

Norman William Tanner, Jr.

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Norm was born in Los Angeles, Ca. to Opal Martha Boggs Tanner and Norman William Tanner Sr. He graduated from Bakersfield High School and Fresno State University in 1959. In 1955 he married Patricia Lambeth who is the love of his life. He has always had an enormous passion for baseball. You could easily find him outside throwing a baseball against the garage wall if he was not on the ball field. After playing ball for Fresno State, he signed to play professional ball for the Chicago White Sox. He was released as a 3rd baseman from the White Sox and was soon signed to pitch for the Boston Red Sox. He had always dreamed of becoming a professional ball player and a coach. In the fall of 1959 he went to Vallejo High School and was the head baseball coach for 33 years. While at Vallejo High School, he also coached football and basketball. He loved each and every one of his players and always wanted the very best for them. He was inducted into the Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 for his 1991 Baseball team. He served a total of 13 years as a Bishop for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many other leadership positions. Norm was very active in his church and community. Norm and Pat have been married for 60 wonderful years. He is survived by Robert (Perri) Tanner, Michael (Lori) Tanner, Sherri (Lonnie) Vincent, David (Sharon) Tanner, Susan (Wade) Lybbert, Brian (Kristi) Tanner, and Shalene (Jason) Rich, 36 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Charles Mark Tanner. Norm passed away at his home on February 27, 2016, from pancreatic cancer.



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Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016 at The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints, 6111 Birch Lane, Nampa, Idaho. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 4 at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N Midland Blvd, Nampa. 467-7300 Condolences may be expressed at zeyerfuneralchapel.com.