



Robert L. Banks

May 10, 1943 - December 7, 2020

Robert (Dr. Bob) Lester Banks, Sr. 77, passed away on December 7, 2020 at The Laurels of Toledo. He was born May 10, 1943 in Toledo, Ohio to Calvin Kenneth Banks, Sr. and Mary Alice Banks.

Bob was a lifelong resident of Toledo, Ohio. He attended Toledo Public Schools, earning his G.E.D. in 1983 and received certification as an Executive Housekeeper from Bowling Green State University.

Bob was employed at Libbey Owens Ford (L.O.F) from 1964 to 1982. He worked at the Grenadier Club for over 20 years as a custodian. He also worked 21 years as a custodial staff employee at the University of Toledo, where he served as a supervisor, a member of CWA, Local 4530 and on various committees. In 1997, he was awarded the "Gold Lunchbox" award for advanced union counselors. Retiring in 2005, Bob received a proclamation from the late Mayor Jack Ford for 9 years of perfect attendance at the University.

He served on the United Way Campaign, Holiday Food Basket Distribution, Angel Tree Helper and Adopt-A-Family committee.

Bob accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was an active member of Warren A.M.E. Church where he worked as a part-time custodian for many years and served on the Prison Ministry and Steward Board. He was deeply committed to a love of God and neighbor, respect of self and service of community.

As past Master and Financial Secretary of Composite Lodge #108 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of Ohio, Bob served whenever and wherever needed. He is past Commander in Chief of St. Matthews Consistory #24, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation Northern Jurisdiction, USA Inc., Eastern Star Chapter Pride of Composite #81, past High Priest of Maumee Chapter #6 Royal Arch Masons, Zabud Council #2 Royal and Select Masters and assistant recorder

of Mecca Temple #43. He was elevated to the 33rd and last degree of Masonry of the United Supreme Council, AASR of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation Northern Jurisdiction, USA. Inc. in May 1995.

He was also a member of Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) with forty-six years of sobriety which made all of this possible. Bob earned his "Dr. Bob" nickname while he was working at L.O.F., in the middle of a book by the co-founder of AA, who shares the first name Bob, when co-workers asked him what he was reading. They said, well, if you're reading Dr. Bob, then you must be Dr. Bob, but the meaning has evolved over the years.

Bob was known as "Jinks" by his family and affectionately known as Dad, not only by his children, but all the kids in the neighborhood. He always stepped up to help out in any way he could, whether it was a family member, friend or someone in the neighborhood in need.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife of fifty-five years; Imogene Delores Banks, daughter; Tina Marie Banks-Allen and grandson; Robert L. Banks, III.

He leaves to cherish his memory his brothers; Rev. Calvin K. Banks, Jr. and Pastor Darian N. (Fania) Banks, daughters; Mary A. (Keven) Banks-Johnson, Tiffany R. (Rodney) Whitlow, and son, Robert L. Banks, Jr., 12 grandchildren; DeMarq (Renata) Banks, Willette (Timothy) Stallworth, Donovan Banks-McCoy, Sharaee Harris, Robert Truss, Jr., Ramon Banks, Willie Smith, Karrisma Smith, Ronald Allen, Shaqunda Nelson and McKenna Banks, 15 great grandchildren, special friends; Bobby Lee Hawkins, Robert Gardner, Bertha Richardson, Henrietta Mister and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bob's most prized possessions were his children; his hobbies included making rock jewelry and writing poetry.

I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11:25-26

Cemetery

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue

Toledo, OH,

Events

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, Inc.

572 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH, US, 43604

DEC **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Bob used to stop in the library to chat with me when we worked at Scott Park. He was a very fine man and I know he will be missed by his friends and family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Connie Maguire - December 15, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ On behalf of Warren AME Church Christian Education Department we extend our prayers and condolences to the Banks family. Bob, was a kind and compassionate man. We appreciate your support and encouragement you gave so freely, you will truly be missed. Thank you for a life well lived. The word of God says, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Rest from all your your labour, until we meet again.



Debra Jelks - December 14, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ Dr. Bob Banks may you Rest In Peace now and forever. You took care of us while you were alive. Making sure everything was good. You always shared a poem with me when I would deliver your favorite cologne, Tribute! You loved to smell good. Thank you Banks family for lending Dr. Bob to us.

Prescilla Brown Hutchens

Prescilla Brown Hutchen - December 14, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Robert (AKA) DR. Bob, was a very special person in my life. He was a dear friend and my text buddy we texted each other several times a day. I last talked with him on December 5th never realizing that would be our last conversation. He will be sorely missed.



Theresa L. Powell - December 12, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Bob, You were always a big brother to me and it was my honor, to be family with you, Knowing that you trusted in God, cleaned house, and helped others serves as an inspiration to all who knew you, Rest in peace, my brother!

Art Dunson - December 12, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones & Family

Gwendolyn E.March Jones - December 10, 2020 at 10:43 AM