



Mr. Earl Dean Banks

October 4, 1944 - November 14, 2022

Brother Earl “Dean” Banks, son of the late Early and Emma Banks, was born in Nevada County on October 4, 1944. At an early age, Earl accepted Christ into his life at St. James AME Church in Stephens, Arkansas.

After graduating from Carver High School in 1962, he joined the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War from 1966-1967, upon which he received an honorable discharge.

In 1973, he joined the Camden Fire Department where he became the first African American firefighter. During his tenure, he served as a Lieutenant and Captain. Mr. Earl Banks was united in holy matrimony to his wife Linda Faye on December 1, 1973, where they enjoyed 39 years of marriage. To this union, three children were born: Cardiss, Shalawn, and Kenna.

Earl was a devoted Mason of the St. John Lodge No. 456 of Stephens, Arkansas. He was also one of the founding members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 808 in Magnolia, Arkansas, where he served as a board member.

He departed this life on Monday, November 14, 2022, at his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Linda Banks, (wife), Daisy Gray (sister), and Ronnie Banks, (brother).

He leaves to mourn his death his beloved mother-in-law, Mattie Harbor of Camden, Arkansas; three children, Cardiss Banks, Kenna Banks both of Camden, Arkansas, Shalawn Moore (Arsha' Moore) of Terrell, Texas; four grandchildren, Callie Banks of Hot Springs, Sabree Banks of Camden, Arkansas, Kennon Banks of El Dorado, Arkansas, and Christian Moore of Terrell, Texas; four brothers, Reverend Andrew Banks (Barbara Ann), Reverend Lessly Banks (Vanessa), Reverend Larry Banks (Cordelia), and Michael Banks; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022, at St. James A.M.E. Church in Stephens, AR, at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Seminary Cemetery in Stephens, Arkansas with Military Honors, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Rev. Larry Banks, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Monday, {Nov. 21st} from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

A final viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m., the morning of services.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, "Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services or During Visitation Hours." However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.

Cemetery Details

Seminary Cemetery

Ouachita CR intersection 104 & 112
Stephens, AR

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James A.M.E. Church
404 Arch St.
Stephens, AR 71764

Tribute Wall

BW

“ Our prayers are with the family of Brother Banks. Billy & Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - November 23, 2022 at 03:18 AM

GV

“ Earl Banks was a part time worker at a trucking where I worked. He was as fine a man as I have ever known. He was my friend and I will miss him.

Glynn Vaughn - November 22, 2022 at 12:40 PM

LA

“ So sorry for the loss of Mr Earl 😞 Sunch fond memories with him and my Dad (Pete Bennett) at CFD when I was growing up. Loved visiting with him. Such a great man.
Prayers for the family.
Billy and Lori Atkins

Lori Atkins - November 22, 2022 at 11:53 AM

RH

“ May God be with the family during this time. The Harper Family

Rob Harper - November 21, 2022 at 05:40 PM

MP

“ *Sincere condolences to the family.*



Mary S. Pickings - November 21, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Dean Banks.*



November 21, 2022 at 04:30 PM

JM

“ *As President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 808 you will be greatly missed by all of us on the local and state level. May God give peace and comfort to the family and we will continue to live by our founding principle “Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another “*

Joe McIntyre - November 21, 2022 at 04:07 PM

DL

“ *Deadre Lovett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks*



Deadre Lovett - November 21, 2022 at 10:49 AM

CH

“ On behave of our extended Family, the Banks family, I Cedric & my mother Robin Harbor, and all the rest of the Harbors, share our extended love, and hearts as well as condolence, for the loss of our beloved family member Cousin Earl Dean Banks. He left a legacy of what a man should be. Earl is an example of how one should walk on this planet as a family man, a businessman, and an owner of his work and craft. Earl fought as a Godly man serving our country in the Vietnam war. He was his own boss and an entrepreneur. Earl lives on with 2 great sons, they are my cousins but not just my cousins, my older brothers. Being So that they are blood relatives, Earl lives on through them and through me, and the rest of my brothers as well. Earl had a relationship with all who loved and respected him and acknowledged him. May God shine a light on all his family who is alive, especially his children Carddiss, Shalawn, and Kenna Banks. May the power of love of God bless and rest his soul. Earl is now reunited with his wife Linda Faye and his family, who have since passed before him. He is now connected in the presence of Gods love in a blissful, peaceful place of the infinite energy that strengthens us all as we continue to breathe for the next day. We love you and honor you and may your soul stay connected to us all in our hearts, you will be missed and always loved. Thank you for all the good out of this life and the great examples you left behind.
With Love,
Cedric, Robin, Chris Tristan, and the rest of the Harbor family. We love you.



Cedric Harbor - November 20, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Dean Banks.*



November 20, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Dean Banks.*



November 19, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ *Love Clara, Brenda, and Gracie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Earl Dean Banks.*



Love Clara, Brenda, and Gracie - November 19, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Class of '62 Carver Highschool purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Earl Dean Banks.*



Class of '62 Carver Highschool - November 18, 2022 at 03:37 PM

BS

“ Rest in Love my dear cousin...you will be missed!
Scoggins Family
Hope, AR

Barbara Scoggins - November 18, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of Mr. Earl Dean Banks.



November 18, 2022 at 01:36 PM

BP

“ Bruce & Belinda Porchia lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks



Bruce & Belinda Porchia - November 18, 2022 at 11:43 AM

CR

“ Cousin Robin purchased the Emerald Garden Ba
sket for the family of Mr. Earl Dean Banks.



Cousin Robin - November 18, 2022 at 11:22 AM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks*



Vevelyn Jackson - November 18, 2022 at 07:42 AM

MC

“ *Michael And Mary Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks*



Michael And Mary Clayton - November 17, 2022 at 09:04 PM

FJ

“ *Fred Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks*



Fred Johnson - November 17, 2022 at 07:43 PM

EM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family/friends of Earl Dean Banks! He was a thoughtful person. Praying for God's embrace, and peace to the family.*

Esther Murray - November 16, 2022 at 04:26 PM

CD

“ Calvin Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks



Calvin Daniel - November 16, 2022 at 02:56 PM

LM

“ Loretta Milner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks



Loretta Milner - November 15, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Dean Banks



Dearlean Hughes - November 15, 2022 at 11:14 AM