It was a true blessing and awesome privilege to care for her in the last sixteen months of her life. She left a whole in my heart that will be eventually filled with much love and precious memories. Her tradition was made easier by knowing that she is with her Lord and Savior and delivered out of her suffering and sickness. May God bless each of you.

–Diann Thomas Tate



To Michael, Sons, and Family, our sincere condolences. Wishing you hope and peace in this time of remembering.

–Scott Furr and Family



I'm so sorry for your loss. I send condolences to the family.



May God bless you all.

–Joyce Ellington



My deepest sympathy to the family during this time of mourning. May God comfort and keep you in perfect peace

–Carol Ervin Largent



To the Tate, Gore family, Our love is with you and we are sending prayers up for you all during this difficult time. Cousin Richie was the sweetest soul and loved her entire family dearly. She never missed a birthday in the family. Sending you all so much love during this time.

–Jasmine Rainey

Diane, Michael and sons, my prayers are with you during this difficult time. I can't stop thinking about the bright star that has been taken from the family. Love!

–Martha Warren



Sending condolences on behalf of the NC Episcopal Church Women to the Gore family. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Romans 12:15 We are in mourning with you. May Richie rest in peace and rise in glory.

–Robyn Furrer

Offering our deepest condolences to the Tate-Gore family. Our prayers are with you, trusting in God's great comfort & gentle mercies hold you close today and always. Love you Mrs. Diann. Rita Rankin & family.

–Rita Rankin



Sorry for YOUR LOSS. Margaret Tate

–Margaret Tate



My prayers are with you and your family. May the many memories give you comfort during those difficult days. Love you, Doris McCain

–Doris McCain



I send my condolences and prayers to the family of Richie. She was a wonderful coworkers and friend. She will be missed. .

–Pearlie Scott



Sincere condolences to the Gore/Tate family. Richie was a beautiful soul with a kind heart. Please know that I'm sending love, many hugs and lifting prayers for the difficult days ahead.

–Regina Lewis



"To be absent from the Body, and to Be Present with the LORD" KJV. There is no doubt in my mind that beautiful, sweet Richette is resting in the bosom of Abraham with no more pain or suffering. To Sister Diann, sons Michael Anthony, Benjamin, husband, Michael, the entire Thomas, Tate and Gore families I offer my sincere condolences. May the GOD of Grace strengthen and sustain you all during these most difficult days now and ahead.

–Ruth Roseboro

My dearest cousin, You will be missed but never forgotten . Know that your family will be forever in my heart and prayers.

–Selena Tate



I spent the last 31 years saying every thing I wanted to say to Richie, so I'd never have any regrets. Richie was a wonderful best friend, girlfriend, fiancée, wife and mother. I have two handsome sons who look like us. She knows she made my life better, and we will miss her very much.

–Michael A. Gore



–Vanya McElrath

Dear family. I am sending sincere condolences and prayers for your comfort.

Richie will be missed by all who knew her Virginia Tate Hyman

–Virginia Hyman

–Sam and Caroline Avery

So Sorry for your loss may God bless you and give you some peace during your time of grief.

–Laura Gilliam



I'm so saddened by the passing of my cousin Richette. I have so many fond memories of playing with her and her rabbits when we were little girls. I offer my sincere condolences to Diann and the Thomas, Tate, Gore families. Richette was such a precious and beautiful jewel cherished by all who knew her. She will truly be missed by us all. Love you family

–Erica Jennings



To Michael Gore, family & friends We were honored to know Richie, a precious jewel who had many beautiful gifts to share with others. We will miss her gentle spirit. Praying for you , your sons & Richie's Mom who gave her such great care along with you during these past months of her illness. Love & prayers, Bobbie & Inda Chavis

–Bobbie & Inda Chavis



I remember the beauty and warmth of this gentle lady. My deepest condolences to Michael, Michael Anthony, Benjamin, and the entire family. May the Love, Grace, and Peace of God strengthen and sustain you all.

—Debra Slade

The wise king Solomon said “there’s a time for everything and for every purpose under the sun “. Richie, your time on earth is complete, but goodbye is not the end. You’ll be missed especially your contagious smile, sparkling eyes, winsome personality. Diann, continue to be courageous, God’s got you. His grace is sufficient. Michael, Michaelanthony, Ben: The Lord is your shepherd. May He comfort you and give you peace at such a time as this. You all are in my prayers.

Amie and Robert Lynch

—Amie Lynch

Dear Diann, Michael, and Sons, Please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of your beloved, Richette. I worked with Diann at Hillcrest. While working with Diann, I was blessed to have Oscar and Richette as part of the team, as well. Richette was loved and adored beyond measure by her parents. I remember Richette's beautiful wedding vividly and how happy Diann and Oscar were to welcome Michael into the family. Then, when the grandsons came, their joy exceeded words! May God bless you with precious memories of the life well-lived by Richette. Susan and David Pollpeter

—Susan Pollpeter

To Diane and the Tate and Gore family- I am so incredibly sorry for your loss of your sweet Ritchette. She was such a warm loving and beautiful soul. Thinking of you during this difficult time . Sending you love and prayers.

