



## Henry Clay Banks

October 8, 1943 - February 4, 2025

Henry “Hank” Clay Banks.....

On Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Henry, affectionately known as Hank to his family and friends, peacefully made his transition into eternal life at Doctors’ Community Hospital. Henry was surrounded by his family and friends and supported by his faith and strength in God. Henry was preceded in death by his parents Estel Clay Banks and Irene Allen Banks, eldest brother William L. Banks, eldest sister Dorothy M. Banks Kyle, mother-in-law Mary E. Reddick and brother-in-law Ricky Reddick. Henry was very courageous and handled his illness with such grace, humility and gratitude. Henry never complained and was always thankful for each day and all support.

Henry was born on October 8, 1943, in Grayson County, Virginia. He was the youngest of five children. Coincidentally, he shared his birthday with his eldest sister, born several years earlier. Henry accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age while attending Mount Zion Baptist church and was baptized in Independence, Va.

Henry graduated from Scott Memorial High School in Wytheville, Va. With a passion for learning he furthered his education after his military service, and graduated from the American University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1984, he earned a Certificate of Achievement in Criminal

Justice Education from the University of Va. and graduated from the FBI National Academy, United States Department of Justice.

Henry served in the U.S. Army from January, 1962 until January 1965. His desire to help others and with the encouragement of Dr. Peola Jackson led him to join the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), on May 24, 1965. Henry was a loyal, devoted employee and served the District of Columbia for 27 years and returned as a Senior Police Officer for 14 years. During his tenure he served various units within MPD. He began his career working at Morals Division (undercover) in the Gambling and Liquor Narcotics Division and later moved to the Second District uniform patrol as a school resource officer. Next, he was assigned to the Training Academy as a recruit training officer. In 1978 he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the First District as patrol field supervisor. He then returned to the training Academy as a training supervisor and instructor and assisted with the following duties: Recruit Training Operations, Senior Officer Training Programs, Drivers' Training, CPR and First Responder Triage. On January 1, 1985 Henry was promoted to Lieutenant. He was assigned to the Seventh District Administrative Office until 1990. He was later assigned to MPD Community Relations Division and remained there until his retirement on February 21, 1992.

After a meeting with Chief Ponton and Deputy Chief Joyce F. Leland and careful consideration, Henry returned to MPD in 1993, as a Senior Police Officer (SPO) and served in various administrative capacities: Administrative Assistant for the Director of Youth and Family Services Division, Administrative Assistant for the Commander of Patrol Services North, Administrative Assistant for the Office of The Chief of Police (Charles Ramsey), Administrative Assistant for Director of Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR, Chief Ponton), and served as a coordinator for MPD Force Investigation Team (FIT) and the Department of Justice. He served for

14 years before resigning in fall of 2007.

Henry maintained a desire to work and after a brief meeting with Mr. Al Kelly in 2014, he took on the assignment as Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer for the Metropolitan Police Relief Association (MPRA). He served in this position until July 15, 2024, when he stepped down due to his health issues. However, he continued to help out as needed.

Henry understood the importance and value of volunteering; he committed his time and took joy in assisting the Police Federal Credit Union (PFCU), Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, Board member, Association of Retired Police Officer (AORP), Trustee, and 2D Reflection in Blue, Treasurer. He was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Corvette Club, and the Muscle Club.

In 2015, Henry met the love of his life, Michelle Reddick, a retired Metropolitan Police Officer. To mark a new chapter in their lives, they tied the knot on December 4, 2019, beginning their union on the date of their first date. During Henry's illness Michelle carried out her vows to the fullest. She never left Henry's side and cared for him unconditionally.

Henry was an amazing and trustworthy husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was loved deeply by family and friends. Family was everything to him and that was evident, because he didn't miss many family gatherings. His son Maurice "Mo" and daughter Tracey, grandchildren Ellis, Dani, Zora, Gwendolyn, and Kass were the light of his life. Whenever Henry spoke of his son, daughter and grandchildren he would light up with such joy and exuberance.

Henry was a life-long fan of sports. His favorite sport was football. He was a

diehard Washington Commanders (Redskins) season ticket holder. Henry enjoyed attending and watching the Commanders games. He also loved deer hunting during the holiday with family and friends in Virginia and whenever the opportunity presented itself, he would join his Corvette friends for a trip to Carlisle, Pa. for the Corvette car show.

