



Phyllis Ruth Johnson Tanner

October 11, 1940 - June 10, 2025

Phyllis Ruth Johnson Tanner went to be with our Lord on June 10, 2025 at the age of 84. Phyllis was born on October 11, 1940, in Jackson, MS to Andrew Jefferson Johnson and Ruth Crawley Long Johnson. She was raised in Jackson and educated in the Jackson Public Schools. She graduated from Millsaps University with a double degree in Chemistry and Biology. Upon graduation, she worked as a Medical Technologist. She went back to school and earned a Master's Degree in both Reading and Science Education from McNeese State University. She then worked as a high school Biology teacher.

Phyllis was active in Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), serving on several committee positions at the local, state, and national levels. After moving to Tallahassee, she remained an associate member of the Martha Stewart Bullock Chapter in Roswell Georgia. In addition to DAR, she was involved with the Daughters of 1812 and Colonial Dames. She was also a member of Saint Peters Anglican Church.

She is predeceased by her husband, Army Colonel Howard Carl Tanner, and survived by her two daughters, Kate Brown and Karen Anderson (Chris), her grandchildren Muireall Brown, Ceanna Brown, Adam Anderson (Ashley), William Anderson, and her great-grandson Aiden Anderson.

A graveside service will be held at the National Cemetery on July 1, at 11:00

a.m.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Tanner family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Katie and Karen - I was overwhelmed with sadness when news reached me of your Mama's passing. Phyllis and I shared a deep and abiding friendship and walked one another's journey together from our earliest acquaintance. The friend group to which we belonged was, and continues to be, one of my greatest blessings. Our last contact was in April in which we conveyed our love for one another. I will cherish it as I do the memory of your lovely mother - my special friend. Love, Jen Finot

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