—Jennifer Ford



Richie, we were born 3 days apart. I will miss u a lot. You were part of my family while growing up and my classmate of 1990 with me . I can't express how much u will he miss?! No more pain sis. I love you!!!! Craig



–Craig

So sorry for your loss . Richett will be sorely missed by those who knew her. She was always so kind and respectful. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time . We love you. Nancy Cash and sons.

–Nancy L Cash



Richette was a beautiful person inside and out. She had a loving heart and giving spirit. She used her creative gifts and caring heart in big ways for our family! We thank God for her life! In- laws, William and Elnora Gore

–William and Elnora Gore

I was in school with Richette. She was always such a sweet soul to be around. My sincere condolences to all of her family.

–Beth Chapman Davidson



Sending Prayers and condolences to the family, May God continue to comfort you in this difficult time.

–Celeste Lynch



Please accept our sincerest condolence in the passing of Richette. Her beautiful smile and family reunion patch blanket will be greatly missed at the annual family reunions. I was so looking to seeing her beautiful work in the future. Please accept our continuous prayers for the faulty during this period of mourning. Good bless, and please know that we love you. Louis & Linda Tate

–Louis Tate

Those we LOVE don't go away, they walk beside us



everyday. Unseen, but always NEAR, so LOVED, so MISSED, so very DEAR With Caring and Loving Thoughts Jeannette & Albert Porter, Jr



Will be forever loved and missed. My heart is broken for my sister, her mother Diann and Michael and sons but knowing she is in the hands of God makes it a little easier.

–Belinda Vinson

–Diane McGough

My prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time ! God has promised us “that weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning!” Be blessed and well!

–Norma Corley



To the family, Psalm 34:18 "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted" My deepest condolences to your family. The angels are rejoicing. I pray for your peace when you lay down each night. SHALOM Deaconess Nancie Purdie

–Nancie Purdie



Diane, Michael, and Family, My deepest and sincerest condolences during this difficult time. Cousin Richie was an amazing woman. Memories of summers, especially Mertle



Beach, when we were young, will forever remain in my heart. May prayers and peace surround you during this difficult time. Rest well, Richie. You will be missed.

–Barbara Smith



My sincere condolences to Richie's family, friends, and all who adored her. May the peace of the LORD be with you during this difficult time.

–Laknea Drumgoole



I will never forget Ritchie we were classmates from Glen Alpine Jr high to Freedom High class of 1990. Fly high classmate. Prayers to the family.

–Tina Bradshaw

We are deeply sorry for your loss. May the entire family find comfort in the love and support around you. Keeping family and friends in our prayers.

–Rev. &Mrs. Herbert Carter and Family



To the Gore-Tate Family, My family and I are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Richie. Please accept our deepest condolences; and know that we are praying for peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to hold in your hearts forever. May God bless each of you.

–Rhodra Anderson-Brown and Family



My deepest condolences to the Tate and Thomas family on the transition of this beautiful angel, whom I have known since she was a toddler. Continuous prayers for the family during this difficult time.



Condolences to the family. Diana you are in my prayers my God comfort and bless you at this most difficult time

–Eloise Berry

My best friend always not just that my sister cause we were that close.... My roommate while I lived in Greensboro..... Love you Richie for you will be forever missed

–Ellen Ervin

My condolences and prayers to you and her family. I pray that God keeps you in comfort and peace during this hard time in your life. Ellen D.Conley

–Ellen D. Conley



–Juanita Rutherford



My deepest condolences to Richettes family and friends. She was a very person inside and out. Heaven gained a



She was a very person inside and out. Heaven gained a beautiful Angel. REST IN PEACE Cousin. May God continue to keep your family under his arms.

—Madelyn C Hayden- Powell

May God's peace and love surround you during this difficult time.

—Claudia and Harold Kennedy

Sending our Condolences to the Family. May the Lord give you strength during this time. Angela & Bobby Robertson

—Angela Robertson



Richette was a pillar of strength and it showed in everything she exhibited. Thank You Diann for sharing this Angel with us. She was my Family genealogist and often my cheerleader. I will miss you Richette. Diann, Michael, Michael Jr and Benjamin May God grant you peace and understanding during this time of bereavement. The Tate Family is here for you.

—Kimberly Howell



Beautiful Beautiful Richie. You Will be so missed by so many. I am so saddened to hear this and my Heart, Prayers and Condolences goes out to you Sweet Diane and entire Family and Friends. May God Richly Bless you with Love, Comfort and Sweet Memories.

—Saundra Bristol

Diane, Wishing you peace and courage... Bill and Sherry Wilson William, Lauren, and Theo Wilson

–Bill Wilson

I am sorry for your loss. Richie's journey is now complete. I pray that you and your family can find peace and comfort from the memories that were made during her lifetime on earth.

