



Roland Tanner

May 10, 1923 - December 4, 2007

Roland Tanner -- Kankakee The Lord put his arms around Roland E. Tanner, and took him from his residence to heaven on Tuesday (Dec. 4, 2007). He was born May 10, 1923, in Kankakee, to William and Anna Hertz Tanner. He was a lifelong resident of Kankakee. Surviving are his beloved wife of 24 years, Ruth; one son, Mark and Londa Tanner of Kankakee; four daughters, Roxanne and Mark Forgrave of Kankakee, Joellyn "Jody" Lintzenick of Nashville, Tenn., Michelle and Randy Hodges of Inverness, Fla., Vicki Tanner of Normal; two stepchildren, Jennifer Burk of Kankakee, and Greg and Vicki Rolf of Georgia; seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, three stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren; one sister, Lucille Lehnus of Kankakee; and one brother, Cecil Tanner of Kankakee. Deceased are his first wife, June Marie Christiansen, whom he married in 1947; his mother and father; one daughter, Rhonda Moorhouse; one grandson, Matthew Allen Forgrave; and one sister, Opal White. He retired from Esselte Pendaflex after 35 plus years and many years of farming. He was an avid Cubs fan, enjoyed bowling, traveled to every state and twice to Europe. He also was a pitcher on church softball leagues for over 70 years. He was a godly influence on all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by all. Roland's motto was "I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no brief candle for me; it is sort of a splendid torch, which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations. The Lord helping me! Till we meet again!" Visitation

will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Rev. Randall Caswell will officiate. Private graveside services will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of God Building Fund.

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“ Dear Ruth and family,

Roland was always such a gentle, caring friend, and he will be missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have known him.##imported-begin##Dorothea Stansbury##imported-end##

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“ ROLAND WAS A VERY GOOD PERSON HE WILL BE MISSED

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“ We want to extend our Deepest sympathy

and want you to know that our Prayers and thoughts are with your Family.

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“ To the family and Roland and especially Aunt Lucille Lehnus. I am sorry to hear about your brother passing on but know you will have eternity together. Love, Carol Mae
& Carol Reich

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“ We were saddened to learn of Roland's death. We will be out of town and cannot attend the visitation. Roland was a wonderful friend and his family benefited from his Godly life.

I will always remember the refuge provided during one icy winter when our car slid off the road and into a ditch in front of Tanner's house. We were sheltered and calmed by the family. I caught the bus for school with the children and Gene waited for a tow truck. The entire family is close to our heart.

You have our sympathy. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Barbra & Gene Hartness

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“ Mr. Tanner must have been a wonderful man. Ashley talked about her Grandpa in class. I know she will miss him! Her teachers send their condolences to the Tanner family.
Ashley's Teachers at HHS

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“ I remember Roland and June Tanner sitting in the church pew at St. Mark with their daughters and son. They were a quiet rock of testimony to a faith that was strong, secure and everlasting.

My dad was their minister for many many years, Earl Bruso.

I know that Dad met Roland at the gate of Heaven!

Stay strong and know that all is well with your father.##imported-begin##Pamela Bruso##imported-end##

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“ Ruth and Tanner Family,

 Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we share in your sorrow of Roland's absence from our earthly lives, but we are rejoicing in the fact that He is present with the Lord---healthy, whole, happy, and anticipating with great joy the arrival of each of us (who trust in Jesus) to be forever together in heaven. We have many fond memories of our fellowship times together with those of you whom we were acquainted with. May the Lord lift your heavy hearts with joyful memories and the comforting thought that Roland is celebrating Christmas with Jesus this year!

We love you all,

Steve & Marlyn

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