

IN LOVING MEMORY
SISTER ERNESTINE
Redmond Tanner

SUNRISE
MARCH 14, 1931
SUNSET
JULY 11, 2025



SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025
FAMILY HOUR | 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
SERVICE | 11:00 A.M.
GREATER DAMASCUS
CHURCH OF CHRIST (HOLINESS) U.S.A.
1013 DAMASCUS CIRCLE
HAZLEHURST, MS 39083
ELDER CLIFTON GOODLOE III, PASTOR
ELDER NICHOLAS TANNER, SR., OFFICIATING

Honoring ERNESTINE

Ernestine Tanner was born on March 14, 1931, in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. She was the second of eight children born to Ernest (Gus) Redmond and Alberta Redmond. She was preceded in death by her beloved grandson, William Gerald Tanner, Jr.; brothers, Ernest Redmond Jr. and Louis Redmond, sisters, Rosie Bell Redmond, Nellie Faye Banks, Hilda Jean Beacham, Mary Emma Watkins and one God sister, Arlene Jackson.

Ernestine received her early education at Damascus Elementary School in the Copiah County School System and later attended Hazlehurst City School. On February 12, 1947, she was united in marriage to Frank Tanner Jr. From this union came three cherished children: Frank Tanner III, William Gerald Tanner, and Celeste Lynn Tanner—all of whom, along with her husband, preceded her in death.

In 1951, Ernestine and her family relocated to Detroit, Michigan, where she pursued a career in cosmetology, earning her degree in 1961. After 22 years in Detroit, she returned to her roots in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. There, she continued her passion for education and children, earning an associate degree in Child Development and serving as a teacher with Friends of Children of Mississippi until her retirement in 1997.

Ernestine trusted Christ at an early age. After returning to Hazlehurst, MS, she was a faithful member of Greater Damascus Church of Christ Holiness. There, she faithfully served under the leadership of her beloved pastor, the late Elder Clifton Goodloe Jr.

Ernestine leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Melissa Byrd of Memphis, TN; two granddaughters, Rhonda Steele and Balinda Tanner, both of Detroit, MI; a grandson, Frank (Misha) Tanner of Millington, TN; and a devoted stepson, Ricky Sanders of Hazlehurst, MS. She also leaves behind a host of beloved relatives and friends whom she loved dearly.

The family would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to Glenda Faye Wilbert, Linda Tillman and the staff and residents of Pine Crest Guest Home, who became her extended family and provided comfort and care in her later years.

NEVER FORGOTTEN



In Our Hearts

We thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.

Your Nieces and Nephews

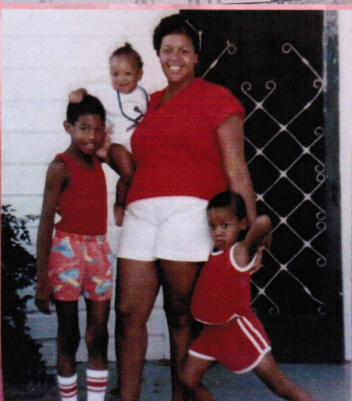
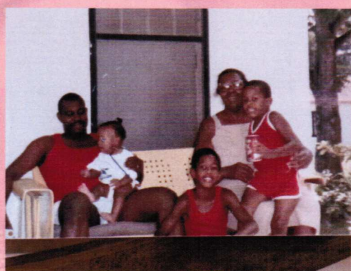
Remembering Grandma

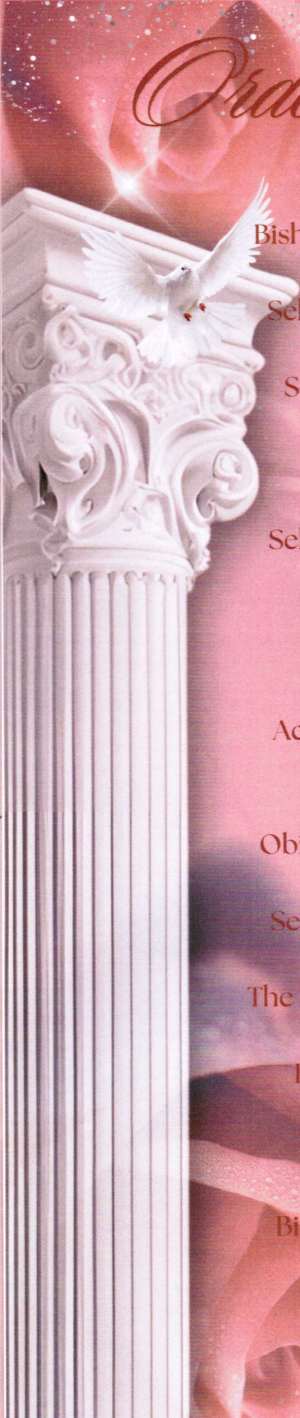
You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow, because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn
your back
Or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes,
love and go on

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS



"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. ~"Psalm 116:15





Order of Service

Prelude

Bishop Kenneth M. Thrasher, Musician

Selection | Greater Damascus Choir

Scripture | Elder Marvin Davis, Sr.

Prayer | Deacon Dennis Hall

Selection | Greater Damascus Choir

Tributes/Reflections | Anyone
(2 Minutes, Please)

Acknowledgement of Condolences
Sister Monica Watts

Obituary Read Silently with Soft Music

Selection | Greater Damascus Choir

The Message | Elder Nicholas Tanner, Sr.

House of Peoples Funeral Home
Directors in Charge

Recessional

Bishop Kenneth Thrasher, Musician

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Frank Tanner
Clinton Beacham, Jr.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Garry Sanders
Bruce Jackson
Trustee Bruce Benjamin
Trustee Howard Jones, Jr.
Trustee Roy Jones

FLOWER LADIES

Church Members and Friends of the Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of Mrs. Ernestine Redmond Tanner gratefully acknowledges, with sincere appreciation and thanksgiving, all acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and home going of our loved one. Your generosity of prayers, food, telephone calls, cards, love and compassion shown to us during this most difficult time is more than we could have ever imagined. Thank you so very, very much. May God bless you always.

~ The Tanner and Redmond Family ~

INTERMENT

Hazlehurst City Cemetery
Sinclair St. | Hazlehurst, MS 39083

REPAST

Greater Damascus Church Annex

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO.....

The House of Peoples Funeral Home
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