



Rev. Ronald Tanner

May 13, 1967 - October 19, 2021

Ronald Tanner, age 54, of Peoria, IL passed from death to life on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at the Edwards Hines, Jr., VA Hospital in Hines, IL.

Ronald was born on May 13, 1967, in Chicago, IL to Ulysses Tanner, Sr., and Jessie Bell (Green) Tanner. Affectionately known as Ronnie, he was a graduate of the class of 1985 from Crystal Springs High School, in Crystal Springs, MS. In high school, Ronnie played basketball the crowd loved to see him play. He was an all-star player. In 1988 Ronnie joined the United States Navy. He was stationed in Great Lakes, IL which kept him close to the love of his life "Pooh" as he always referred to Sandra "Sandy" Ross. On November 26, 1988, the two were united in matrimony. Together they had two beautiful daughters Damita and Keyanah.

While in the US Navy they resided in Virginia and North Carolina. Ronnie and his family spent 10 years in Raeford, NC where he had many friends and family. Ronnie knew God had a calling on his life to preach His Word for many years, but finally in 1999 Ronnie said "Yes Lord" he humbly submitted to the calling on his life to preach and teach the Word of God. Ronnie attended Carolina Bible College where he attained an associate degree in Leadership and Management. He was ordained in 2001 at the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Matthew Rouse, Jr. In 2002, Rev. Ronnie and his family's journey in life lead them back to the Midwest to Peoria, IL

where they united with the Grace Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Pastor Jeffrey Ivory, Sr. To continue his education and his love for studying the Word of God, Rev. Ronnie attended Lincoln Community College where he received a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies. While at Grace Baptist Rev. Ronnie taught Laymen's class and VBS. He loved to hear the Voices of Heaven Choir sing. Rev. Ronnie often preached at Rising Sun Christian Church where he had a close relationship with Pastor Gibson whom he referred to as his big brother. Rev. Ronnie was a fun, loving person, he loved to fish, and he was a jokester who never met a stranger. He loved people. He was known for having "nicknames" for everyone.

Rev. Ronnie leaves to cherish and honor his memories his faithful and devoted wife of almost 33 years Sandra D. Tanner; 4 daughters, Barbara (Chevez) Trask of New Jersey, Chiquitta (Christopher) Walker Hawkins of Crystal Springs, MS, Damita and Keyanah Tanner both of Peoria, IL; his mother Jessie Tanner of Carol Stream, IL.; four brothers, Ulysses, Jr., (Julia) Tanner of South Holland, IL, Christopher (Vivian) of Anchorage, AK, Timothy Tanner of Carol Stream, IL, and Gregory (Mary) Tanner of Vernon Hills, IL; one sister, Sandra (Keon) of Carol Stream, IL; a loving father-in-law, Deacon Booker Ross, Jr., of Peoria, IL; 9 grandchildren; two special cousins, Vivian Alford and Debra Walker both of Crystal Springs, MS; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends whom he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his father, Ulysses Tanner, Sr., grandfather Percy Green, grandmother Eddie Bell Green, and mother-in-law Leola Ross.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon on Friday, October 29, 2021 at Rising Sun Christian Church with a visitation at 11 am. Pastor John Gibson will officiate. Rev. Ronnie will be laid to rest in Historic Springdale Cemetery on Soldier Hill where US Military Honors will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing is encouraged

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Rising Sun Christian Church
4310 W. Charter Oak Rd.
Peoria, IL 61615
<http://www.risingsunchristianchurch.org/>

Funeral Service

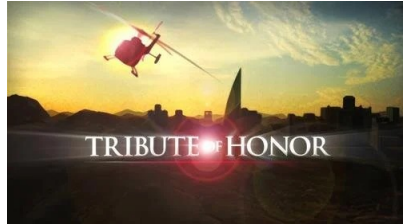
OCT **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Ronald Tanner*



Simons Mortuary - October 27, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JM

This is nice for my son's home going Amen

jessie Tanner Rev Ronald Tanner 's mom - April 10, 2022 at 04:07 AM



“ *Rev. Ronald Tanner*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Rev. Ronald Tanner*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