Henry leaves us a legacy of love and beautiful memories. He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and devoted wife, Michelle Reddick Banks; two children from his earlier marriage to Querida McLendon Banks, son: Henry Maurice Banks (spouse Amy, daughters Zora and Gwendolyn Banks) and daughter: Tracey Lynnette Banks (children Ellis and Danielle Coan); two stepsons: DeAndre Powell (son Kass Powell) and Michael Powell; two sisters: Ruby Burgin and Janice Stultz; father-in-law: John C. Reddick Sr.; three sisters-in-law: Genester Powell (spouse Joseph), Wendy Hall, and Natasha Perarson (spouse Reginald); one brother-in-law John C. Reddick Jr.; God daughter Kim Burgin Douglas (spouse John) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends and co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider making a donation in memory of Henry C. Banks to support Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma research conducted by Dr. Sima Rozati at Johns Hopkins University. Thank you for honoring Henry in this meaningful way.

To make a contribution you can direct gifts to our secure website or they can be sent to our office.

To make a gift online:

The secure Dermatology giving page can be found here: <https://secure.jhu.edu/form/derma> On the drop down menu select: Other In the designation box: In memory of Henry Banks to support Dr. Sima Rozati.

To send in a check:

Checks should be made payable to:

Johns Hopkins University Mail the check to:

Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Department

550 N Broadway Suite 701B

Baltimore, MD 21205

Attention: Christie Vera

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

From the Heart Church Ministries  
5055 Allentown Road  
Suitland, MD 20746

## Funeral Service

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Suitland, MD 20746

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I really miss one of my true close friends and I asked God why take one of your very good servant from us but you make no mistakes because you are still in control RIP 🙏❤️👮♂️ J Thompson

John Thompson - June 06, 2025 at 11:44 PM

LS

“ Mr. Henry Banks, thanks for being an awesome friend/ husband to my friend Michelle. Thanks for giving her your unconditional love and respect. You are greatly missed. 🙏

LYNETTE SWEETWINE - June 02, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Clay Banks.

March 08, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Clay Banks.

March 07, 2025 at 09:25 PM



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



March 07, 2025 at 09:25 PM

JA

“ In memory of my dear brother, Hank: "Your wings were ready, but my heart was not." I will miss our long chats every week and the numerous words of advice and encouragement in every aspect of my life. Thank you. You will be greatly missed. Love you always, Janice

Janice - March 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

JA

“ Janice sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry Banks



Janice - March 07, 2025 at 06:31 PM

MG

“ Michael and Simone Grace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Clay Banks.

Michael and Simone Grace - March 07, 2025 at 07:17 AM

MG

“ Michael and Simone Grace purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Henry Clay Banks.



Michael and Simone Grace - March 07, 2025 at 07:17 AM

LK

“ Henry was always a professional and always willing to lend a hand and render advice to those in need. My condolences to his family and may he forever rest in peace. Lorraine Kittrell, MPD, Retired.

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**Lorraine Kittrell** - March 02, 2025 at 08:03 PM

EJ

“ Condolences to the family of Henry C Banks my homeboy and close friend. Our Birthdays were four days apart. I will always remember the kind. quiet. conscientious person you were. Rest in Peace my Friend.

*Edna Bradley Johnson  
Class of 1961 Scott Memorial HS  
Greensboro, NC*

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**Edna B Johnson** - March 01, 2025 at 09:55 PM

AB

“ May you forever rest in peace my brother!

*Alton Bigelow*

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**Alton Bigelow** - February 25, 2025 at 04:52 PM

SN

“ Hey there Uncle "Big Bank Hank", absolutely one of a kind. My memory that holds the Most is his love for his siblings. Their bond was and is everlasting Love 🌹💕... Words can't express the gratitude I have for my Uncle who thought about others more than himself. I'm grateful to have known you and Yourself and my God Father Billie Banks always addressed me as Hollywood ❤️lol!!! Hollywood will miss you, and to Michelle you where is Joy thank you for carrying for him til the end. To weeb and Tracy I live you and hang on in there. My Mom has her challenges, but she still knows him in her illness. Live you Family!!!!

Sonya Burgin (Hollywood" Neice - February 22, 2025 at 12:29 AM

EF

“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our hearts May the peace of God guard your heart

Evans family - February 19, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 14, 2025 at 11:17 AM