



Delia Dawson Tanner

March 11, 1926 - June 9, 2019

Delia Dawson Tanner, 93, of Gladys died Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late Robert Lee Tanner, Sr. for fifty-four years.

She was born March 11, 1926 in Campbell County, a daughter of the late Henry Holt Dawson and Elizabeth Strickland Dawson. She was a member of Diamond Hill Presbyterian Church, a homemaker that loved gardening, flowers and the natural world. She was known by many for her all-consuming, giant, full of love hugs and her beautiful welcoming smile. Delia was an encourager that exemplified the beauty and grace of a strong courageous child of God. Her never ending faith, kindness and love will forever be remembered and cherished. "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue" Proverbs 31:26

She is survived by two sons, Robert L. Tanner, Jr. and his wife, Karen of Gladys and Ray Tanner and his wife, Susan of Gladys; three daughters, Wanda Kay Guthrie and her husband, Jerry of Gladys, Lydia T. Baber of Gladys and Betty T. Massie and her husband, T.W. of Roseland; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-six great grandchildren; and a number of extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Virginia McNeil, Margarete

Estepp, Sally Compton and Katie Puckette; and three brothers, Charlie, Joseph and Aubrey Dawson.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Diamond Hill Presbyterian Church, Gladys by the Rev. Christy Mitchell.

The family will receive friends from following the service at the church.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Alzheimer's Association, 1160 Pepsi Place, Suite 306, Central and Western Virginia Chapter, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

The family would like to thank the staff at both Lynchburg General Hospital and The Summit Health and Rehabilitation Center for their care, comfort and professionalism.

"Well done, thy good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of thy Lord"
Matthew 25:23

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tanner Family Cemetery

8560 Red House Road
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Diamond Hill Presbyterian Church
1090 Mollies Creek Rd.
Gladys, VA 24554

Visitation Following Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Delia Dawson Tanner*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 11, 2019 at 01:25 PM

LS

“ *The brightest smile and biggest hug ever! And all those kitty cats to love! What a joy to be in your Mom's presence. May God comfort and bless you at this sad time. With love from your cousin Laura Tanner Southard, Richmond, VA*

Laura Southard - June 12, 2019 at 12:14 PM

DW

“ *Betty and TW,
I'm so sorry to hear of your loved ones passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you.
God bless you.*

Dianne Wilson

Dianne M. Wilson - June 11, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delia Dawson Tanner .*



June 11, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ *Many fond memories of visiting my Aunt Delia as a child with my family -rest in peace - you will be missed and not forgotten. Gerald (Jerry) Dawson - Aubrey's son.*

Gerald T. Dawson - June 11, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ *We're so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with family.*



Debbie Matt Torrence - June 11, 2019 at 01:10 PM



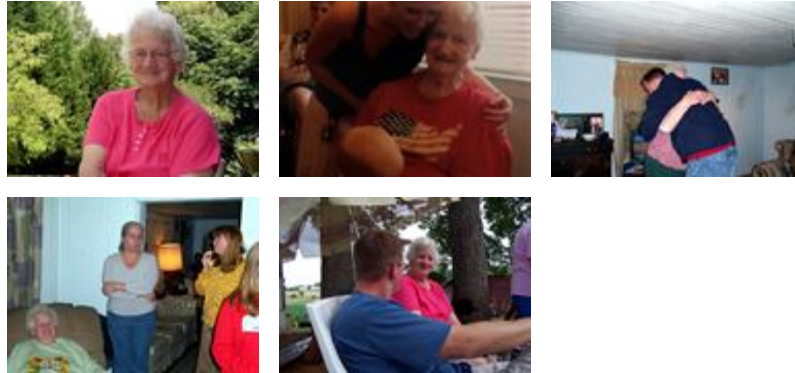
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delia Dawson Tanner .*



June 11, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 11, 2019 at 11:42 AM

CM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, may she rest in peace with our Savior.*
Cornell Murphy

Cornell Murphy - June 11, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delia Dawson Tanner .*



June 11, 2019 at 09:51 AM

 Wanda Vest

“ I did not know Mrs Tanner, but I do know and remember her daughter in law, Karen Tanner. Just wanted to extend my condolences to the family. Karen, I sure would love to hear from you sometime . I am on Facebook under Wanda Vest, or you can contact me by email at wvest61@gmail.com. Hope you and the family will take comfort in the knowledge that your loved one is with the Lord now.

Wanda Vest - June 11, 2019 at 08:39 AM

JJ

“ Praying for your family during this time of grief and loss but rejoicing with Mrs. Tanner in her homegoing.

Joe & Joy Jenkins & family

Joy Marshall Jenkins - June 11, 2019 at 08:30 AM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family



Jeff Holmes - June 11, 2019 at 06:43 AM

CT

“ Rest in Peace Ms. Delia, you always had a smile on your face and a song in your heart. While visiting my Mom at the Summit , it was a joy to hear you sing from God Bless America to a beautiful Hymn. I watched you care for others when they needed attention, calming them with your songs. Thank you for being a bright light.

CeCe Thomas

cece thomas - June 11, 2019 at 01:58 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Delia Dawson Tanner .



June 10, 2019 at 02:33 PM

OS

“ A very special lady. Fun loving and kind. She would always help others. She will be missed.

Ozelle Shelton - June 09, 2019 at 10:48 PM

AN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! She was a great women an always made us laugh everyday

Angel - June 09, 2019 at 08:37 PM