



Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright

April 23, 1944 - November 28, 2020

Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright, of Albany, died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at the Willson Hospice House.

Her funeral service will be at 11 AM on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at First United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery. The Rev. Thad Haygood will officiate. The family will receive friends prior to the service at First United Methodist Church beginning at 10 AM. Masks will be required and CDC guidelines for social distancing will be respected.

Mrs. Wright was born in Albany and lived here most of her life. She graduated from Albany High School in 1962. She was named Homecoming Queen at Albany High School in the fall of 1961. Mrs. Wright was a long time member of First United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and was involved in the many ministries of the Church. She worked for many years with Dr. Melvin Murphy. Following that, she worked at First Methodist preschool for 20 years, and then worked at Covenant Presbyterian preschool. She was a member of the UMW and the Gideons International Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel Oren Tanner and Mary Elizabeth McCall Tanner, her brother, Dan Tanner, and her father and mother in law, Gordon Ozell Wright, Sr. and Dorothy Barbre Wright.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her husband of 56 years: Bill Wright, Albany; son: Hank Wright (Staci), Lee County; 2 daughters: Jodi Peacock (David), Albany, Molly Strickland (Bo), Albany; 7 grandchildren: Margaret Peacock, Catherine Peacock, Wright Strickland, Chloe Wright, Jane Strickland, Mary Peacock,

Cellie Strickland; brother: Bryan Tanner, Tupelo, MS; brother in law: Gordon Wright, Albany; sister in law: Jo Hughes, Dalton, GA.

Those desiring may send memorials to Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Ln., Albany, GA 31707, ACTO, c/o First United Methodist Church, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701, or to Gideons International Albany East, P.O. Box 1265, Albany, GA 31702.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright*



Elena Taylor - April 13, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Sandra made the world a happier place and she will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.*

Robert Peacock - December 08, 2020 at 12:20 AM



“ *So sorry, Bill...*

Arleeta Henry - December 06, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this . May God give the family peace . Yall are in my prayers*

Theo Gooch - December 05, 2020 at 06:31 PM

BJ

“ 🙏❤️😊 *A beautiful witness. Her smile and sweet spirit remembered. Love you, Sandra and your family. One of the best of the best!!!*

Brenda Peace Joiner - December 02, 2020 at 07:33 PM

NB

“ Dear Sandra's Family,

This may sound very strange to you but I feel it was meant to be that I just decided to really read through The Albany Herald today at work. I usually quickly scan through but today took it one page at a time and glanced at the obituaries and saw Sandra's name. I wanted to share with you that Sandra has a special place in my heart from the very long ago kindness she showed to me when I was a child patient of Dr. Murphy. I was scared to death of him and going to his office but Sandra would come get me from the waiting room and spoke kindly and softly to me...always assuring me that it was going to be okay and that she would not leave me. Which she never did. She also held my hand while I had procedures, including having many permanent teeth pulled that I had not room for...and found very frightening. I feel sure she had to suffer herself with the grip I would keep on her. I adored her. Later, my very first babysitting job was in your home and that made me feel strong and valued.

It didn't surprise me to read that she had been a homecoming queen at AHS....for to me she was such a beautiful lady....but more than what she was obviously blessed with in her looks, how much more so was her heart full and loving in a greater level of beautiful. I still think of her each and every time I go to he dentist....over fifty years later. I can only imagine how many other lives she touched and am grateful to be one. I regret never being able to tell her myself how much her kindness meant to me but am grateful I could share with you.

I pray for your comfort and peace as you grieve for the loss of her.

Nancy Martin Bryan

Nancy Bryan - December 02, 2020 at 03:28 PM

PM

“ *Bill, Jody, Hank, and Molly (and grandchildren)
I have loved Sandra Wright as long as I have known her, and that is a long, long time.
She and Bill were such an inspiration to so many. Their love for each other and their
love for others was so special, but their love for Christ was so obvious in every thing
they did or said....No telling how many souls Bill and Sandra have led to Christ.
She was beautiful in every way. I know you will miss her so much, but I also know
you have such wonderful memories to cling to for the rest of your days.....
I know Heaven is an even sweeter place now that Sandra has arrived.
Prayers for all of you. I love this family!!!*

Patsy Martin - December 01, 2020 at 06:22 PM

PL

“ *I will never forget working with Sandra at Covenant Preschool. She always exuded warmth and love and was truly a Christian woman. My Trevor and all of the children adored her. Wishing God's peace and comfort for all of her family.*

Patti Lopez - December 01, 2020 at 04:52 PM

LP

“ Sandra was Ashley's mentor for Confirmation. We couldn't have wished for a better example of the Christian faith. Always the church has been a part of Ashley's life. Today, she takes her young son to church. All because of Sandra's leading her into the Christian faith. I didn't attend the service because of the limit of mourners due to the Covid virus but I watched it on Facebook. It was a service Sandra would have approved of. Thank you to all who participated. I called both my daughters to ask for prayer for the family Although we are saddened, we rejoice that she is with the Father and His Son.