–Kathy Onderko



–Bobbie Dula-Wakefield

I'm so very sorry for her loss. A beautiful light gone way too soon. My prayers are with you all for comfort and peace. We will see her again one day. God be with her husband and boys special right now.

–Mary West



SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

–Brenda Jefferson

To Diann and the Tate-Gore Family. Remember, when God calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. May God's love make your grief bearable. Richie is not alone and neither are you.

–Mary O'Neil Smith





–Val Preston

Diann my heart hurts to hear about the passing of sweet Richie. She was a precious jewel, a beautiful one-of-a-kind person. So soft spoken and sweet, kind to everyone and always had a beautiful smile. She loved you and Oscar so much and her family. Lamar's heart is broken for they were so close. I love you and wish I could be there to hug you and comfort you. Know that I am here praying for you and your family. God be with you always. Remember you can do all things with God's strength. I love you cuz.

–Sheila Butler



–Doris Fleming



Condolences to the family.

–Jacqueline C. Kanipe



–Danielle



My condo and prayers go up for the family. She will be missed. Annette Pearce & Family

–Annette



–Penny Fanning

My heart is heavy with the passing of my dear niece but knowing that she is not suffering any longer and that she is in the hands of her Savior makes it a little easier to say goodbye. She was a wonderful, beautiful soul inside and out and I know many will miss her. My deepest sympathy to Michael and his sons along with my Sister, her mother, Diann. My prayers to you all for Gods comfort and strength as you lay to rest your beloved Richie.

–Belinda vinson

Sending the Family our warmest and sincere condolences praying that God grants you all peace during this time of grief The Hayden Family

–Michele Hayden

Rest easy old friend.

–Tora Kincaid





–Teresa Whitney-Taylor

Sending our condolences to sister Diane and her family. We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss of your wonderful daughter. We want you all to know that we will keep you all in our continuous prayers. We have so much respect and love for you all and want to thank you for always being there for us when we were facing challenging moments. We thank God for you all.

–James Avery



To Diann and Richettes family. So saddened to hear of Richettes passing. May you feel God's Love and comforting arms during this time and in days to come.

–Carla Patrice Kincaid

Dianne , I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet daughter, You and the entire family have my deepest condolences and prayers.

–Mildred Wright-Hawkins

–Friend

Dear Michael, Michaelanthony, Benjamin, Are hearts are with you during this most difficult time. We share in this loss of such a sweet and loving wife, mother & dear church member to us. Please know we are praying for your strength and care deeply for you all. We look forward to seeing you and giving our heartfelt condolences. Our prayers will be continually before the Lord. With Sincere Love & prayers to all the family Pastors Lee & Shonia, & The Destiny Church Family

–Pastors Lee& Shonia Stokes Destiny Christian Center

I worked with Ritchie at St. Stephen's Episcopal during vacation bible school. She was such a creative sweet soul. I am praying for the family for peace in the wake

of this great grief. May they be comforted in knowing that she is in the loving arms of our Lord.



Our deepest condolences to the family. The family will remain in our prayers. God bless!

–Derrick and Salea Dennis



–Tracy Robinson



At the end of your discomfort you are now in your heavenly home.

–Gertrude Murchison



–Patty Shaw

To our beloved brother Mike and his children. Our condolences goes out to you all. Prayers of comfort and

love to you all. Such a beautiful kind spirit that we will miss.

RIH REYNDA



I always enjoyed seeing Richie and family at Destiny. She was always a joy to talk to and joke around with. She is deeply loved and will be greatly missed . I pray that the Holy Spirit comforts Michael, Michael Anthony, and Benjamin as well as all her family and Love ones, in Jesus Name, Yes and Amen

–Ernest Reynolds



To the Gore family, We are at a loss for words on what the proper thing is to say but we have always considered you all as family. Our hearts and prayers go out to you Michael and your wonderful young men and know that Richie was and will always be a beautiful soul. We pray for unity. In our grief, let us not drift apart, but bind us together with cords of love that cannot be broken. Where there is tension, bring. We trust her into Your eternal care, trusting that she is free from pain. Guide us, heal us, and keep us united as a family. Where there is sorrow, bring comfort; and where there is fear of the future, bring hope. In Jesus name

–Maurice Stokes Jr



May God bless and keep you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rest in peace dear



classmate.

–Zinetta (Sissy) Kincaid Gibbs

It is with a deeply sadden heart that I acknowledge the transition of this sweet lovely Angel, Richette. May she rest in Heavenly Peace beside her beloved father, Oscar. Let it be known that the World is a better place because of the imprints that Oscar and Richette left in the lives of others who knew them. Sleep well, my sweet little cousin. Your mission on Earth has been accomplished , well done.

–Artie McKesson-Logan

Diane, I am so very sorry to learn of the loss of your beloved Richette. She was a beautiful and kind child and young lady. What a profound loss for you and her family.

–Novah Pope

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter , wife, mother. I worked with Diane at Hillcrest years ago. I know you will miss your daughter dearly. God bless you all!

–Linda Michaels