



Patsy Keitra Banks

October 28, 1926 - October 5, 2023

Dateline: Alton

Patsy Keitra Banks, 96, died at 5:11 a.m. Thursday, October 5, 2023 at Parc Provence Assisted Living Facility in Creve Coeur, MO. Born October 28, 1926 in Colchester, IL, she was the daughter of George and Alma (Hott) Hulson. After graduating from Colchester High School, Patsy qualified as a registered Nurse at the Peoria Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. This led to a lifetime of serving others in various nursing roles, beginning at Alton Memorial Hospital and later working for Dr. Donald Hardbeck. Following her retirement, she volunteered at Alton Memorial Hospital. Patsy was an active member of Main Street United Methodist Church and sang Alto in the church choir. She spent much time with her grandchildren which brought her great joy. On September 18, 1949 she married James "Jim" Banks in Peoria, IL. Patsy and Jim had three children, Gary Banks (Holly) of Worden, IL, Barb Banks of Ballwin, MO, and Greg Banks (Mary) of St. Charles, MO; six grandchildren, Nathan (Victoria), Daniel, Patrick (Laura), Timothy (Kristen), Kendall and Bridget Banks; and three great grandchildren, Timothy, Bentley and Andrew. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Alton. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Memorials may be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church in Alton. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

10 Erwin Plegge Blvd.
Bethalto, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Main Street United Methodist Church
1400 Main Street
Alton, IL 62002

Funeral

OCT **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Main Street United Methodist Church
1400 Main Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ Patsy has been a good friend of our church family and personal friend for over 50 years. ""She helped take care of my Dad Myles Lowis through his battle with cancer. Always a kind hearted friend with a strong Christian faith. She will be missed.

Jan Lowis Phillips - October 16, 2023 at 10:30 PM



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

October 10, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patsy Keitra Banks.



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patsy Keitra Banks.



October 09, 2023 at 10:46 PM



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October 09, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Patsy Keitra Banks.



October 09, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Patsy Keitra Banks.



October 08, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Patsy. She was a wonderful nurse. Always enjoyed visiting with her at visits with Dr. Hardback. Her laugh was contagious and even in the busiest of times, she always had time for you. I did my office rotation in OB at Dr. Hardbeck's office and she taught me so much. Prayers of peace and comfort for the family.*

Rev. Ray and Kay (Smith) Robinson

Rev. Ray and Kay Robinson - October 07, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patsy Keitra Banks.*



October 07, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Patsy Keitra Banks.*



October 07, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *I first met Mrs. Banks in 1968 , pregnant with my 1st child, when she was a nurse in Dr. Hardbeck's office. She was always so kind, patient, friendly and understanding with any questions I had with my 2 children. I always LOVED seeing her either in the office or at Alton Memorial Hospital. Thank you Patsy for ALL the love and understanding you always shared.*
Susie Pruetzel

Susie Pruetzel - October 06, 2023 at 09:55 PM

HB

“ Cannot think of my mom-in-law without remembering all the wonderful meals and holidays at her home. She always sent cards for every occasion and brought a gift from every trip. She was so hospitable in spite of her tiny kitchen and small house. She always made sure you were comfortable and had a drink of the famous Banks ice tea. She could decorate and it always looked good, never like clutter. A lady of fine taste who loved real flowers and nothing fake. She was always interested in the people around her and was a go-getter who was always ready for a community activity, or interesting travel whether the Grand Canyon or Scotland! She was also known for her home made pies, especially black raspberry glaze, and the special occasion hickory nut cake with nuts that she picked out of the shell herself!!

Holly Banks - October 06, 2023 at 07:27 PM

DH

Patsy was much more than Dad's nurse, which she did a phenomenal job! She and Jim were family to all four of us kids. I remember all the good times we have had and it brings smile to my face and makes my heart happy. Thank you Gary, Barb, and Greg for sharing your parents with us! We love them dearly 🍷🙏🍷

Donna C Hardbeck - October 25, 2023 at 12:03 AM