



Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner

March 20, 1957 - May 2, 2026

Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner, age 69 of Commerce passed away Saturday, May 2, 2026 at his residence. Mr. Tanner was born in Commerce to the late, Joseph and Mary Ellen Bonds Tanner. Mr. Tanner was a maintenance worker at the City of Commerce Civic Center and worked at Dupont. In addition to his parents, Mr. Tanner was preceded in death by his wife, Sheila Ann Tanner. Mr. Tanner will be remembered most for his deep love for his family, fishing, hunting, dancing, singing, poems, and crafts.

Mr. Tanner is survived by his children, Jeremy Tanner (Katie), Sara Cheek (Reid), Jennifer Dorsey (Chris), and Dylan Andrews (Jessica); brother, Kenneth Tanner (Joyce); sisters, Lynda Culpepper (Jerry), Becky Minish (Bobby) and Sandra Minish; grandchildren, Jordan Tanner (Emma), Savannah Webb (Chase), Nathan Dorsey (Michaela), Jodie Tanner, Bryson Cheek (Cassidy), Taylor Cheek, Taylen Dorsey, TJ Dorsey, Benjamin and Leo Andrews.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 9th at 2 PM from the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Rev. Kelby Maxwell, Rev. Doug Conwell, and Rev. Tracy Davidson officiating with the interment following at Maxwell Baird Family cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday night from 6-8 PM.

Little-Ward Funeral Home Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Maxwell Baird Cemetery

Memorial Drive
Nicholson, GA 30565

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State Street
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-3175
lwfh@windstream.net
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State St.
Commerce, GA 30529

Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner.*



May 08 at 09:24 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner.*



May 06 at 10:00 AM



“ *I absolutely love Mr. Tanner an his whole family my heart aches for you all. Love each an every one of y'all. May God be with you*

Reney Sears Stinchcomb - May 05 at 10:57 PM



“ *Fieldale Farms Corporation purchased the Count ry Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner.*



Fieldale Farms Corporation - May 05 at 01:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner.*



May 04 at 10:42 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Gerald's passing he will definitely be missed 🙏*



Kathy Turner - May 04 at 08:59 PM



“ *I have known Gerald since I was a teenager. He was a good man with a heart of gold. He will be missed and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers*

Leigh Poole - May 04 at 05:54 PM



“ *I knew Gerald from DuPont many years ago. He was always such a nice guy. I know he will be missed very much by all who loved him. Prayers for his family and his many friends.*



Sandra Mercer - May 03 at 10:56 PM

JC

“ I will always remember Gerald as Pappy O Dappy! Such an awesome person and will be missed deeply.

Joey cummings - May 03 at 07:31 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner.



May 03 at 06:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner.

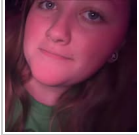
May 03 at 06:52 PM

CM

“ Curtis Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Leon "Pops" Tanner



Curtis Martin - May 03 at 06:42 PM



“ *Love you pops, gonna miss you!*”



Taylen Dorsey - May 03 at 04:17 PM

LW

I have known Gerald many years. I worked at DuPont with him. He was a super nice guy. Prayers for the family . Fly high old friend

linda witcher - May 04 at 08:14 AM