



## Maylon Ray Tate Jr.

May 18, 1946 - December 22, 2012

Maylon Ray Tate Jr. dearly known by family as "Dad" and to his many friends as "Tate" was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 18, 1946 to Reeva Mai Clendenning and Maylon Ray Tate Sr.

Maylon received his education at Lewis Chaplin Elementary and Englewood High School. He enlisted at the age of 17 into the United States Marines in 1963, where he fought in the Vietnam War and served as a Military Police (MP). He was honorably discharged after being wounded and received a Purple Heart for his service to our country.

He served ten years as a Chicago Police Officer before resigning to work for Commonwealth Edison. He later worked as a counselor for Edison Park Homes, working with troubled young men.

Maylon, enjoyed word games including My Father Owns a Grocery Store, telling war stories and watching movies. He often joked about his favorite movie, "Life" with his grandson, Johnny. He took pride in his clothes and dressing neat whenever he stepped out the door. Maylon could hold a conversation with anyone and was well known for his kind heart and loving spirit.

Maylon departed from this life after a long fought battle with cancer on

December 22, 2012 at 2:05 in the afternoon. He was preceded in death, by his parents, Reeve Mai Clendenning and Maylon Ray Tate Sr., along with his brother, Elwin Doran Tate and sisters, Krystal Rochelle Tate and Jewel Dennis Tate.

Maylon leaves to cherish his memory, a supportive and caring wife, Gail Marie Tate; sisters, Amber Brunella Tate and Melina Juanita Tate; five children, Maylon "Ruff" Tate (Kenyatta), Tiffany Tate, Keona "Keke" Tate (Devon), Andrea Messenger (Raheim) and Neidre Tate (Steven); three stepchildren, Darryl Bounds, William Bounds and Jasmine Humphrey; five nephews, Shomari Tate, Andre Tate, Terrence Tate, Avery Tate and Meechaw Kedem; one niece, Erica Tate; sixteen grandchildren, Alexis, Aquasia, Diamond, Deja, Allantae, Maylon III, Mayshawn, Kashijion, Jaylon, Amarea, Brianna, Raheim Jr., Johnny, Nia, Darryl Jr. and Darasyn; one great grandchild; sixteen great nieces and nephews; two great-great nephews; and a host of friends he acquired over his lifetime.

Maylon Ray Tate Jr. will truly be missed!

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

11500 South Fairfield  
Chicago, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

The Life Center COGIC  
5500 South Indiana  
Chicago, IL

## Service

DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maylon Ray Tate Jr.*

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