



PHILIP MAURICE TANNER

Mr. Philip Maurice (Phil) Tanner, 76, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2007.

Mr. Tanner was born April 19, 1931 in Frankston, TX.

A graduate of Kennard High School, Mr. Tanner received a Bachelor of Arts from Texas Western College and a Master of Arts from the University of Texas at El Paso. A gifted teacher, he touched many students' lives and was teaching for Angelina College at the time of his death.

Serving on the front lines in the Korean Conflict, Phil was decorated for service as combat and infantry squad leader, and Honorably Discharged at the rank of Sergeant from the U.S. Army and from the National Guard of Texas.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Crockett, he dutifully and faithfully sang in the Chancel Choir. Mr. Tanner found his joy in singing and shared his beautiful voice with everyone.

At the time of his death, he was the Chancellor Commander, Davy Crockett Lodge #193, Knights of Pythias,

Mr. Tanner was an entertainer, singer, songwriter, actor, poet, storyteller, novelist, and philosopher. He performed in off-Broadway musicals in New York, summer stock in New England, operas around

the country, and in nightclubs and movies in Hollywood.

Out beloved Phil Tanner died as the result of a tragic automobile accident and will be missed.

Survivors include his wife, Celeste Cox Tanner, of Hagerville, TX; daughters, Kathleen Marie Tanner, of Tucson, AZ, Joy Elizabeth Tanner, of Hagerville, TX and step-daughter Wynona Lynn Chilbert, of Kettle Falls, WA; sister, Barbara Tanner Woodall of Lakeway, TX; brother, Raymond Stuart Tanner, of Hagerville, TX; mother-in-law, Bess Cox, of Crockett, TX; nieces and nephews, Cynthia Lynn and Paul Sellers, of Cameron, LA, and their children, Alyssa and Michael, his wife Erica and newborns Chloe Anne and Claire Michelle, Robin and Toni Tanner, of Tomball, TX and their children Brandon, Holli and Andrew, Lawrence Wayne Tanner and daughter Emily, of Lake Charles, LA, Sylvia Beth and Karl Broman, of Kingwood, TX, Marcus and Collette Tanner and their sons Aaron and Benjamin, of Lake Charles, LA, Sharon Elaine Williams, of Lakeway, TX, Lt. Col. USAF Thomas N. Williams, Jr. and wife Elizabeth and daughter Haley, of Prattville, AL.

Preceded in death by his father Elbert V. Tanner; mother Elsie Veda Owens Tanner; brothers Robert Owens Tanner and Cyril Wayne Tanner; and brother-in-law James Woodall.

Memorial services for Mr. Philip Maurice (Phil) Tanner will be held Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jerry House officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the John H. Wootters Crockett Public Library, 708 East Goliad Avenue, Crockett, TX. 75835 or the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 984, Crockett, TX. 75835.

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