Laura Jones Pasteka - December 01, 2020 at 12:30 PM

MP

“ We are forever thankful for Sandra- her engaging love was like a taste of the joy we'll experience in Heaven. Our family was impacted in the short time we shared fellowship with all of you; Sandra so graciously embraced us when we were new to GA and FUMC. She was one of those hearts the Lord provided on our path as an example of His encompassing love. Grateful and praying for all of you. Mike and Nancy Pallo... Todd Pallo , Kerry Pallo Cash

Mike and Nancy Pallo - December 01, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We join you in celebrating the life of this beautiful and gracious woman. Charles and Penni Ivy

Penni Ivy - November 30, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright.*



November 30, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Bill*
I am so sorry for y'all's loss. I was a year behind Sandra in school but we grew up In the same neighborhood and there will always be fond memories of that time. Just know that you all are in my prayers.

David Moncrief

David Moncrief - November 30, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Albany has lost one of its loveliest! Sandra was always sweet and smiling when I saw her. Her life was full of giving. Having been around dementia I know even 'The Long Goodby' is hard. My sympathy to all.*

Elizabeth Champion - November 30, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *My girls and I remember our times with your family as some of the best in our lives. We loved your mom and all of you. I hope our grandchildren have friends they love forever. Becky Flanigan*

Becky Flanigan - November 30, 2020 at 03:39 PM

JB

“ *To the Wright Family,
You are and have been in my prayers daily and now have my most sincere condolences. Sandra was a beautiful person with heart of gold. She will be missed by all that have had the good fortune to know her.*
Joe Burdeshaw

Joe Burdeshaw - November 30, 2020 at 03:30 PM

AH

Bill and Family, we are so sorry to learn of this sad news - our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Arleeta and Ferrell

Arleeta Henry - November 30, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ *Molly, Jodie and family, please know you all are in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss and pray you find comfort in this difficult time.*
With sympathy,
Scott, Lisa and Linden Dismuke

Lisa Dismuke - November 30, 2020 at 02:06 PM

PB

“ *Paul and Alicia Brown purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright.*



Paul and Alicia Brown - November 30, 2020 at 01:46 PM

DK

“ DWS Kindergarten purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Sandra Elaine Tanner Wright.



DWS Kindergarten - November 30, 2020 at 01:17 PM

MS

“ Bill, Hank, Jodie, Molly and family, please know you all are in mine and Bubba's prayers through this difficult time. We will never forget Sandra and Bill's kindness and love we felt when we first came to FUMC. Our Sunday School class was one that will never be replaced. Sandra could light up a room with her Grace and poise. No doubt there is a great celebration going on in heaven.

Love,
Bubba & Michelle Slappey

Michelle Slappey - November 30, 2020 at 01:08 PM



Molly, Jodie and family, please know you all are in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss and pray you find comfort in this difficult time.
With sympathy,
Scott, Lisa and Linden Dismuke

Lisa Dismuke - November 30, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DS

“ Bill and Family, Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers! so many wonderful memories of Sandra at First Methodist. She was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. We worked together at Mothers Morning Out when it first started. She was always so kind to my mother and father throughout their years at FUMC. Her faith was always unwavering! Her light will surely shine in Heaven! Debbie TenHagen Sutton



Debbie Sutton - November 30, 2020 at 12:01 PM

CM

“ Sandra's beautiful face radiated her Savior from the earliest days we have known her. Her service, witness, and love poured out on all who were privileged to know her. She has been released from us for a time, and now will spend eternity in His Presence. Much love, Felix and Carol

Carol Marbury - November 30, 2020 at 07:20 AM

RG

“ Sorry for you loss. Sandra was a great friend to all. Her big smile and great big heart made her beautiful inside and out. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and Rebecca Gainous

Rebecca Gainous - November 30, 2020 at 12:25 AM

FT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I will have the family in my prayers.

Frank Teressa and Will Taylor

Richland Ga.

frank taylor - November 29, 2020 at 09:13 PM

NT

We are so sorry to hear about your loss of wife and of mother and grandmother. She had many others who will miss her too. Our prayers are with all of you at this time. Bobby and Norma Taylor.

Norma Taylor - November 30, 2020 at 11:11 AM

NA

“ *She was one of the sweetest persons I ever met. Her smile was beautiful and matched her beautiful heart. May she rest in the arms of Jesus Love and prayers to her family that she loved dearly*

Nancy Lake Armstrong - November 29, 2020 at 07:44 PM

NR

“ *Thinking of this family. Loved her at Dr. Murphy's office and at Covenant PreSchool!*
Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - November 29, 2020 at 02:52 PM

AH

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Arleeta Henry - December 03, 2020 at 11:24 PM