



## Bessie Leverette Tanner

February 21, 1937 - July 18, 2025

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Leverette Tanner age 88 will be conducted Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 2 P.M. in Williams Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Glover officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1 P.M. until the funeral hour.

Mrs. Tanner was predeceased by her husband, Albert Lee Tanner and her daughter, Allison Tanner; parents, Edward Amida Leverett and Lucille Gladin Leverett; brothers, Edward, Bobby, George, Jimmy John and Floyd Leverett and her sister, Margaret Ivey.

Survivors include her sisters, Ann Deal, Gladys Akins and Evelyn Kelley and brother Jere Leverett and a number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Bessie was born in Washington County, where she spent most of her early life. As an adult she lived in Sandersville and Milledgeville. She was a devoted wife to Albert for 61 years. They had one precious daughter, Allison, but she mentored her younger siblings and a multitude of nieces and nephews as well as her sibling's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bessie always loved and taught any children especially at Harmony Baptist Church, where she is a devoted member. Bessie spent much time when Allison was young working in the schools, Girl Scouts, and community events. Bessie was a wonderful vocalist until her diaphragm broke, which made her most unhappy! She saw the beauty of laughter in herself and others and she was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her! Her journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion and

unwavering faith in God, and her passing has left a void in the hearts of her family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by her.

Please remember Bessie for the profound impact her life had on the lives of those who knew her!

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

## Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 2:00 PM.

Williams Funeral Home Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Bessie Leverette Tanner



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - July 23, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Ms.Bessie was a great friend of the family. Her an mommy and daddy would go fishing all the time .They loved each other like family. Daddy wuld go fishing with him in Fla. Xxat Orange Lake



Kathy Nolan - July 27, 2025 at 04:39 AM

NW

“ We have such good, sweet memories of growing up with Allison, spending time with Ms Bessie & Mr Albert. They were such a special family and will always be remembered.

Nicki Bailey and Michelle Willis - July 21, 2025 at 05:45 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bessie’s passing. We are praying for this very special family. May you have peace and comfort in the coming days.

Larry and Angela Spillers - July 21, 2025 at 01:35 PM

DA

“ Words can not begin to describe what a wonderful, talented, special person Bessie was. My children called her Aunt Bessie! She has been my friend for over 40 years and taught me so many things about floral design, decorating and all kinds of crafty ideas. I could always depend on her to tell me the "right" way and love our conversations and laughing times together. What a blessing to have had her in my life. I know she is happy with Albert and Allison. Although I did not get her to see her often, I always knew she was close. Many thoughts and prayers to her Sisters and Brother. May God's deep love strengthen you always but especially in the coming days.

Love to you all!  
Dale

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**Dale Anderson** - July 21, 2025 at 09:31 AM

DJ

“ Durwood Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bessie Tanner



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**Durwood Johnson** - July 21, 2025 at 09:03 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther and Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery. 🙏❤️🙏



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**Luther Minor** - July 21, 2025 at 07:50 AM

MT

“ *Bessie was a very classy, talented, and artistic lady. She will be missed by many. Prayers and condolences for her family* 🙏💕

MaryNell Tanner - July 20, 2025 at 11:30 PM

CI

“ *Camilla & Billy Ivey lit a candle in memory of Bessie Tanner*



Camilla & Billy Ivey - July 20, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JD

“ *I remember Aunt Margaret's family especially Bessie & Albert, Gladys & Floyd. They were a loving and lively family!*  
*June Ivey Draper*

June Ivey Draper - July 20, 2025 at 05:37 PM

DB

“ *My condolences to family and friends.*



Debbi Batchelor - July 20, 2025 at 04:43 PM