



Marvin Ray Banks Jr.

February 2, 1956 - March 20, 2018

Marvin was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, February 2, 1956 to Marvin Ray Banks Sr. and Evelyn Banks. He attended public school in Baltimore, Maryland and Lynchburg, Virginia and graduated from Virginia Union University. After a dedicated 30-year career, he retired from Reynolds Aluminum. He then spent most of his free time traveling the world, fishing, listening to the news, reading, and enjoying the company of his dog, Jack.

A devoted father and husband, there was no doubt how much he cared for and loved both his son, Parker, and his wife, Rhonda. He always had his son's back and his wife was his passion. He did anything he could to keep a smile on Rhonda's face as she gracefully battled breast cancer for 10 years. Marvin honored her with such things as digging a koi pond in the backyard, sending her roses (holiday or not), or surprising her with jewelry. In 2008, he was "diagnosed" with a broken heart shortly after she passed. With grit and love, he and his son persevered and carried on her memory.

Marvin dearly loved his mother, Evelyn Banks, and her sisters, Annie Carter and Ruth Bailey. He appreciated their frequent visits to help around the house over the past few years. He cherished the weekly phone calls he would get from his young niece, Acacia Love, and nephew, Armond Victor Love III. He also loved to share stories of his father, Marvin Ray Banks Sr. and brothers Michael Leonard Banks and Armond Love Jr.

Marvin touched the lives of many people with his smile and gentle generosity. He easily made you feel comfortable in his presence. He always did his best to uplift anyone he encountered in his day, many times reminding them "keep the Lord in your life." An avid gardener, he would drop off bags of vegetables to neighbors, friends and family. To say he was generous was an understatement. He never met a stranger and was always willing to share, be it a story, meal or a gift. Even after losing his vision, he continued to go into the world and give to others.

Marvin was preceded in life by his wife of 29 years, Rhonda Evette Banks; father, Marvin R. Banks, Sr.; father-in-law, Fred P. Stevenson; and sister-in-law, April Gail Stevenson. He leaves to cherish his memory his son, Parker A. Banks; mother, Evelyn Banks; mother-in-law, Carrie Stevenson; brothers, Armond V. Love, Jr. (Jennifer) and Leonard M. Banks (Harriette); nieces, Lauren M. Banks and Acasia T. Love; nephew, Armond V. Love, III; and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Westhampton Memorial Park

10000 Patterson Ave.
Richmond, VA 23238

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

viewing

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Service

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Ray Banks Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *With prayers and thoughts of good memories be with the family of Marvin R. Banks Jr. Marvin lived his life his way. May he find blessed peace.
Joyce and Donald Douglas.*

Joyce Banks Douglas - March 28, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ *Marvin was our Resident Assistant in my Dorm, my freshman year at Virginia Union University. Marvin was always willing to share his words of wisdom. I was fortunate enough to visit Marvin at his home in January. I was totally unaware of his recent tribulations. I just happened to be in town and stopped by to see my old friend. I am happy that I did get to see him and talked to him on the phone once after the visit. Marvin will be truly missed. Rest in Heavenly Peace Marvin. VUU4 ever*



Clayton L. Tucker Sr. - March 26, 2018 at 10:44 PM

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“ I have been blessed to have known Marvin. He once said to me, during one of our many conversations about life, that one's legacy should be measured not in fingerprints, but in footprints. He has left me a large footprint, and for that I am most grateful.

Daymond La Marr

Daymond La Marr - March 24, 2018 at 10:18 PM

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“ Marvin and I were roommates our sophomore year at Virginia Union University. A good friend and even better a great person! RIP ole Marvin, I will always cherish our friendship.

Reverend Darry O. Echols - March 24, 2018 at 01:48 PM

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“ Deepest Sympathies to the Marvin Banks Family. I worked with him several years and have enjoyed many conversations since retirement. He will be greatly missed.

Al Riggan

Al Riggan - March 22, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 22, 2018 at 01:27 PM