



Oren Samuel Banks

April 2, 1928 - December 10, 2013

Age 85, formerly of Wilmington, IL and Gardner, IL, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the home of his son and daughter-in-law in Winnsboro, TX. Born April 2, 1928 in Pittsburg, IL to the late Artie E. and Ethel A. (Crossen) Banks. He served during World War II with the United States Army and then in the Korean War with the United States Air Force. He formerly owned "Opportunity Homes", a construction company that built many homes in the Ropp and Lakewood Shores Subdivisions, both located in Wilmington. Past President of the Wilmington Rotary Club and previous member of the Joliet Board of Realtors. In his retirement, Oren became a minister and served at the United Methodist Church in Ritchie, IL for eight years and continued to serve many Methodist churches throughout the local area.

Surviving are two sons, Marion "Lee" (Tina) Banks of Winnsboro, TX and Lawrence Dale (Juanita) Banks of Talco, TX; two daughters, Anne (John) Mixen of Naperville, IL and Jane (Steve Lindquist) Woodcock of Gardner, IL; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert G. Banks; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his first wife, Frances M. (Hintze) Banks and his second wife, Marjorie L. (Woodcock) Banks; one grand-daughter, Michelle Lee Banks; two brothers, Patrick L. Crossen and Artie Banks, Jr.; and one sister, Eleanor Simmons.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with visitation two hours preceding services. Pastor Bob Fear will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following services. Inurnment with full military honors will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL on Wednesday, December 18, at 11:00 a.m. proceeding from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home in Braidwood at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to the United Methodist Churches in Ritchie and in Braceville for missions.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
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Service

DEC 17. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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DEC **18**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I always enjoyed Oren's sermons at the Ritchey Methodist Church. He was a kind, thoughtful man. I went over with my brother and sister to his and his wife's home for a holiday meal. It was a great time and great visiting. I also would visit with him about his son, Lee, whom I had in class at the Wilmington Junior High School. I missed visiting with Oren when he moved away. Oren gave the funeral for my mom, Emma Dotson. He did a great job.
June Jacque, Wilmington, IL



June Jacque - December 19, 2013 at 06:56 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Oren Samuel Banks.



December 16, 2013 at 11:25 AM



“ I remember when OREN moved in next door he was such a wonderful man he was very kind to all of us when my father passed he would bake the most delicious cookies and he would share them with my mom we all loved him God Bless and Rest in Peace You will be missed Love Shelly Parsley

Shelly Parsley - December 15, 2013 at 12:08 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Oren Samuel Banks.*



December 15, 2013 at 11:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Oren Samuel Banks.*



December 13, 2013 at 01:26 PM



“ *Oren made a difference in my and my late husband, Ron's, life. He was determined to show us the way of Jesus and he did. He gathered his flock. May you find peace in knowing Oren will be remembered by many for his efforts in life and that he is home now.*
Sincerely,
Jan Mc Clean

Janice Mc Clean - December 13, 2013 at 09:48 AM

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“ *Dear Family of Pastor Banks
Our prayers are with you at this very sad time in your life's
My husband, children and I loved Oren dearly, he was a wonderful
friend to our family, he will be in our hearts forever and he will be
missed
Thank you for taking such good care of him
Bruce, Mary, Paul and Cassie Bessert*

mary bessert - December 13, 2013 at 07:59 AM