



## Frances Susanna Tankersley

May 10, 1918 - March 5, 2018

Frances Susanna Tankersley, 99, Fortuna, MO, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, March 5, 2018. She was born on May 10, 1918, in Cooper County, MO, to parents Jesse Edwards Rowles and Pauline Tavenner Rowles. Frances and her family spent her youth in and around the Bunceton and Otterville area, and she attended Tipton High School, oftentimes riding a mule to get there.

Frances married Orvel Clayton Tankersley of Fortuna on January 19, 1937, after a brief courtship, and settled in the Fortuna area. She was a homemaker who raised six children, cared for numerous grandchildren, tended a large garden, and worked side-by-side with Orvel on their farm near Versailles.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years; her parents; three brothers: Townsend Rowles of Montrose, CO, Jesse E. Rowles of Windsor, MO, and John R. Rowles of Marshall, MO; four sisters: Grace Banks of Sedalia, Mo; Mary Long of Leeton, MO; Doris Motsinger of Calhoun, MO; and Margaret Schwartz of Sedalia, MO. She was also preceded in death by three grandchildren: Brian Williams, Karry Williams, and Travis Tankersley.

Frances is survived by her six children: Paul Tankersley (Dorothy) of Versailles, MO; John Tankersley (Georgene) of Fortuna, MO; Sarah Williams (Jack) of Versailles, MO; George Tankersley (Kathy) of Gravois Mills, MO;

Dale Tankersley (Kathy) of Syracuse, MO; and Lynn Beasley (David) of Marietta, GA. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-great grandchild. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Frances will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. She was a woman of deep faith, and she lived her faith in her daily life and her interactions with others. She was always willing to help others in need, and her frequent saying was “never judge another person until you have walked a mile in their shoes.”

A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, March 9, 2018, at 2:00 PM at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, MO, with graveside services immediately following at the Newkirk Cemetery near Fortuna, MO. There will be a brief visitation beginning at 1:00 PM.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Cemetery Details

## Newkirk Cemetery

35661 Maupin Road  
Fortuna, MO 65034

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for your family in this time of grief.



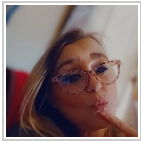
Pamela Raines - March 09, 2018 at 10:52 PM

SS

“ Sirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley



sirley sumner - March 09, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ Elizabeth Elley lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley



Elizabeth Elley - March 08, 2018 at 08:51 PM

PE

“ Paula Elkin lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley



Paula Elkin - March 08, 2018 at 08:25 PM

TB

“ Tom Bankhead lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley



Tom Bankhead - March 08, 2018 at 05:58 PM

BT

“ Beth Tankersley-Bankhead lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley



Beth Tankersley-Bankhead - March 08, 2018 at 05:55 PM

BT

*My grandma was an angel on earth.*

Beth Tankersley-Bankhead - March 08, 2018 at 07:02 PM

LB

*Momma was the most loving and caring mother any child could have wanted, and we were so fortunate that our children and grandchildren had a chance to experience her love. We all miss her dearly..*

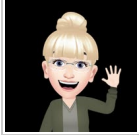
Lynn Beasley - March 19, 2018 at 10:55 AM

KT

“ Kathy Tankersley lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley



Kathy Tankersley - March 08, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ *Jerrilyn Monroe lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley*



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**Jerrilyn Monroe** - March 08, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ *Linda Tankersley lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley*



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**Linda Tankersley** - March 08, 2018 at 09:41 AM

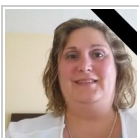


“ *One of the sweetest people you could ever know. An angel on earth.*



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**Jacqueline Kauffman** - March 08, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ *Suzie Dudenhoeffer lit a candle in memory of Frances Susanna Tankersley*



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**Suzie Dudenhoeffer** - March 08, 2018 at 03:40 AM

KA

“ *Kay Adams lit a candle in memory of Frances  
Susanna Tankersley*



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**Kay Adams** - March 07, 2018 at 10:45 AM