



June Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner

June 17, 1931 - October 20, 2021

Mrs. June Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner, age 90 of Douglas, GA passed away Wednesday afternoon, October 20, 2021 at her residence following an extended illness. Mrs. Tanner was born June 17, 1931 to the late James Oliver Gillis and the late Myrtle Harrell Gillis. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Allen Ricketson, Sr. and 2 Sons: John Allen Ricketson, Jr. and James Ben Ricketson, 1 Sister: Celia Morrison; 1 Grandchild: Dave Temple and 1 Great Grandchild: Estella Ann Shook.

Mrs. Tanner, a native of Coffee County, had taught in the elementary school program for the Coffee County Board of Education for 31 years before her retirement. She had received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Mrs. Tanner was one of the founders of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. She had attended both Stokesville Baptist Church and Carver Baptist Church.

Survivors include:

Her Husband: Jess F. Tanner of Douglas, GA

1 Daughter: Rebecca "Becky" Temple of Douglas, GA

1 Step-Son: Wade Tanner of Douglas, GA

1 Step-Daughter: Laurie Tanner of Douglas, GA

4 Grandchildren: Leslie Shook and husband Drew of Axson, GA
Laura Curtis and husband Isaiah of Douglas, GA
Madelyn Tanner and Jessie Tanner of Axson, Ga

3 Great Grandchildren: Eli Curtis and Eliza Curtis of Douglas, GA
Aria June Shook of Axson, GA

A Number of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Many Friends.

The Graveside Service will be Saturday morning, October 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Carver Cemetery with Rev. Leroy Spivey and Judge Dewayne Gillis officiating. The interment will follow in the family lot at Carver Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Carver Cemetery on Saturday morning, October 23, 2021 from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM.

Active Pallbearers for the service will be: Dewayne Gillis, Don Gillis, Wade Tanner, Drew Shook, Isiah Curtis and Ronnie Noble.

Due to COVID-19, the family would like to ask that all attendees follow the rules of social distancing and wear your mask for safety precautions at the service.

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Carver Cemetery

1080 Kamera Road
Douglas, GA 31535

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service and Interment

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Tribute Wall



“ June Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ So sorry *Becky and family* for your loss. Yet, i am sure it was bittersweet, as it was when my mother passed. I know you will miss her yet the comfort is in knowing where she is now. She was my 1st teacher, 1st grade, at Satilla. Always a beautiful and kind lady. Prayers for you. Love in Christ, Karen Purvis

Karen Purvis - November 11, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ Sweet lady,so sorry for your loss. I worked with you ma. I was a paraprofessional. We work so good together . I learned to love your mother any years ago. She was very good to me. From Kathy Vickers

kathy vickers - October 23, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ Mr Jess, *Becky and family*
The angels are rejoicing and singing
“Hallelujah”. .
My memories of Ms June will be cherished
and I feel honored to have know this sweet,
Christian lady . Josh sends his love also
Terry Batten Cook



Terry Batten Cook - October 22, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner.* ”




October 22, 2021 at 05:01 PM

JC

“ Ms June was my first grade teacher at the original Satilla School before it burned in 1972. She was one of the best teachers I had throughout my twelve years of school. Her parents were our family's next door neighbor, so she always took good care of me if I ever got sick or had a problem at school. I remember one specific time I got sick and had a fever and she called to her Daddy and told him to take a message to Mama (at the time we didn't have a phone) to come pick me up because I was too sick to stay at school. I have fond memories of laying on my little pink blanket every day after lunch. She would start the record player with those cute songs from way back then and all the children took a nap on the floor at the back of the room! I remember singing Farmer in the Dell...And that song, "you put your right hand in, you take your right hand out...you do the hokie pokie and you shake it all about"....
Just so many wonderful memories I recall in that room on the right at the end of the hall at the original Satilla School. Ms June has continued to be my friend all these years. Once, I went to visit her and I asked her about those Dick and Jane readers that she taught us to read from....she said she didn't even have a copy. So, I ordered her a copy of the original book and took to her and she was so happy and appreciative. I remember that smile the day I took it to her. Our world would be a better place if we had more Ms Ricketsons and her values and morals. You will be greatly missed but you sure had a great impact on my life and so many, many others.
Heaven gained an angel when you left this world! Love to all!
jewel

Jewel S Call - October 22, 2021 at 03:15 PM


Thomas
Fuller

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for your family

Thomas Fuller - October 22, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Sue Mobley lit a candle in memory of June
Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner



Sue Mobley - October 22, 2021 at 09:31 AM



sorry to hear about June leaving us, i still see that beautiful smile on her face.. I used to do June hair.i had a beauty salon called DAVIS BEAUTY SALON.that was many years ago. i was already happy to see her come,i have thouth of her many times and always loved her.
VITGINIA DAVIS

Virginia Davis - October 28, 2021 at 01:16 PM

KT

“ Kay Travis lit a candle in memory of June
Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner



Kay Travis - October 21, 2021 at 06:48 PM

KT

My heart is breaking for you. She was such a sweet soul.

Kay Travis - October 21, 2021 at 06:49 PM

LT

“ Lisa Tierney lit a candle in memory of June
Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner



Lisa Tierney - October 21, 2021 at 04:46 PM

MW

“ Maudine Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of
June Elinor Gillis Ricketson Tanner



Maudine Wright - October 21, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JO

“ I taught school at the old Saltillo Elementary with June in the early
70's .
She shared her musical talents with all of us.
I am so sorry for your loss.

Jean O'Steen - October 21, 2021 at 12:40 PM

RA

“ I'm sorry for your loss



Ruthie Mae Anderson - October 21, 2021 at 08:39 AM