



Sylvia Selester Tanner

September 19, 1937 - January 21, 2025

Sylvia Tanner was born on September 19th, 1937, passed away peacefully on January 21st 2025. She was the daughter of Elijah and Ellen Austin and the sister to 16 siblings.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Hearl Tanner, Brothers - Enos Austin, George (Emma Jean) Austin, Bonfiles (Pat) Austin, and infant Elijah Jr., Sisters - Shirley (Phillip) Smith, Bessie Thorton, Aretta (Chauncey) Valentine, Alberta (Oliver) Cousins, Charlotte (Reginald) Vaughn, Gertrude (Warren) Cousins and Ruth (John) Stewart.

Sylvia was survived by her children Sally (Thaddeus/Pokie) Williams of Columbus and Barry (Beverly) Tanner of Jackson. Brothers - John (Carole) Austin, Homer (Kay) Austin, Richard Austin and Sister Connie (Brenton/Butch) Austin.

She had three Grandchildren Barry and Courtney Tanner and Michael Burnette, between them she had seven Great-Grandkids, Sean, Roman, Ollie, Braxton, Bella, Lynnex and Amelia as well as many nieces and nephews.

Her best friend and Brother-in-Law, Charles "Eddie" Tanner and Sister-in-Laws Opal Routt and Daisey Tanner.

Sylvia was a faithful member of the United Community Baptist Church where she attended for many, many years until her health no longer allowed. She was a lady of great faith and her love for Jesus was known by everyone she met.

Her favorite things to do were read her Bible, watch her Westerns and occasionally an episode of Judge Judy here and there. Anyone who came to know her would walk away with a smile and a story to tell. Her passing was a sad day for us, but the most beautiful homecoming for her.

The family would like to thank the entire staff and residents of Heartland of Chillicothe, Adena Hospital and the wonderful Hospice Nurses that took care of her in her final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a church or charity of your choice in her memory.

Funeral services for Sylvia will be held at 1pm on Monday, January 27, 2025 at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home with burial in the Caldwell Cemetery to follow. The family will receive friends from 1-4pm on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Caldwell Cemetery

Old US-35
Richmondale, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvia Selester Tanner*



Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home - January 27, 2025 at 12:58 PM

DT

“ *Many memories but remembering staying at your house and everyone making fun of the city girl for not wanting to go outside because I had never seen a horsefly and she said it's OK to stay in the house. You compassionate, and that infectious laugh will be missed.*



Deborah Thornton - January 27, 2025 at 12:03 PM

PW

“ *Our mom where do I start, one of the strongest ladies I've ever known. Survived a stroke at 51, was able to drive and take care of herself. After my father died she still stayed at the house by herself taking care of herself. She loved us, grandchildren, her family, & friends with all her heart. Mom made me a better person taught me so much about God. Pokie & I love you mom and will miss you greatly. May you rest on with God, dad, the family & friends 🙏🕊️❤️*



Pokie & Sally Williams - January 25, 2025 at 09:39 PM

PB

I'm very sorry Sally for the loss of your mother. Prayers for you and your family. You're in my thoughts and my heart.

Paul Brown - January 26, 2025 at 09:21 PM

PW

“ *Pokie & Sally Williams lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Selester Tanner*



Pokie & Sally Williams - January 25, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia Selester Tanner.*



January 25, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CG

“ *I first became acquainted with Sylvia through my mother-in-law. They became roomies and great friends! Sylvia called my mother-in-law, Miss Betty. They shared stories and their love of the Lord. Each time I went to visit Sylvia it was a joy! We always found something to talk about and memories to share. She was such a lovely lady and I will certainly miss her.. My thoughts and prayers are with Sally and Pokie and the rest of the family. 🙏❤️🙏*

Connie Gahm - January 25, 2025 at 02:35 PM

TC

“ Trinity United Church of Christ purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sylvia Selester Tanner.



Trinity United Church of Christ - January 25, 2025 at 08:40 AM

CA

“ My beloved sister I miss you and our phone conversations. I'll never forget the golden nectar kool-aid. I'll never forget you and the love you shared. Dance all over God's heaven.

Connie L Austin - January 24, 2025 at 10:54 PM

CA

“ Connie L Austin lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Selester Tanner



Connie L Austin - January 24, 2025 at 10:36 PM

TM

“ From the Moore Family



Tonette Moore - January 24, 2025 at 06:22 AM

JS

I'm going to miss my Aunt Sylvia but I have a lot of great memories with her. Love you Aunt Sylvia. I agree with Aunt Connie regarding the Cool Aid. I'll remember you always

Joyce Smith - January 26, 2025 at 09:52 AM

JS

Aunt Sylvia came to my rescue several times. At Christmas and when I needed sneakers at school. I loved her dearly and will miss talking with her. I love you Aunt Sylvia and again that cool aid was as Aunt Connie noted.

Joyce Smith - January 26, 2025 at 02:50 PM

WH

From Ionic Masonic Lodge #6 Condolences to Brother Barry Tanner and Family..

Worship Darryl Hussey - January 27, 2025 at 08:48 AM

SC

“ *Stewart Lomax Clan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sylvia Selester Tanner.*



Stewart Lomax Clan - January 23, 2025 at 03:30 PM

MM

“ *Marsha L. Morrison lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Selester Tanner*



Marsha L. Morrison - January 23, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss of your dear beloved family member. I knew the Tanner Family, and were good childhood friends. Blessings to you all.

Juanita Wright - January 22, 2025 at 10:44 PM

AJ

“ We're all going to miss Aunt Sylvia...she was a loving, caring and valued member of our family. I love and thank Aunt Sylvia for all the love and good memories we were blessed enough to share together out at her house over the years. May GOD bless us here with peace and understanding as we reflect, and may The Almighty accept our beloved Aunt Sylvia into His fold forever.

Alexis Jones - January 22, 2025 at 10:43 PM

CA

“ I'm sending my condolences you Sally and her family. I will most definitely miss my loving aunt Sylvia. She was amazing person my dad sister ❤️

Carnell (Michael) Austin - January 22, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JL

“ To Sally and the family,
I am quite saddened to hear of your mother's passing. Your mother brought so much joy in life to all of us. Blessed is her legacy and let others praise her works beyond her years 🙏❤️. With condolences and love.

Jernell Logan - January 22, 2025 at 07:25 PM

EH

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers

Eva Herald - January 22, 2025 at 05:07 PM



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Jernell Logan - January 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM