



Ms. Doris Mae Tanner

October 25, 1930 - May 13, 2021

Doris Mae Tanner, 90, of Plant City, Florida, passed away peacefully May 13, with family by her bedside. She was born on October, 25, 1930, and raised in Plant City. She graduated from Florida Southern College in 1948 with a degree in Childhood Education. After graduation, she taught 2nd grade for 43 years at Springhead Elementary and Cork Elementary. She enjoyed teaching and still shared her love to inspire children even into her later years, with family and friends with young children. She was an avid card player and belonged to 2 bridge groups. She also loved to travel and read. But her greatest love and hobby was her beautiful gardens and home. She was preceded in death by her parents: Myrtle and James Tanner and her nephew, James Vernon. She leaves behind a sister, Betty Jo Vernon, nephew Chris Vernon (Tami, Grace and Katie), niece Bett Vernon (James Vernon deceased, Brittany Vernon (Ryan Dodge), Laura Middleton (David), and great nieces and nephews, William, Charlotte and Benjamin Dodge-Vernon and Kayleigh Middleton. Interment at Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. Memorial donations can be made to the Bruton Memorial Library, 302 McLendon Street Plant City, 33563. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Ms. Tanner was my second grade teacher and has always remained in my memory she taught us cursive wrighting and as a extra needle point in her class she made learning fun I'm 46 now and remember her just like it was yesterday and yes I occasionally still do needle point. .God bless you and surround you with angels Ms. Tanner.. Love Jeff Nichols

Jeff Nichols - January 13, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Ms. Tanner was my longtime library friend and patron for over 20 years. She loved her mystery novels, Dick Frances among her fave. My fondest memory is her inviting the whole staff over for lunch. She had everything layed out so nicely. I felt like a princess having lunch with a QUEEN. All class she was

Lisa Broome - May 25, 2021 at 12:20 PM

BO

“ I was neighbors with Doris for over 20 years and cherished her quick wit, humor and our many conversations. Her beautiful yard was always an inspiration to me. It was always a comfort to me to know she was over there. I will truly miss Doris and things around the neighborhood will never be the same. Thank you Doris for your many years of friendship.

Bob - May 14, 2021 at 10:11 PM

WB

“ I was saddened to hear of Doris's passing. I worked with her for several years at Cork Elementary. She was a wonderful teacher and an inspiration to me as a young teacher. Prayers for her family and friends.

Willeva Van Den Bogaert - May 14, 2021 at 06:06 PM

BT

Working with Doris for about 20 years at Cork Elementary was such a pleasure! Doris Tanner was an excellent teacher and a joy to work with. May God be with her family. Betty Tsakonas

Betty Tsakonas - May 15, 2021 at 08:04 AM

CW

So sorry for the loss of a beautiful soul. Ms Doris was a very good friend to my aunt in their early years and a very inspiring teacher to me. She was my teacher at Cork elementary and showed us her compassion for teaching and love for “her kids”. She will be deeply missed but happy for her homecoming!

Cindy Cotten Watson - May 15, 2021 at 10:06 AM

DR

Sincere condolences to Betty Jo and family for the loss of her sister, Doris. Like my cousin, Doris, I became a teacher and taught for 34 years before retiring. I remember Doris telling me how much she enjoyed teaching second grade, and decided about eight years before retiring to switch to second grade (I had always taught upper grades). I wish I had taken her advice earlier. Those last eight years of teaching second grade were the happiest and most rewarding of my career. Thank you Doris for your advice. Love, Diana

Diana Massey Rudolph - May 16, 2021 at 04:11 PM

PL

Celebrating the life of our dear neighbor, Doris. There are so many memories of living next door across the fence from her beautiful yard for 39 years. Her life and dedication as an educator was always evident in the special interest she took in my daughters from birth through their years of growing up. Through the years she continued to ask about them whenever I saw her. Doris is especially well loved and remembered by our family for a special kindness in the 1980's. She invited my little kindergarten-aged daughter who was recovering from chicken pox to come and watch the Strawberry Festival parade from an upstairs bedroom window in the beautiful Tanner home. The story of her thoughtfulness has been retold year after year in our family and continues as I now watch the parade with my grandchildren. Thank you, Doris, for the precious memories.

Patty Linder - May 17, 2021 at 11:08 AM