



James "Jim" Banks

April 6, 1926 - December 18, 2012

Dateline: Alton

James C. "Jim" Banks, 86, died at 2:58 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born April 6, 1926 in McDonough County, IL, he was the son of Merle and Eula (Morris) Banks. Mr. Banks served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church in Alton. He was an industrial Arts teacher in the Alton School District from 1951 until his retirement in 1981. On September 18, 1949 in Peoria, IL, he married the former Patsy Hulson. She survives. Also surviving are three children, Gary Banks (Holly) of Worden, Barb Banks of Ballwin, MO, and Greg Banks (Mary) of St. Charles, MO; six grandchildren, Nathan, Daniel, Patrick, Timothy, Kendall, and Bridget Banks. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert R. Banks. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 22, 2012 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Alton. Reverend Jamie Hahs will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Memorials may be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Banks*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *James "Jim" Banks*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Thanks Barb for letting me know about your father's passing. I am very blessed that Kathy, Jay, Bill and I lived next door on Vernie. We were such great friends and great neighbors. Kathy was always "running" next door and I learned much about gardening from Jim.*

My thoughts and prays are with you.

God bless.

JIM

Jim Johnson - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Just learned about the passing of Jim. As a member of Main St. UMC I enjoyed his friendship with myself & parents for many years. Many good memories from my younger years in Sunday School.*

Janice Phillips(Lewis) - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Aunt Patsy, Gary, Barb & Greg:

I know all of our hearts are heavy right now after Uncle Jim's sudden death, but I also know we feel great comfort knowing he is with God in Heaven, and I'm sure showing my dad a thing or two about word working and everything else that Jim excelled at!

James and I are so thankful and blessed that we got to see Uncle Jim and all of you this past summer, just being with family and friends is truly the best vacation I ever had.

We all have many fond memories and stories that will help lighten our hearts and make us smile over the days and months ahead, and for that I am thankful.

God bless you all in this difficult time!

Love, John

John Banks - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I will always remember Jim as one of the most caring and wonderful men I have ever met. To me and my sisters he was like our father and we will always cherish the times that he spent with us.

Donna Hardbeck - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Greg, your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

John and Cindy Meyer - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ I was very sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved husband and father. I had "Mr. Banks" for woodworking in high school about 1963. I was in his class for two semesters and he was quite an inspiration to me. That year I made two big projects and I still am using both of them. Our class was in a movie that was made, for who I don't remember, about procedures in woodworking. It was my experience in his class that led me to my career choice as an Industrial Education teacher. I taught for 33 years at Jacksonville High School, with the first three years being in woodworking. Just a week ago I was with a group of folks that had graduated from AHS in 1964. One of them asked me how I happened to choose my career path and I told them because of my high school woodworking teacher Mr Banks. They said that they had become acquainted with him though one of their parents and mentioned what a nice man he was. They are the ones that let me know that Jim had gone to heaven. I know this note won't change that fact but I hope it confirms that Jim did touch a lot of lives with much positive influence. Sincerely touched....

Gary Thompson

Gary Thompson - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I'm remembering the many good times and the wonderful friendship you shared with my parents.

Blessings to the Banks family.

Jean Zimmerman Krieg - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ There are not enough words to describe what a wonderful man Grandpa Jim was. Together he and Patsy (a beautiful lady) not only raised their own great family, but also countless others on Vernie Avenue and beyond. Going to their home was always such a warm and relaxing time. He had a twinkle in his eyes and could always tell a good joke. Though I know your hearts are heavy right now, I know the memories will give you strength and peace, as they will all of us who were blessed to know him.

Cathy Gray - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Jim was such a good, fine man, and SUCH a good friend to my Dad. He was the last friend to visit my Dad at home, and that visit was such a time of grace and joy for Dad. Dad always enjoyed Jim's jokes, and would forward them on to me. Bet they are having a great reunion in heaven!! Blessings to Patsy and the family.

Karen Gabriel - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I was very blessed to have had Mr. Banks in woodshop. He was both a good man and teacher. God rest his soul. My deepest condolences to his family. May God wrap his arms around you & grant you the strength to bear your sorrows.

Katy Korte-Heffington - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *My deepest sympathies to all of you. I feel very lucky to have been able to meet Grandpa Jim and spend a little time with him, and with all of you, over the last two years. Sending hugs and warm thoughts.*

-V

Victoria Moore - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Mr Gary Banks,*

My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, in this time of your loss.

I hope and Pray that you all will be safe and ok,,,Carlston

Carlston - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Not goodbye, but till next time...I was so glad i got to talk to you a couple times just recently... you will be missed, but i know you will stay busy in your new home... LOVE LOVE LOVE ya tons..and i know they will have plenty of wood for you to make toys....hugs*

Portia Sickmeier - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Many fond memories of Uncle Jim smoking his pipe and drinking iced tea. He was perennially good-natured and we always looked forward to visits with him and Patsy because of the fun and good humor that they always brought with them. Steve and I treasure the time that he, Patsy, Mom and Dad visited us in Scotland. Uncle Jim was interested in learning and seeing everything, and he struck up easy conversations with tour guides and bed and breakfast hosts. He was a genial fellow, and I imagine he is puffing his pipe in heaven and chatting with God about how the whole set up works there. Rest in peace, Uncle Jim!*

Kay Stephenson - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM