

### DONALD GENE TANNER



Donald Gene Tanner, 75, of Callahan, passed away February 5, 2020 at his home with his family by his side. He was born in Jacksonville, on December 21, 1944 to the late Charlie Finch Tanner and Eula Geraldine Tanner. A lifelong farmer, Donald was owner and operator of Oak Hill Farms, Callahan. He had also been a timber producer for many years. Donald was a member of West Park Baptist Church of Jacksonville and was a Board Member at Farmers Federal Credit Union and Nassau County Farm Bureau until his illness. Donald won several awards for his work such as the Farm Bureau Good Neighbor Award and the Farm Family of the Year Award. Donald is preceded in death by his parents; brother Johnnie Oscar Tanner; and son-in-law Richard Poppell.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Betty “Rita” Tanner of Callahan; daughter Sharita Poppell of Hilliard; son Donald Tanner, Jr. of Callahan; brother Charlie (Beverly) Tanner, Jr. of Callahan; sisters Florence Maynor of St. George, Kathleen (Warren) Simpson of Callahan and Janet Highfill of Jacksonville; grandchildren Cole, Cade, and Kendall Poppell, all of Hilliard; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Donald’s Life was held Saturday, February 8 at First Baptist Church of Callahan with Pastors Lynn Hyatt and James Conner officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service.

Active pallbearers were Donald Aspinwall, Malcolm Burch, Tommy Hemmingway, Don Hyatt, Jimmy Terrell and Keith Wingate. Honorary pallbearers were: Skip Cunningham, Greg Harden, Clyde Palmer, Gene Rogers, Jared Satterwhite and the Boards of Farmers Federal Credit Union and Nassau County Farm Bureau.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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