



## Charles "Charlie" Banks SR

May 4, 1939 - May 3, 2025

In honoring the life and legacy of Charles "Charlie" Wesley Banks, Sr., we celebrate a remarkable man whose love for God, family, and community shone brightly in all he did. Born on May 4, 1939, and was called home on May 3, 2025, Charles walked a path rich in faith, purpose, and service, dedicating himself to the people he cherished most.

A proud graduate of Campbell High School, Charles continued his education at Reinhardt College and LaGrange College, furthering his commitment to lifelong learning. His desire to uplift those around him was evident in his community involvement. As a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Clayton County, he dedicated countless hours to serving others, embodying the spirit of Philippians 2:4, which encourages us to "not merely look out for our own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

Charles was a founding member of the Banks Coffee Club, where friendships blossomed over warm mugs and engaging conversations, a testament to the valued connections he cultivated throughout his life. Additionally, he was a valued member of the FBCJ James Gang, where his faith and camaraderie with fellow believers strengthened the bonds of community.

In his professional life, Charles was a successful and hardworking retail entrepreneur, establishing notable businesses such as Banks Men's and

Boy's Shop, Old National Men's Shop, and Banks Paint and Supply. His dedication to excellence and service set an example for his family and community, reflecting the principles found in Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

At the center of Charles's life was his beloved wife, Carolyn, with whom he shared a beautiful journey of love for 62 years. Their commitment to each other served as a beacon of enduring love, mirroring the sacred bond described in Ephesians 5:25, which calls husbands to love their wives just as Christ loved the church.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Katherine Banks, who laid the foundation of love and faith that guided him throughout his life. He is survived by his sons, Wes (Tamara) and Bill (Juli), who carry on his legacy of love and faith, as well as his beloved grandchildren: Wesley (Nichole), Isaac, Ruth, Coulter, Noah, Rachel, and his cherished great-grandchildren: Elena and Bennett. Each of them reflects the joy and pride Charles found in family, affirming the truth in Proverbs 17:6: "Grandchildren are the crown of old men, and the glory of sons is their father."

As family and friends gather to remember Charles, let us find solace in the promises of Scripture. In John 14:1-3, Jesus assures us of a place prepared for us, bringing hope and comfort in our time of mourning: "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you."

Charles Wesley Banks Sr. leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and community involvement, encouraging all who knew him to embrace life with the same joy and gratitude he exemplified. May his spirit continue to inspire

us, guiding us to cherish our loved ones and express our thankfulness to God for the lives we share.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 in the Chapel of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. Rev. Allen Davis will officiate. The family will receive friends from 12:30 PM till 2:00 PM prior to the service. Interment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in College Park. Flowers accepted or contributions may be made in the name of Mr. Banks to: The James Gang, First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, PO Box 773, Jonesboro, GA 30237.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

5714 Old National Hwy  
College Park, GA 30349

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Jonesboro  
147 Church St  
Jonesboro, GA 30236  
(770) 478-6710

## Memorial Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM.

First Baptist Church Jonesboro

## Interment

MAY 7 (ET)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
5714 Old National Hwy  
College Park, GA 30349

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I am so very sorry to learn that Mr. Banks has passed away. My brother-in-law knew him from many years ago when he had the paint store in Jonesboro. Such a small world for their paths to cross again here in Shell Point..We all loved to see him, and Mrs. Banks, and chat for a while when we were out and about in the neighborhood on the golf cart. Our hearts go out to the Banks family, and to everyone who knew and loved him. 😞

Joan Galletta - June 07, 2025 at 09:02 AM

EO

“ Carolyn and family,  
I am so saddened that you lost Charlie. He was a unique and kind man who never met a stranger. I know he will be greatly missed by many. It was always a bright spot in my day to see him at the paint store or any time I ran into you two at the river or in Jonesboro. He was always so positive, friendly and a shining light. Our paths rarely crossed any more but I will miss that voice and those times and his presence spreading joy. Thinking of you and yours and praying for peace and love.  
Love, Elvera Owens

Elvera Owens - May 06, 2025 at 05:36 PM

SB

“ Sean, Janna, Madelyn, Landry & Brady purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.



Sean, Janna, Madelyn, Landry & Brady - May 06, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.*



May 06, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ *110 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Ford Stewart Funeral Home** - May 06, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *Ray & Deb Banks purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.*



**Ray & Deb Banks** - May 05, 2025 at 08:59 PM

BF

“ Brianna Goins and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.

Brianna Goins and Family - May 05, 2025 at 07:32 PM

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“ Brianna Goins and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.



Brianna Goins and Family - May 05, 2025 at 07:32 PM

CW

“ Chris and Meredith Wang purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.



Chris and Meredith Wang - May 05, 2025 at 02:26 PM

JB

“ Joel Banks purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.



Joel Banks - May 05, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Charley" Banks, SR.

May 05, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.



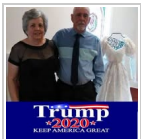
May 05, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ Carolyn, my deepest sympathy at the passing of Charlie. I was delighted to see both of you last year in Jackson, Ga. Charlie will be remembered fondly by all that knew him. He loved Jonesboro and First Baptist. My prayers for Charlie's family.



Faye Herring - May 04, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ Mr. Charlie was our friend and neighbor at the Coast, we loved him and thoroughly enjoyed listening/telling stories of his past. He could keep you laughing and loved deeply. As much as we will miss him immensely, we know he is in the arms of his Lord and Savior, fully healed. Love to y'all from Jack and Patsy Helmey

Patsy Helmey - May 04, 2025 at 07:58 PM

BF

“ *Bill & Ann Scott and Family. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles "Charlie" Banks SR.*



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**Bill & Ann Scott and Family.** - May 04, 2025 at 07:44 PM