



## Bessie Tanner

May 9, 1929 - February 21, 2005

Bessie Lee Tanner Bessie Lee Tanner, 75, of Pursley passed away Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at Navarro Regional Hospital. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Griffin-Roughton Chapel with Darin Wood and Chris Blacksmith officiating. Interment will follow at Pursley Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ronnie J. Tanner, Bryan Neal Tanner, Golman Blackburn, Mike Patrick, Terry Patrick and Charles Paul. Honorary pallbearers will be Glen Lane, Mike Tanner, Elwin Rhodes, Dale Lane and Dwight Tanner. Mrs. Tanner was born May 9, 1929, in Long Prairie to Henry Stafford and Mamie Louise Martin Wilson. Born the seventh of 10 children, she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She worked for Haggard Slack Company as a supervisor for 25 years until the plant closed. She also worked as a seamstress for Mexia State School until her retirement. She was happiest cooking for her family and having her children and grandchildren around her. She was looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild, Tanner Douglas Patrick. She enjoyed visiting with her neighbor and best friend, Emma Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Elmer Tanner Jr. of Pursley; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda Kaye and Don Barron of Corsicana; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Karen Tanner of Fairfield and Elmer and Mandy Tanner of Retreat; grandchildren, Mike Patrick, Terry Lynn Patrick and wife Monica, Ronnie J. Tanner, Kayla Tanner, Bryan Tanner, Allison Tanner and Dustin Lee

Tanner; brothers, Howard Wilson of Navarro Mills, John Wilson of Kerens and James Wilson of Corsicana; and sister, Mary Lou Paul of Rural Shade. Memorial guest book is available at [www.griffin-rougton.com](http://www.griffin-rougton.com). Click on obituaries and go to the name (Bessie Lee Tanner) to sign book and to submit memorial message. Arrangements by Griffin-Rougton Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Tanner*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *i only met bessie maybe 10-15 times in my life most when i was little. she was the sweetest lady i have ever met. i remember my last visit with her and elmer a couple years ago. i wasnt planning on lunch but she served us more like dinner it was so huge. it was the best meal in my life. and i thank her for her family advice she gave me that day.*

**leonard pacheco** - February 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ronnie, Sorry for the loss of your Mother.*

**Larry Moore** - February 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am truly sorry to hear about Mrs. Tanner. Your family is in my prayers. If you need anything, please let me know.  
Lisa, Chris, Jacey and Reagan Coston*

**LARRY AND STACY SYKES** - February 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Uncle Junior, Ronnie J., Elmer Lee and Brenda Kay and all your families,

*I wish that I could be there to say goodbye to Aunt Bessie, but I am a teacher and can not get off this week. However, I will always remember the last time we were together. She bought me the prettiest little flower arrangement for my new house, and I still have it. I will never forget her sweet face and her laugh.*

*If there is anything I can do for you let me know. I live just north of McKinney, and I have two daughters, ages 19 and 15.*

*God bless you,  
Dina*

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**Dina DeVoe** - February 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I just want all the family to know that I am very sorry for their loss. When my Mom died I sure did miss her and still do to this day. But, when they are sick and you see them hurting then it brings piece of mind to know they are free of pain.*

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**Candis {Wilson} Sample** - February 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are sorry to hear about your lost. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Patty, Steve, Austin McCormick** - February 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE TANNER FAMILY,

*I REMEMBER HER WHEN I WAS VERY LITTLE. I KNOW WE DID NOT KEEP IN CONTACT OVER THE YEARS BUT I'M SURE SHE WAS A VERY LOVING PERSON. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY PEOPLE. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.*

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**KATIE(WILSON)IBANEZ** - February 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM