



## Doris Tanner Ross

April 23, 1924 - December 18, 2014

Doris Tanner Ross left her earthly dwelling on December 18, 2014 at the blessed age of 90. She lived a long and full life dedicated to her Lord, her family, and her church.

She was born April 23, 1924 near Mize, MS to parents Artha James Byrd and Mollie Robinson Byrd Wood.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, John Howard Tanner; her second husband, J.E. Barney Ross; a sister, Bertha Leeda Lewis (Lloyd); a brother, Jimmy Harold Wood (Geraldine); and a step-sister, Bernice Wood Gibson.

As the matriarch of her family, she leaves behind many adoring family members: a daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Howard Robertson; two grandchildren Shari Robertson Shelby (Robin) and John Howard Robertson (Leah); seven great-grandchildren: Brian Shelby, Brent Shelby, Brandon Shelby, Benjamin Robertson, Sarah Grace Robertson, Tanner Robertson, and Rachel Robertson.

Doris gave her life to Christ as a young girl and was baptized in Clear Creek, Mize, MS. She later became a member of West Laurel United Methodist Church. Doris served her church by using her gifts as church treasurer for many years.

Doris lost her first husband, a marine, as a result of WWII when her daughter was only eleven months old. As a young widowed mother, Doris worked many jobs to provide for herself and her young daughter. She worked at Masonite

Corporation, Bush Ice Cream Store, A&P Grocery meat market, and Magnolia Florist. Doris started her own florist, Doris Tanner's Flowers, in 1965 on Lee Street in Laurel, MS. She later moved her business to its current location on Sharon Road in 1996. Doris enjoyed her work in floral design for almost 50 years.

After many years of encouragement by others, Doris wrote an auto-biography, entitled Day-Day's Dream. In this book, she expressed the following sentiments regarding her life, "The most valuable blessings I received, my daughter Patsy and the rest of my family, have kept me going all these years. I have also been blessed to be able to work for all of my life. Even at the age of eight-eight, I still work every day in my flower shop doing what I love to do. When I look back on my life and think about my failures, I feel that God placed these hurdles before me to test me and make me stronger. The adversities I faced contributed to my accomplishments and successes and made me the person I am today. May God bless all who have supported me and have been a part of my life."

Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life and the blessings of God through the following: Visitation will be on Saturday, December 20th, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Sunday, December 21st, 11:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, Laurel, MS. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, December 21st, 2:00 PM at West Laurel United Methodist Church followed by a graveside service at Hickory Grove Cemetery, Laurel, MS. Services will be officiated by Rev. Allen King, Rev. Bill Hayes and Rev. J.J. Mullinax.

Pallbearers will be Brian Shelby, Brent Shelby, Brandon Shelby, Benjamin Robertson, Tanner Robertson and Jamie Foster. Honorary Pallbearers will be Grady Bird, Joe L. Shelby, Lex Windham and Ray Warren.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view or sign the family guestbook visit: [www.memorychapel-laurel.com](http://www.memorychapel-laurel.com).

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ *May the Peace of Christ be with you and your family and know that we loved Doris so much. Thinking of you.* ”

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**Roma Rahaim Graham and Walterine Rahaim** - January 19, 2015 at 09:04 PM

AF

“ *Patsy and family: We were so sorry to hear about your mom. She was indeed a wonderful lady. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. May God bless you with peace and comfort.* ”

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**Anita Cochran and family** - December 22, 2014 at 05:11 PM

TT

“ *Patsy and family, So sorry to hear about Doris' passing. I know that she was still coming to work until she was injured and that is a blessing. Sympathy and prayers for the family.* ”

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**Terry and Marda Tullos** - December 22, 2014 at 05:09 PM

ER

“ *Doris Tanner Ross* ”

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**Eddie and Cleo Robinson** - December 22, 2014 at 04:31 PM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss! She was such a talented lady. She did the flowers for my wedding in 1986. Praying for your family.* ”

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**Shelley Boss** - December 22, 2014 at 02:37 PM

MR

“ God has truly placed a beautiful rose in Heaven. She was a very dear lady to many. Always a smile and kind word. Patsy and families know you are in our prayers. She will truly be missed. Love to you all.

