



Ray Thornton Tanner

October 30, 1933 - April 26, 2020

Ray Thornton Tanner, age 86 of Fort Oglethorpe, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 26, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born to the late John and Elsie Boyles Tanner in Ohio, Co. Kentucky, moved to the Chattanooga Area in 1994 and was a member of Newnan Springs United Methodist Church. Ray served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He retired in 1994 after more than 30 yrs. with TWA. Ray was also preceded in death by his siblings, Bill Tanner, Dalton Tanner, Wanda Parks, Elaine Tinsley and Kenneth Tanner. He is survived by his loving wife, of 63 yrs., Joan Vertrees Tanner, children, David (Della) Tanner and Susan (Mark) Morgan, siblings, Sue Poiles, Harold "Buzz" Tanner and Jo Young, grandchildren, Michael Tanner, Jennifer Tanner, Nick (Chelsea) Morgan and Kristen Morgan, and several nieces and nephews. The family will have a private family service scheduled at a later date. Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-7777

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Tanner were our neighbors for 16 years. Mr. Tanner was the sweetest man. My children loved him. Wonderful Couple!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Tanner and their family. God Bless You All.*
The Key's

Tracey K - June 04, 2020 at 09:45 PM

MM

“ *He really was a good man. I remember after Pastor Mike left Newnan Springs UMC, there was some period where the men were getting the manse ready, but it was especially hard work because nobody had lived there for a while and the AC was off. Anyway, Ray had to be at least 78 by this time, and I walked in one Saturday and he was there in his jeans, by himself, laying down the carpet. Again, no A/C. But it needed to be done to make the home better for the pastor's family, so he did it. When I walked in, he was sweaty and probably glad to be finished but didn't utter a single complaint. I don't know if he gained such character through his military service or had those traits when he first enlisted, but we are blessed that such men lived to represent our faith and country. Prayers for the family*

Matt Morris - May 04, 2020 at 06:25 PM

JD

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Ray. He has been a great friend since we met in 1965 at Nashville airport and worked together for many years. Ray was a great man and our thoughts and prayers go out to all his family. May God bless and keep you.*
Love, Jim & Tamara Duggan Spring Hill

Jim & Tamara Duggan - April 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CA

“ We've lost a great man and a hard worker with a big heart and a smile for everybody he met, Ray will be sadly missed by all who knew him , our thoughts and prayers go out to Joann and family and friends who morn the lost of one of our own , God's willing we will all see him again ! Love Charlie & Debby Arnold

charlie arnold - April 28, 2020 at 11:03 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ray. He was such a sweet man who always had a smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan and the family. May God strengthen each of you during this time. Joan, may our good Lord and Master put His loving arms around you. Love to all.



Carolyn & Keith Bobo - April 28, 2020 at 10:05 AM

CG

“ I will always remember his smile and kindness. When something needed to be done at the church you could always count on Ray! Such a good man! He will be missed.

Cindy Garland - April 27, 2020 at 11:13 PM