



## Theresa Tanner

January 24, 1941 - December 12, 2020

### THERESA TANNER

Theresa Louise Tanner, age 79, of New Bloomfield, Missouri, formerly of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Capital Region Medical Center, Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born January 24, 1941 in Osage County, Missouri, a daughter of Harry Herman and Theresa Loraine (Bebroek) Adrian.

On April 8, 1961 in Cole County, Missouri, she was united in marriage to John Richard Tanner. Together they shared the past fifty-nine years of marriage.

Theresa was raised and lived most of her life in Jefferson City, Missouri. In 1999, she and Dick retired to their favorite place, Lake of the Ozarks. Recently, poor health caused them to relocate to New Bloomfield, Missouri.

She was an avid antique collector and enjoyed music. She loved the lake and was happiest while she was there. Most of all, spending time with her family brought her joy.

Survivors include her husband, John "Dick" Tanner of the home; five sons, Rodney Dale Tanner and partner Katherine Morin of Columbia, Missouri, Matthew Adrian Tanner and wife Alece of Dallas, Texas, Clayton Allen Tanner

and wife Heather of Holts Summit, Missouri, Clinton John Tanner and wife Jill of St. Louis, Missouri and Luke William Tanner of Overland Park, Kansas; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Gertrude Lepage of Russellville, Missouri; two brothers, Harry Adrian Jr. of Ottawa, Illinois and Roger Adrian of Jefferson City, Missouri and a host of other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Loraine Dawdy and Louise Kempker.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

LN

“ Dear Uncle Dick and Cousins,

*My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you and the grandchildren. You were all blessed to have a person such as Aunt Theresa in your lives. She was a special, loving, funny, caring lady and I know you will cherish the many memories she leaves with you. I am glad I was able to know her and grow up with many great events and family gatherings with my cousins and Aunt and Uncle. Blessings to all,*

*Lisa (Tanner) Norton*

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**Lisa Norton** - January 07, 2021 at 04:50 PM

Mary  
Adrian

“ Dear Dick, Rod, Matt, Clayton, Clinton and Luke,  
What can I say? All of you know how I feel about you. I’ve loved you seems like forever! And your Mother? She was a special person to me from the day I met her and this picture is exactly how I always see her in my mind. We had SUCH good times together! Whether it was she and Dick and me and Roger going out for dinner or just the two of us having a talking lunch, it was great fun. I love and miss her...

So many memories.... Her and Dick hosting our Wedding at your house. Spending time on the “estalou” at the Lake (and a few, just a few margaritas at Vista Grande!). She and I shopping in Columbia. We four going to a boat-show in Nashville-coincidentally staying at the hotel where “Minnesota Fats” resided! Of course everyone remembers her Dancing! She’d take off her shoes and dance her feet right through those Panty Hose! Loved it-me right beside her, but shoes on!

Surely some of you boys recall she and I loading you up in my car and going to the Fair in Sedalia. She wasn’t driving yet and when I called and made the suggestion, that idea to her was almost incredulous. That we would drive THAT far!! But we went and I suppose “a “good time was had by all!” This, I know you’ll remember: Roger and I just “dropping in” when we came to town from Taos! We were doing it pretty durned often as I recall! If it was close to supper, your Mom could always come up with a meal in no time flat! I admired her for that because I was totally different (and couldn’t help it!). MY meals had to be “planned”. God just made each of us different, that’s all.

Theresa was not a person you could forget easily-her bubbly personality was always there! And her love for ALL of you could never be questioned. She was interested in everything ALL of you did! You’re going to miss that big presence in your lives and I am so sorry for all of you that she won’t continue to be there for you. That she will no longer be a part of her Grandchildren’s lives and miss out on their growing up, getting married and giving her Great-Grandchildren to love.

