



Mary Elizabeth Spry Tanner

February 22, 1944 - March 9, 2026

Mary Elizabeth Spry Tanner, 82, of Gold Hill, NC passed away Monday, March 9, 2026, at Novant Health Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Mary was born February 22, 1944, in Rowan County, NC to the late Henry Spry and Ada Wilson Spry. Mary worked for Celanese for 27 years until her retirement. She enjoyed watching westerns, gardening, reading and loved to watch hummingbirds, going to the beach and traveling.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Tammy Brown and son-in-law, Chris Brown; stepson, Eddie Tanner; sister, Linda Beck and brother, Tommy Spry.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 46 years, William Tanner; son, Robbie Ludwig (Penny) of Mooresville, NC; stepson, David Tanner of Granite Quarry, NC; stepdaughter, Darlene Murphy (Tom) of Salisbury, NC and brother, Michael Koontz (Dale) of Salisbury, NC. Also surviving her are her grandchildren: David Ludwig (Emily), Welsey Ludwig (Morgan), Parker Murphy (Jodi), and Rebecca Bradley (Richard) and great-grandchildren: Gatlin Murphy, Luke Murphy, Lila Ludwig, Madalyn Bradley, Rowyn Bradley and Fletcher Ludwig.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, March 15, 2026, at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or DAV (Disabled American Veterans Association), PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Tanner family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Continued Prayers for Bill and All The Family.*

Matthew 11:28-30

Pastor Joey Spry - March 15 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Oh my beautiful, sweet, loving friend. I will never forget your kindness or love that you've (and Bill,) have given me all these years. There is pain in my heart with your passing. Give dad, Tammy, and Eddie a big hug and tell them I love and miss them.*

Kenneth Owen - March 11 at 06:23 PM