



## Obituary

**Born:** Wednesday, February 21, 1934

**Died:** Friday, November 15, 2019

Henry Lee "Bud" Tanner 85 of Pendleton, Oregon passed away at home on November 15. A recitation of the rosary will be held at Burns Mortuary at 7pm on Thursday, November 21, 2019. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 10am. Bud was born on February 21, 1934 in San Francisco, CA to Leland and Lillian (Reilly) Tanner. He was raised in Millbrae, CA. and attended St. Catherine's elementary school and Serra High School. After graduation he received a commission to the Coast Guard Academy. The cruise on the sailing ship Eagle was a highlight of his life, but the trip on the cutter convinced him that a life at sea was not for him so he resigned his commission. He then attended the University of San Francisco where he earned a degree in Business Administration. Bud loved playing baseball for the USF Dons, and watching his classmate Bill Russel play basketball. After graduation Bud enlisted in the Army and was stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco. He worked at Standard Oil for a time then in 1960 began his career with the J.C. Penney Company. He worked in many California locations, and then was transferred to Pendleton, Oregon to manage the Penney store from 1969 to 1994 when he retired. Bud had a lifelong love for the game of baseball--playing, coaching and watching. An avid sports fan he passed on his love of the San Francisco teams--Giants, 49ers and Warriors to his children. He loved to ski. While on a ski vacation at Lake Tahoe, Bud and his friends noticed two girls with tire chain trouble. He told his friend to pull over so they could help them and he said, "I'll take the brunette." Six months later on July 25, 1970 he married Kathy Walsh in Novato, California. He was a runner for over 30 years. He ran in the first San Francisco marathon and ran his last marathon in Coeur d'Alene, ID at the age of 73. He also competed in many triathlons. Bud was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and served on the finance committee for many years. He was also on the St. Mary's Outreach board. Bud enjoyed photography, golf and fishing. He also made wonderful beer and wine for 20 years. And, he had a sour dough starter going for ten years making delicious bread and pancakes. He also grew the most amazing tomatoes from seed. Bud is survived by his wife Kathy, Daughters Laura (Jim) Rore, Woodbridge, CA, Jill Tanner, Moscow, ID, Donna (Matt) Bostwick, Pendleton OR., Gayle (Andrew) Wittenberg, Plainsboro, NJ, son David (Jessica) Tanner, Richland WA. He is the loving grandfather to 15 grandchildren: Steve Coler, Malinda Coler, Melanie Coler, Katie Rore, Taylor Nurmi, Morgan Nurmi, Annie Bostwick, Bobby Bostwick, Jacob Bostwick, Paul Wittenberg, Mark Wittenberg, Madison Tanner, Sophia Tanner, Lillian Tanner, Henry Tanner, and one great grandchild Aiden Coler and many nieces and nephews. Bud was preceded in death by his

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## Service Summary

### Recitation of the Rosary

7:00 PM Thu Nov 21, 2019

### Burns Mortuary

336 SW Dorion Avenue  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

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### Funeral Mass

10:00 AM Fri Nov 22, 2019

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

800 SE Court Avenue  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

parents, Lee and Lillian Tanner, his sisters Maureen Huth and Jeaneen Ferraris, his brother Paul Tanner, nephews Brock Ferraris and Leland Tanner, and niece Toni Tanner. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 809 SE Emigrant Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801 or Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave. Suite 500, Hermiston, OR 97838.