And Dick. I can’t imagine the big hole the loss of Theresa has

*created. Together for so many, many years-it's going to hurt bad, real bad. You lost half of yourself. I say that because that's how I'd feel if I no longer had Roger. I've told him "You'd better not go!" and he tells me the same. But as you've found out, that isn't the way it works, is it? I'm sorry and saying it doesn't change a thing, but that's all I have. But know you're in our thoughts and occupy a huge place in our hearts and ANYTHING Roger or I can do, we are here ANYTIME. We love you Dick Tanner and ALL of those five boys and always will.*

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**Mary Adrian** - January 07, 2021 at 04:26 PM

DC

“*Dick & Tanner Boys - I was devastated at the news of Theresa's passing. Heaven has definitely gained an angel. We became so close through our years working together at JCI. She was such a kind and compassionate person. She was always there for me without ever having to ask. Her smile and laugh was contagious. I hope your wonderful memories of this great lady helps you to get through this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you guys. - Denise Caley*



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**Denise Caley** - December 29, 2020 at 08:58 AM

JS

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Judy Forbis Stanford*



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**Judy Stanford** - December 17, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JM

“ *My sweet 2nd mother....devastated and know heaven has gained a precious angel. Prayers to the family.*

*Jeff McKittrick*

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**Jeff McKittrick** - December 16, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DH

“ *Dick, Rod, Matt, Clayton, Clinton and Luke, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife but also the boy's mother. Theresa was one of a kind, her smile and go getter attitude. She would do anything for anyone. I remember the Christmas Parties with JC Industries and how she loved to dance. She was a very dear friend to me but we lost touch with other. She was always there for me when I needed to vent. I loved her dearly. I couldn't believe it when I opened the paper. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. If you need anything please let me know.*



*Debbie Heinrich*

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**Debbie Heinrich** - December 16, 2020 at 06:08 PM

Holly Shoup

“ Uncle Dick, Rod, Matt, Clayton, Clinton and Luke, I am truly sorry for the loss of your mom. I always loved Aunt Theresa's laugh and she had a wonderful spirit. I will cherish the memories I have of her taking Amy and I shopping with Grandpa. She was a very special lady and she will be missed! My heart breaks for you. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you guys.



*Dave and Holly Shoup*

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**Holly Shoup** - December 16, 2020 at 02:18 PM

AM

“ Uncle Dick, Rod, Matt, Clayton, Clinton and Luke

*My heart goes out to all of you. It is very hard losing your mom. I miss mine every day. But I know that Loraine and mom were at the gate to welcome Theresa. I am going to miss Aunt Theresa. She was one of a kind and that's what I LOVED about her.*

*If you all need anything, I am here. If you need a shoulder to cry on or just a new person to cry to, I am here.*

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**Amy Maupin** - December 16, 2020 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ Uncle Dick, Rod, Matt, Clayton, Clinton & Luke

*I love you guys so much. My heart aches for you. I have so many great memories of the coolest Aunt ever, I remember going shopping with Mom and going by to give Theresa a fashion show. I remember how cool she was in her white t-top. I remember sneaking up to her room and sitting at her vanity pretending to be pretty. I remember her giving Fallon jewelry she was wearing just to try and get a smile from her. I remember sitting outside at the anniversary party to try and get a break from that Adrian blood. I remember her telling me the best thing ever at David's funeral. I remember her being with us when Mom passed. There are way too many memories to share. If you need anything let me know I'm here. I love you and your families. I will be wrapping you in my heart over the next few months praying for peace as you begin this journey.*

*Jennifer McKinney*

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**Jennifer McKinney** - December 16, 2020 at 01:12 PM

JW

“ Uncle Dick, Rod, Matt, Clinton, Clayton, Luke and families, We are so sad to hear of Aunt Theresa's passing. She was a beautiful spirit and cared so deeply for her family. She will be forever cherished and missed by all. We love her and we love you all. Julie, John and family.

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**Julie Wittkop** - December 16, 2020 at 01:05 PM

CW

“ Uncle Dick,  
I am sorry for losing the love of your life. She was the best Aunt to us girls. I am sad and am hugging you from afar. Give the "Tanner Boys" love from me.  
Chris Ann

Chris Ann Wheelan - December 16, 2020 at 12:02 PM

SL

“ Dick, Rod, Matt, Clinton, Clayton, Luke and families,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Theresa was a beautiful person who lit up a room and made you feel good when you were around her. Her vibrant spirit will live on in each of you.  
Love, Tim and Sherri LePage



Sherri LePage - December 16, 2020 at 10:51 AM

TF

“ The Werdehausen Family lit a candle in memory of Theresa Tanner



The Werdehausen Family - December 16, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ The Lawrence Family lit a candle in memory of Theresa Tanner



The Lawrence Family - December 16, 2020 at 10:40 AM