

Remember Them Forever

Name: William Van Tanner

Birth: 25 April 1923
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

Death: 30 December 2007
Plano, Collin County, Texas

Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

GPS of grave: 33.6301239, -97.1265567

Family:

Father	Harold Tanner
Mother:	Elizabeth <i>Jones</i> Tanner
Spouse:	Billie <i>Wolfe</i> Tanner married on 24 April 1943
Children:	David, John, Robert, Glenda, and Gina Tanner

Military:

U.S. Army Air Corps, Captain. He was flight commander for B-25 bombers in the South Pacific, flying 40 missions. He never lost a crewman or a plane under his command.

Occupation and any other brief personal or family comments.

After the war he became a partner in Tanner Furniture, which at one time had 22 stores in five states. He played for the Gainesville Community Circus Band, as well as for generations of dancers in the area.

Sources: FamilySearch ID LK6T-WNS, BillionGraves, Find a Grave, 1950 U.S. Census; Obituary Gainesville Daily Register 31 Dec 2007

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