



# Judge Thomas Wesley Tanner

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**R**etired Chief Judge, Louisiana 22nd Judicial District Court Thomas Wesley Tanner died on Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

Son of the late John W. Tanner and Edna Brumfield Tanner. Beloved husband of 34 years to Melanie Justice Tanner. Survived by two daughters, Elizabeth A. Tanner and husband, Ian M. Edwards of Slidell, LA; and Susan A. Tanner and husband, Andrew H. Hanson of Mandeville, LA; three son's, Thomas W. Tanner, Jr. and wife, Ellen, of Baton Rouge, LA; Walter D. Tanner and wife, Jamie, of Orlando, FL; and Justin T. Tanner, of Covington, LA. Brother of Richard Tanner and wife, Cheryl, of Covington, LA; Julia Tanner Beyl of Covington, LA; Chloe Tanner Chandler, and husband, Jim, of Utica, MS; and Claudia Tanner Allums of Denham Springs, LA; and the late Wendell Tanner, John Tanner and Steve Tanner. Also survived by ten grandchildren: Paul, Megan and Katherine Tanner; J.T. Tanner; Wesley, Molly and Lindsey Edwards; Cecilia, Aubrey and Amelie Hanson. Also numerous nieces and nephews.

Judge Tanner was born in New Orleans, LA, March 22, 1931. He was currently serving as Ad Hoc Judge in the Louisiana 18th, 21st and 22nd Judicial District Courts appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Former 1st Circuit Court of Appeals Ad Hoc Judge appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Judge Tanner was a U.S. Army Veteran, 82nd Airborne, a graduate of Ponchatoula High School, Southeastern Louisiana University, and Louisiana State University Law Center. He was past president of the LSU Law Center student body, past president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, former Chairman of the Law Enforcement Commission, current Vice Chairman of the Law Enforcement Commission, first President of the Slidell Chamber of Commerce, and an avid LSU sports fan.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend funeral services on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 11:00 AM from the Chapel at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433.



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Visitation will be on Friday, June 27, 2008 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:00 AM until service time.

Interment will follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to the American Cancer Society, 2605 River Road, New Orleans, LA 70121, (504) 469-0021, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org); or the American Heart Association, 110 Veterans Blvd, Suite 160, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 830-2300, [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).



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DA

**Darlene Alack** posted:

I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DOUG. MAY GOD BLESS AND EASE THE PAIN TO HIS FAMILY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

LF

**Lesslee Fitzmorris** posted:

I am deeply saddened by the death of the Judge. There are so many memories that date back to the early 70's in Slidell when my dad and the Judge were just starting their careers. I am so very sorry for the loss not only to the families but to the community as well.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

WH

**Wilton & Sandra Hughes** posted:

We are sorry to hear about your lost of Tom. We pray that God brings all of you peace and healing in the days to come

July 3 at 7:00 PM

NG

**Noble & Cheryl Hughes Green** posted:

To the Tanner family, Sorry to hear about the lost of your love one. We pray that God brings peace and healing to all of you in the days ahead.

July 3 at 7:00 PM

KF

**Kendra Feola** posted:

Extending deep and heart felt sympathy to the Tanner Family.. -Kendra Feola

July 1 at 7:00 PM

TC

**Tanya Cassingham** posted:

My sympathy to family. Tanya Cassingham (daughter of late John W. Tanner Jr)

June 29 at 7:00 PM



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GG

**Glenn Gennaro** posted:

I regret that I did not hear of the Judge's passing. He was a good man and a good friend. I remember him as helpful and encouraging.

June 28 at 7:00 PM

HL

**Harry Lemmon** posted:

Melanie and family- Tom was a great friend and a great judge. The Louisiana judiciary shares in your loss, and we extend our sympathy. Judge Mary Ann Vial Lemmon & Justice Harry T. Lemmon (retired)

June 27 at 7:00 PM

DB

**Dick & Lynn Blossman** posted:

Tom has been a very good friend to the entire Blossman Family - He was a very good man - We will all miss him - My god Bless and ease the pain to his family- My he rest in peace - with love from Dick & Lynn

June 27 at 7:00 PM

CM

**Carlton Mangrum** posted:

Judge was a great man and will be missed by all. My prayers are with the family.

