



## Col. Howard Carl Tanner, USA (ret.)

April 23, 1938 - February 22, 2017

Howard Carl Tanner, age 78, went to be with the Lord on February 22, 2017. Carl was born on April 23, 1938, in Brookhaven, MS, to Ivan Maurice and Mildred Jackson Tanner. Carl was raised in Jackson, MS and educated in the Jackson Public Schools. He graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. Carl served as an active duty Artillery officer in the US Army from 1961-1969.

After graduation, Carl attended Jump School at Fort Benning, GA, becoming Airborne qualified. He served with the 3rd Armor Division in Germany, the 82nd Airborne in the Dominican Republic, the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, and the Office of Instruction at Fort Sill, OK. Joining the Active Reserves, Carl served in MAC organizations to train and qualify National Guard units for active service. He was a graduate of Command and General Staff College. Carl was the recipient of the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters plus others. He retired in 1998.

Carl received his MBA from the University of Houston in 1985 and worked as an engineer and computer analyst for several companies in the petrochemical, paper, and service industries. He retired in 2006. Carl became a substitute teacher and tutor in physics and mathematics in the North Fulton High Schools in Roswell and Alpharetta, GA.

Carl was a member of the Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Roswell, GA, Clan Douglas of America, and the Saint Andrew

Society of Tallahassee.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Phyllis Johnson, and daughters Catherine Brown and Karen Anderson (Chris) and grandchildren, Muireall Brown, Ceana Brown, Adam Anderson (Ashley), and William Anderson, and a sister, Carolyn Jennings of Harrisville, Mississippi. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The family will receive friends Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Bevis Funeral Home, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. A graveside will be held at 10:00AM, Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Bend Hospice, Wounded Warrior Project, or the G. V. "Sonny " Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Mississippi State University. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Tanner family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)

# Previous Events

## The family will receive friends

FEB 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Graveside Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery  
5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis, I remember us being good friends at Provine. Seems like yesterday. I would love to go back to those wonderful days. I was so sorry to read viz Jim Baker about the death of your husband. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I lost my precious father last year at the age of 97. He and Mother were my best friends. We had homes next to each other on our property (close to the Log Cabin store - on Springridge Rd. Take care*

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**Betty Anne Bailey** - March 04, 2017 at 08:18 PM

LB

“ *Laurette Burnard lit a candle in memory of Col. Howard Carl Tanner, USA (ret.)*



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**Laurette Burnard** - March 01, 2017 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ *Phyllis,  
Deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband. I'm glad I had the chance to meet him when he came to one of the UDC meetings. My prayers are with you.  
Julia Meadowcroft*

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**Julia Meadowcroft** - February 26, 2017 at 10:08 PM

MS

“ Dear Phyllis,  
Jim and I were deeply saddened to hear of Carl's passing. We will always treasure the memories that we shared with you both over the years. He will be greatly missed by so many who were blessed to have known him and enjoyed his friendship and kindness. We extend our sincere condolences to you and your family. May God comfort you all during this difficult time.  
Mary Simonds



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**Mary Simonds** - February 26, 2017 at 07:23 PM

SB

“ Phyllis, I was so saddened to hear that Carl had passed away. I have fond memories of both you and Carl and enjoyed spending time with you both. Please know my thoughts and prayers are for you and your sweet family.  
Sally McGlaun Baldwin



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**Sally Baldwin** - February 24, 2017 at 10:27 PM

BR

“ Dear Phyllis,  
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this very difficult time. May God surround you with His presence every moment, and fill you with sweet memories. Psalm 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd  
Brenda Davison Jessel  
GSS DAR

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**brenda** - February 24, 2017 at 03:28 PM

DF

“ *With love to you, Phyllis, as we think of our precious friendship and excellent adventures with you and Carl over the years. He was truly God's man, a great Patriot, loving husband, dad and granddaddy and terrific friend. Having him in our lives was a blessing. Jim and Jen*

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**Dr. Jim and Jen Finot** - February 23, 2017 at 08:40 PM