



Joyce Banks

January 5, 1945 - August 27, 2024

Joyce Ann Bell-Banks Obituary

Joyce Ann Bell-Banks was born in Greensboro, Maryland January 5, 1945 to the late Elizabeth Bell and Chandler Wilkerson. She passed away on August 27, 2024 at Tidal Health Hospital in Seaford, Delaware.

The family moved to Bridgetown, MD where Joyce enjoyed living in the community with her cousins and friends. After graduating from Lockerman High School, in Denton, MD, Joyce attended Bowie State University. Upon leaving Bowie, she began her career in the educational field. She touched on the lives of countless children and coworkers after she was hired as an Instructional Assistant at Ridgely Elementary School where she served for 26 years. The students would tell Marcel, Shenitia, and Frankie that their mom was their greatest teacher of all; therefore, she had to be the greatest Mom of all. She developed lasting friendships with her coworkers, especially Della Lynch, Barbara Holmes, and Verna Calloway.

Joyce did not shy away from work. She held other jobs including working at Jarrell's Tomato Factory in Goldsboro and The Grasonville Fishery in Ridgely (16 years). Joyce loved children so she would often baby-sit for friends and neighbors.

She was an active member of Union United Methodist Church in Goldsboro, MD where she was baptized, served as an usher, and later took her children. Joyce also stayed busy with her family, friends, church, and community and

was known as a loving and caring person by all who knew her. She treated her friends like family. She was willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

When her health began to change, she and Marcel moved from Bridgetown, MD to Preston, MD. When her mobility became challenging, Victoria Sherwood and Darlene Nichols became invaluable aides and friends for Joyce. She stayed connected to family and friends through home visits, phone calls and Face Time.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, John M. Banks; her parents Elizabeth Bell and Chandler Wilkerson; and her siblings, Dallas Potts, Hubert Wilkerson, Donald Wilkerson, Carlyle Wilkerson, Romaine Wilkerson, and Lydia Corbin. Joyce leaves to cherish her memory: John Marcel Banks. (primary caregiver), Preston, Maryland), Franklin Darnell Banks (Joyce) of Ridgely, Maryland, and Shenitia Yvonne Banks of Washington, DC.; grandchildren, Larry Henry, Katrina Henry (Diego), LaShay Freeman (Melvin); great-grandchildren Tobias Freeman, Alexis Freeman, Alecia Nava, Scarlett Nava; cousins who she considered siblings Phyliss Sledge, Charles Bell, and Mary Mapp; sisters-in-law Bessie Dickerson and Louise Dickerson; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

We Had a Lovely Mother

We Had a wonderful mother

One who never really grow old

Her smile was made of sunshine

And her Heart was solid gold

Her eyes were as bright as shining stars

And in her cheeks fair roses you see

We had a wonderful mother

That's the way it will always be.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Beginning United Methodist Church
12020 Central Ave
Ridgely, MD 21660

Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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12020 Central Ave
Ridgely, MD 21660

Interment

SEP 7 (ET)

Mount Zion Cemetery
Marydel, MD 21649

Tribute Wall

VB

“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks



Vickie Bildstein - September 09, 2024 at 08:24 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks



Carolyn Lane - September 09, 2024 at 03:30 PM

LS

“ Lacy Savage lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks



Lacy Savage - September 06, 2024 at 07:08 PM

DL

“ Debbie Spence LeCompte lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks



Debbie Spence LeCompte - September 05, 2024 at 08:37 PM

RB

“ *Our heartfelt condolences. Sending prayers for strength and comfort.*

Renée & Richard Banks



Renée Banks - September 05, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DT

“ *Dan Towers lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks*



Dan Towers - September 04, 2024 at 12:45 PM

JB

“ *Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks*



Jackie Brown - September 04, 2024 at 10:44 AM

SS

“ *Sammy Scott lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks*



Sammy Scott - September 03, 2024 at 01:00 PM

BD

“Joyce always had a smile and was so kind and gentle with students at Ridgely Elementary School.

Bennett Downes - September 02, 2024 at 07:12 PM

KS

“Kevin Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks



Kevin Schmitt - September 02, 2024 at 03:00 PM

KS

“So sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs Banks..Thoughts and prayers to the family..thinking of you Shanita and Frank..very nice lady..

Kevin Schmitt - September 02, 2024 at 02:59 PM

SM

“Soror Vinnett Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Banks.

Soror Vinnett Mason - September 02, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Banks.



September 02, 2024 at 10:17 AM

DF

“ Denise & Jared Ferris purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joyce Banks.



Denise & Jared Ferris - September 01, 2024 at 05:36 PM

KF

“ Kevin Commodore (Bobo) and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce Banks.



Kevin Commodore (Bobo) and Family - September 01, 2024 at 05:27 PM

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“ Victoria Commodore Dorsey (Boots) lit a candle in memory of Joyce Banks

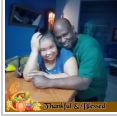


Victoria Commodore Dorsey (Boots) - September 01, 2024 at 09:02 AM

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Aunt Joyce was a BEAUTIFUL WOMAN AND A STRONG KIND WOMAN SHE IS RESTING NOW 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ FOR MY COUSIN BE STRONG SHE IS IN YOUR DADDY ARMS NOW

Victoria Commodore Dorsey (Boots) - September 01, 2024 at 09:05 AM



Auntie was a Beautiful and Wonderful Person. You couldn't ask for anyone better. My prayers and condolences are with you my cousins, so stay strong, Uncle Johnny has her now.

Kevin Commodore Sr. - September 01, 2024 at 05:41 PM

JB

Marcell, Nita, and Frank. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Just know she is now resting. My condolence to the family.

Jackie Brown - September 04, 2024 at 10:43 AM

ET

Loved working with Ms Bell. She was also pleasant and smiling. Sorry.not able to attend service.

Editha Towers - September 07, 2024 at 09:28 AM