June 27 at 7:00 PM



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MZ

**Marite Cruz Zietz** posted:

I had the privilege and complete pleasure of serving as Judge Tanner's law clerk for the two years he served as hoc at the Court of Appeal. He was such a respectable politician, a judge with integrity, a wonderful boss, and one of the few true southern gentlemen I know. He loved his family (and was so proud of you ALL), he loved life, and he touched my life in so many ways. Fortunately, I have a photograph of him with us (his staff) at his table at Chris's to keep my memory of him alive. One of my favorite remembrances is when he got his cell phone, and someone told him to put it on vibrate....every time it "rang" he jumped almost out of his skin, and it would take him a minute to realize it was that "damn phone"! And Justin, I met you once, and I remember the last time I saw your dad we talked about you going to an art college...I imagine you are finished with that...he was quite a dad to be so proud and supportive of what you really wanted to do. I know you will miss him terribly, but you, and your brothers had one of the finest role models, and he will live on through you...not to mention there is one hell of a bright star up there looking down and love you all from up there. my sincerest condolences from someone who feels richer for having know Tom Tanner. Marité

June 27 at 7:00 PM

SE

**Sandi (Lewis) Edwards** posted:

I had the privilege of meeting Tom when I was very young, and a Deputy Clerk of Court. Our office would light up, when he came in to file proceedings, as a very prominent Attorney. I had the honor of working with Tom, in the very beginning of his Judgeship. I often think back on all the great times we had as one, big, Courthouse Family. Tom was so very proud of his family, and of his accomplishments. My sincere condolences go to you, Melanie, the children, and all family members. I am so sorry I could not attend the services. Love, Sandi(Lewis)Edwards Retired-St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office

June 27 at 7:00 PM

PE

**Pam Carter Edwards** posted:

Melanie - my mom Gerry (Mrs Sidney Carter) and I would like to express our sympathy to you in the loss of your loved one. Richard and Cheryl - our thoughts are also with you at this time in the loss of your brother and brother-in-law.

June 26 at 7:00 PM



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BJ

**Brian And Beverly Jakes, Sr.** posted:

A giant in the lives of so many. He made us better community and he will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with Melanie and the Tanner family. I shared many "Airborne" memories as a fellow paratrooper and proud to be his friend.

June 26 at 7:00 PM

JD

**Judy Dupuy** posted:

Judge Tanner worked with the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement as member, Chairman, and Vice Chairman for more than 30 years. He was looked up to and revered by staff and members alike. He worked tirelessly on many projects, and always assisted when requested. He will be missed. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family at this time of sorrow.

June 26 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Leah Barron** posted:

The Judge will be missed SO much. He was a great guy with a wonderful sense of humor. I met the Judge during my days at the legislature and remained friends long after. It was so like him to always have a warm smile, a story to tell, and the best laugh in the world. He will be missed terribly. All of his family and friends remain in my prayers. I apologize for not being there in person. I recently had surgery and cannot drive yet. I wish I could be there in person to tell all of you what you already know - that family meant everything to him. He always talked about his wife, children, grandchildren and siblings. God Bless all of you. Leah

June 26 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Judge Grace B. Gasaway And City Court Of Hammond** posted:

Dear Mrs. Tanner and Family, All of us at the City Court of Hammond would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of Judge Tanner. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you and we ask that God Bless you all. We truly enjoyed working with Judge Tanner and will keep him in our prayers! Sincerely, Judge Grace B. Gasaway

June 26 at 7:00 PM



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CS

**Chris Schneider** posted:

Our prayers go up for all of you. Uncle Tom's voice will always resonate in my heart... he touched so many people. I thank God that I was one of those who had the honor to know him.

June 25 at 7:00 PM

TH

**Tamara Hahn** posted:

Melanie, My heart and love goes out to you and your family. You know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Tam

June 25 at 7:00 PM

DB

**Dee Bardini** posted:

Dearest Melanie, I am so sincerely sorry for your loss. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. Love, Dee

June 25 at 7:00 PM

GM

**Gary And Judy Mitchell** posted:

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME OF SORROW.  
GARY & JUDY MITCHELL & GRANT, LYNNETTE AND ALEXIS NIELSON

June 25 at 7:00 PM

AA

**Ashley Adams** posted:

I am sorry to hear about your Dad. The few occasions I met him he seemed like a nice guy. My thoughts are with you and your family.

June 24 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judge by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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