ST

“ I think of you every day, I cry, I laugh, I’m happy, I’m sad, I’m all over the place. We shared so much together, our lives, our children, our childhood, adulthood ,sicknesses and everything. I miss your smile, your talks, your preaching, the stories we told each other that was just for us, our deep conversations about our future, our wishes and the most honorable things that we both believed in. We both knew that no matter what, we would always be there for each other I loved you dearly and I know that you loved me as well. You will always be in my heart and I often hear you telling me “Pooh you going be alright “ so, that what keeps me going, I know that I have many angles in heaven watching over me and one of them is “Reverend” as we all called you. My family speak about you all the time, your laugh, the way you bossed everyone around lol but we would listen because you was the Rev. Daddy says that he miss his breakfast buddy, the girls speak about having a gangster preacher for a daddy (lol) and they miss and love you so much. I can go on and on but I felt like sharing this today. Continue to RIH my dear Husband, Reverend. I love and miss you dearly.

Sandra Tanner - September 11, 2022 at 12:07 PM

RI

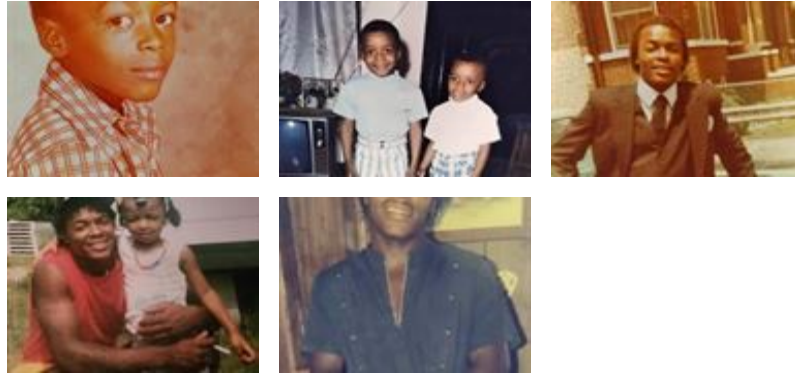
“ Sincerest condolences to each and every one of his loved ones, for we mourn with you...May the Lord comfort and provide peace that surpasses all understanding. 🙏
Rest well Rev. Tanner "Tanner" 🕊️
Troy & Rita Vinson Burns Family



Rita - October 29, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Simons Mortuary - October 27, 2021 at 06:03 PM

JB

“ To The Family. May The Lord Strengthen You In Your Time Of Sorrow For He Is A Keeper. Rev Ronald Tanner Was A Preacher And Teacher To All Of Us Who Knew Him And Heaven Has Gained Another Angel To Watch Over His Loved Ones From Above. We'll Have So Many Fund Memories Of His Earthly Passage. His Passing Is A Great Loss To All Of Us . But Today We Just Thank God For Allowing Us To Share His Journey With You. Praying For You And With You In Jesus Name AMEN RIH GBNF 🕊️❤️🙏



Joanie Brown - October 26, 2021 at 12:05 AM

RC

“ *Ronnie and Sandy, Damita and Keekee, and Roxie. They all lived across the street from me on Greentree Dr. Raeford, NC. We became family. I will always cherish the laughter, the gatherings, the closeness we shared. The 2 little precious girls were so dear to me. Thank you Ronnie. Thank you for befriending my husband at the time and bringing all of us together. Your infectious laugh and presence will always be remembered. My deepest condolences to your beautiful family.*

Rhena Clark

Rhena Clark - October 24, 2021 at 03:18 PM

RE

“ *Rena lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ronald Tanner*



Rena - October 23, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Ronald Tanner.*



October 23, 2021 at 04:56 PM

DW

“ *Sorry for your lost prayers for family and friends in Jesus name amen rip in Jesus* ”



Dorotha Williams - October 21, 2021 at 07:51 PM

FC

Not only was he my friend but one of my brothers! Miss him calling me Singing Fred! Our condolences to the family from our family! Love ya'll! Rest in Peace! Rev. Tanner!

Fred Cole - October 25, 2021 at 10:20 PM