



Sylvia Delores Tanner

January 27, 1941 - April 22, 2025

Sylvia Delores Tanner, age 84, of Douglas, Georgia and formerly of Fitzgerald, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida after a brief illness.

Sylvia was born in Fitzgerald, Georgia on January 27, 1941 to the late Vivian Gibbs Tanner and the late John Calvin Tanner. Ms. Tanner completed her high school education and then pursued a degree as Licensed Practical Nurse. Sylvia began her career as a Pathology Assistant at The Crawford B. Long Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia; she continued her work with Emory University Hospital and finished her career and retired from Piedmont Hospital also in Atlanta, Georgia. Sylvia was a home body and enjoyed time spent in her home as well as time spent with her Oak Crest Drive friends. She was of the Episcopal Faith.

Survivors include a niece, Marcie Merritt and husband Kevin; a nephew, Eian Merritt, and an Aunt Ruthie Grantham all of Wray, Georgia.

Along with her parents, Sylvia was preceded in death by a very special brother that she took care of all his life, John Calvin "Buddy" Tanner, and a dear uncle that raised her, David "Bo" Grantham.

A graveside memorial service and inurnment will be held for Sylvia on Monday

Morning, May 12, 2025 at 11:00 AM in Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald, Georgia with Rev. Matt Rutland and Bishop Dewain Joiner officiating. The family will greet friends following the service at the cemetery.

Kind words, condolences and fond memories may be left for Sylvia's family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com

Arrangements for Sylvia have been entrusted to the Caring and Compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc., of Douglas, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

279 Benjamin H Hill Drive East
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ We lived 2 doors down on Oak Crest. Sylvia was a favorite! Helluva dame. Her care for sweet Buddy was a model for us all.

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