



## Aaron Maurice Tate

August 25, 1980 - November 29, 2014

Aaron Maurice Tate was born on August 25, 1980 in Salisbury, Maryland to his parents Tony and Georgette Tate. He departed this life on Saturday, November 29, 2014.

Aaron received his education in the public school system of Wicomico County, Maryland and earned his GED in 2008. On May 14, 2013 he married Tomeka Sykes. He was employed by Maryland State Highway Administration Landscaping Roads Division.

“Big Tate”, as he was affectionately known, loved life. He was known for his bright smile. He always had an encouraging word for those in hard times. Aaron had a gift for making people laugh. He always made time to stop and shake hands with people he knew. If you had a problem, he had time to listen. Aaron had the ability to make life long friends. He had a special crew. If you saw Donte Jones (D Jones), Jamaal King (Mar), Toriano Parker (TP), Raymond Farrare (Raymo), Maurice Foreman (Reece), Edward Wallop (E), and Chaundell Mills (Chaun), BIG Tate was never far behind.

Aaron especially loved his family. He enjoyed running errands for his Mom-Mom, or cleaning the yard for his Na Na. The joy of his life was to spend time with his nephew Joel. Aaron shared a special bond with his brother, and loved reliving lines and episodes from the TV show Martin with his sister. His father was his hero and his mother was the Queen of his Heart.

Aaron leaves to honor his memories: his parents Tony and Georgette Tate; his wife Tomeka Sykes-Tate, and his sister, Georgia Tate, all of Salisbury Maryland; one brother Tony Tate Jr. and sister in love NaTasha Tate of Tampa Florida; his paternal grandmother Armilla Tate and maternal grandparents, George and Mary Lee Smith, all of Salisbury, Maryland; five stepchildren; one nephew; a crew of special cousins whom he loved dearly; his Godfather James Shepherd and a special couple who were like parents to him, Doug and Winnie King. Aaron also had a special love and relationship with Tyarya Sykes and also had a special friendship with Taysha and her daughter DiNijah Maddox and a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather George Tate, one of his favorite aunts, Angela Tate-Hitch and his Godmother Sarah Shepherd.

Lovingly Submitted,

The Tate Family

# Tribute Wall

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“ To each and every one of you words can not express the empathy I feel. I only lost a former classmate. Someone who stood out in a crowd, and created positive experiences for me in high school. We only shared a few gym classes- but gym was NOT my strong point and Aaron tried to include me and see to it I was not picked last (even when it would have benefited him not to have me on the team.) He was a good soul and though I do not know the details of his recent life, I know that he's someone I will never forget. Please let there be some comfort in knowing he left such a good, lasting impression even on those who didn't know him well.

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**Michelle Hurley** - December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM