



James H. Banks Jr.

September 21, 1954 - February 28, 2025

James Henry Banks, Jr., born to Jaqueline (Cole) & James Banks Sr. on Tuesday, September 21, 1954, passed away on Friday, February 28th, 2025. James was a beloved husband, father, and friend to many.

James was a man of numerous talents and a true outdoorsman who found joy in fishing, hunting, and bowling. His skills as a carpenter were unmatched, which could be seen through his hard work and commitment to his trade. He had a generous spirit and unwavering desire to help others. Those who knew him were touched by his kindness, sense of humor, and stories he shared from his time spent with family and friends. He leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and the countless lives he positively impacted.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debra Banks, his six children, Dixie Meeks, Sonya Clark (John), Dawn Willis (Tauna), Jamie Banks (Jeremy), Jennifer Hahr (Lance), James Banks III (Trestiese), his sisters Mary Grant, Iris Jones (Donald), Michele Richards (Michael), nine grandchildren, Dae'von, Kyla, Marshon Jr, Nathan, Laila, Brandon, Abiona, DeAnna, Ke'ziiyah, another grandchild on the way, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

James' family and friends will forever cherish the memories they shared with him. His spirit will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him. James will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May he rest in

peace.

A celebration of life for James will be held on Saturday, March 15th from 2p-7p at 176 West Banquet Hall: 1100 NE Frontage Road in Joliet, IL, 60431.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

176 West Banquet Hall
1100 NE Frontage Rd.
Joliet, IL 60431

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



March 15, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James H. Banks Jr..

March 15, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *Meijer, The North Chicago Market Team* purchased the *Vivid Recollections* for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



Meijer, The North Chicago Market Team - March 13, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



March 12, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James H. Banks Jr..

March 12, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ Charles Albert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



Charles Albert - March 11, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



March 11, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James H. Banks Jr..

March 11, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ The Willis family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



The Willis family - March 10, 2025 at 01:48 PM

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“ The Willis family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James H. Banks Jr..

The Willis family - March 10, 2025 at 01:48 PM

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“ Ray and I are so sorry to hear this, Ray and James worked together for many years and had a wonderful friendship, James would stop by our house every now and then if he was in the area, I always enjoyed all his many stories he would tell. Ray just said a few weeks ago that he hasn't heard from James in awhile, he called every Christmas to catch up. We send our thoughts and prayers and much love to Debra and his family he will be missed. Ray and Renee Turffs.



Ray and Renee Turffs - March 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



March 08, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James H. Banks Jr..



March 07, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *South Chicago Market purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James H. Banks Jr..*



South Chicago Market - March 07, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James H. Banks Jr..*



March 05, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James H. Banks Jr..*

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