



## Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner

February 4, 1944 - September 13, 2020

Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner, 76, passed away at his home in Suwanee, GA on September 13th, 2020 after a long battle with Lewy Body dementia. He was born on February 4th, 1944 in Auburn, Georgia. He grew up there and graduated from Winder Barrow High School before attending Middle Georgia College. One of Ron's passions in life was flying airplanes. That passion landed him a job as a pilot for the state of Georgia for 27 years, as well as the opportunity to fly five different Georgia Governors. Other than flying, Ron's passion was the Georgia Bulldogs Football Team. Ron never missed an opportunity to watch a game whether it be from his favorite recliner or amongst the fans in Sanford Stadium. Ron loved – and was deeply loved by – his family and friends. He was a people person and never met a stranger. He was a great friend, doting father, husband, and grandfather. He led an active life full of travel alongside his wife, family, and friends. Of these travels, his favorites were family beach trips where he got to experience his love for horseshoe and poker games with some of his favorite people. Ron was preceded in death by his parents Mid and Dessie Tanner, his brother, William Tanner, and his daughter Tania Tanner. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jill Tanner, his beloved granddaughter, Alexis Grupp, his sister-in-law, Sharon Tanner, brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Linda Eley, brothers-in-law Jack Newton and Tim Janosa, nieces Stephanie (Kevin) Brown, Susan (Paul) Smith, Ashley (Matt) Stirewalt, Paige (Chad) Owens, and Kim (Bobby) Crowe. He will be greatly missed. A graveside service will be held Friday, September

18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Oconee Memorial Park, 2370 Highway 53, Watkinsville, GA with Rev. Becky Brannon officiating. The family requests everyone wear a mask and comply with social distancing and refrain from hugging and hand shaking. There will be no public visitation at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Oconee Memorial Park

2370 Highway 53  
Watkinsville, GA 30677

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Our condolences and Ron used to ride with me some from Auburn, Ga to Cochran, Ga to Middle Georgia College. I am from Gainesville, GA and just happened to see the obituary in the North Georgia News. RIP Ron and peach and comfort to the family.*  
*John Raleigh Tanner*

**JOHN R TANNER** - September 18, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.*



September 17, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.*



September 16, 2020 at 11:41 AM

RB

“ *Ricky & Cindy Bell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.*



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**Ricky & Cindy Bell** - September 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

EW

“ *Ronald was one of the best, most faithful friends that anybody could ever wish for. I was blessed to be able to grow up with him. Thankful to hear that he had a devoted wife to walk beside him and care for him.*

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**Ellen Wheeler** - September 15, 2020 at 08:44 PM

LG

“ *Love, Patty and Gary purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.*



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**Love, Patty and Gary** - September 15, 2020 at 02:34 PM

JW

“ *Jill, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. God be with you and family to comfort you*  
*Love, Jane Lamb Woodall.*

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**Jane Lamb Woodall** - September 14, 2020 at 10:10 PM

LS

“ Our sincerest condolences, Jill. I know Ron was your heart and soul. Such a great man - kind and funny and loved by everyone. He will be missed more than words can say, especially by Mark who loved flying with Ron and working on projects. 😞 May God bring you comfort during the sad days ahead.

Linda and Mark Schuppener - September 14, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.



September 14, 2020 at 09:11 PM

LS

“ Linda Schuppener lit a candle in memory of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner



Linda Schuppener - September 14, 2020 at 09:09 PM

EC

“ Jill and Family: I am so sorry to hear about Ron. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Elaine Campbell Carpenter

Elaine C Carpenter - September 14, 2020 at 08:59 PM

MT

“ I was also a Pilot for Ga DOT... always enjoyed my time flying with Ron. I remember the time my wife and I were invited on Ron and Jills houseboat on Lake Lanier... it was not long after that we had a 78' houseboat built for us... We often have talked about Ron getting us into houseboating.. so thank you Ron and Jill...RIP buddy.

*Mike and Marilyn T*

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**Michael A Thompson** - September 14, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.



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September 14, 2020 at 06:51 PM

LG

“ Love John and Glenda purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.



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**Love John and Glenda** - September 14, 2020 at 05:14 PM

FN

“ We have known Ron for almost twenty five years as neighbors. He was always a caring and kind person. Our prayers are with Ron's family!



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**Frank & Lori Newman** - September 14, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald (Ron) Preston Tanner.*



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September 14, 2020 at 02:44 PM