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**Margaret Rankin** - December 22, 2014 at 11:37 AM

BH

“ We are so sorry for your loss will be praying for peace and comfort during this time

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**Brenda,Todd and Daniel Hopkins** - December 22, 2014 at 08:57 AM

RS

“ Praying for the family

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**Ralph and Harriet Smith** - December 21, 2014 at 04:37 PM

JR

“ My most sincere condolences, to all the family. Such a sweet lady! I have many fond memories of working as a delivery driver for Mrs. Doris, while in high school. Prayers for comfort, in the days to come, will be going up.

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**Johnny Riley** - December 21, 2014 at 04:06 PM

BT

“ Praying for your family during your time of loss.

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**Becky and Steve Thrash** - December 21, 2014 at 04:04 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Ms Doris! She was such a wonderful lady! Will be missed by many!

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**Lindsey & Kathy Sims** - December 21, 2014 at 01:18 PM

LM

“ Patsy and Family, We will miss your Mother. She was such an inspiration to us during the time we owned our Florist here in Jackson, Ms. Her marriage to our Uncle Barney (Eldridge) as we called him, brought much love and joy to our family. She was a great lady and we will miss our warm conversations with her. Our Deepest Sympathy to you and your family and may God bless.  
Larry and Linda Morris

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**Larry & Linda Morris** - December 21, 2014 at 09:43 AM

CR

“ Patsy...I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She has been so strong for so many years and I have always admired her for her strength. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

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**Carol Rowell** - December 20, 2014 at 11:07 PM

SH

“ Sorry that we could not be at visitation or funeral. Your family is in our prayers. Stan & Linda

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**Stan & Linda Herrington** - December 20, 2014 at 10:25 PM

PD

“ Patsy, Sherry and Family, We are so very sorry and saddened to hear of Ms. T ' s passing. .. I will always have fond memories of her, doing her hair for so many years. She was a jewel of a lady and she was loved by many. We are unable to come to funeral services due to illness. Please know our love and prayers are with you and all the family. Love, Phyllis Daughdrill and Family

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**Phyllis Daughdrill** - December 20, 2014 at 07:44 PM

CH

“ Patsy, Howard, Shari and John Howard....and Families....My Prayers are with You in the Loss of Your Mother and Grandmother.. Few People are as Gifted and Committed as Doris Tanner Ross....She has brightened the Lives of so many of Us.....and Shared the Blessing of Her Gifts thru the years!!!.. I'm so Glad to Have been Her "Student..." without it I would have never known the "real world of creativity".....I am Grateful ...but Saddened for Your Loss. God's Peace and Comfort to All of You!!

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**Charles Hudson** - December 20, 2014 at 03:14 PM

JC

“ i am so sorry for your loss. She was a great lady .our thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this difficult time! Louis & Jo Ann Campbell

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**Jo Ann Campbel** - December 20, 2014 at 11:20 AM

MF

“ Prayers for you all Shelby and Robertson Family! We love you' and we're thinking of you all during your loss. Find comfort in knowing that she is walking through the gates of heaven, reunited with loved ones gone before her and embraced in all of Gods presence and glory, and holding Jesus's scarred hands! Prayers for you always! God bless you all!

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**Misty Betts with Family** - December 19, 2014 at 10:17 PM

JH

“ Patsy I am so sorry for your loss of your mother. She was a super person. I always loved seeing her.

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**John Harper** - December 19, 2014 at 08:26 PM

SR

“ i can remember her and my mom an dad, Webber an Hazel Grafton being close friends. My family bought everything from her. She was so nice.

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**Shirley Grafton Evans Rooks** - December 19, 2014 at 05:22 PM

JM

“ Patsy, you have my deepest sympathy on the passing of you mother. May God comfort you. John M.P3G

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**John Merritt** - December 19, 2014 at 05:05 PM

DB

“ Mrs. Tanner (Ross) was a blessing to us all. She kept all of us neighborhood children straight and set a great example that a woman could own a highly successful business. Most of all, she loved her Lord and the family he gave her. May you find joy in the fruitful life she led.

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**Debbie Duffy Buckhaults** - December 19, 2014 at 02:07 PM

AB

“ Sorry for your loss. She was such a lovely lady and will be greatly missed. God bless you with peace and comfort in these days.

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**Amy Busby** - December 19, 2014 at 12:05 PM