



## Roy Willie Banks

March 26, 1929 - July 18, 2022

Roy Willie Banks was born March 26, 1929, in Piave, Mississippi to the late Roy Banks and the late Ocie Turner.

Roy met Alpha Thames, his wife, while in high school and got married during college. They stayed married for 67 years until the Lord called her home July 9, 2020. During their golden years, they shared a room at Wilson Health Care. From their union came two children -Roy Andre Banks and Alpha Teresa Banks Blair.

Roy was preceded in death by his son Roy Andre Banks, sister Georgia Lee Banks, sister Benny Dale Banks Douglas, sister Mary Lee Banks Spates Jackson, brother Edward Eugene Banks, nephews Ronald Spates, Lambert Moore, Daryl Jones, Dedry Jones, Eugene Banks and godmother Mary T Ward. Roy was the Great Grandson of Wesley Banks, a member of the Union Army 70th and 71st Regimen of the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War.

Roy matriculated at Lanier Junior High School, and graduated from Jim Hill High School, in Jackson Mississippi. While in High School he worked alongside his mother at Golden Crust Bakery to assist her and provide additional income for the family. He joined the Army and served his country as a wartime veteran during the Korean War and was station in Germany.

Utilizing the GI Bill Roy received a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and a Minor in Physics from Tougaloo College.

In 1954 he joined the faculty of Magnolia High School in Moss Point, Mississippi where he taught mathematics for 14 years. During the 1960's Roy spent his summers at Alcorn College participating in National Science Foundation sponsored research.

Interestingly, the Crosby Lumber Yard and Sawmill Camp where Roy was born, supplied lumber downstream to the then Ingalls Shipyard (now Northrup Gruman)) in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Roy would later be employed at Northrup Gruman as an Industrial Engineer for over 20 years.

In addition to being a long-time member of St Peter's the Apostle Catholic Church in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Roy joined Holy Family Catholic Church after relocating to Temple Hill, MD. Later he relocated to South Los Angeles California to become the caretaker of his elder mother, he worshiped at St. Brigid Catholic Church.

Roy served as a board member for Our Lady of Victories Catholic High School in Pascagoula. As an Educator he was concerned about the welfare and future life options of his students. Roy was loved and highly respected by former students and viewed as a counselor, mentor, motivator and friend. Many continue to say he was instrumental in their life, educational and career choices. Former students-maintained contact with him throughout his life, even up to the moment of his transition into eternity. Former neighbors described him being a loyal, and a good friend. Many residents of Jackson County Mississippi remember his enjoyment of being a Bass Fishermen which led to him being one of the founding members of the Bass Fishermen Club.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Road  
Clinton, MD 20735

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
2210 Calloway Street  
Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Roy Willie Banks

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Mr Banks was a brilliant math instructor who cared and challenged his students to think to ensure we understood the concepts in problem solving. Those were some precious times during our school/childhood days. RIP Mr Banks 🙏

Joanne Finklea- Sims MHS Class of 1967 💜💛

Joanne Finklea Sims - August 03, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ Mr. Banks was one of my Teachers. His family have my condolences ( Ruby ReevesKendrick )

Ruby Reeves Kendrick class of 1961 - August 03, 2022 at 02:45 AM



“ Mr. Banks was my algebra instructor at Magnolia High School and he challenged us in solving problems. He was very observant and would ask questions when we had difficulties, wanting us to think. I am eternally grateful that I was taught by him and that led me to major in mathematics and physics just like my mentor, Mr. Roy Willie Banks.

Claude McCants - August 02, 2022 at 07:11 PM

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“ *Mr. Banks will always be remembered as a man who loved his students and taught each of us as if we were Math Majors. He positively impacted the lives of each Magnolia Monarch that he taught. He was loved in return.*

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**Gwendolyn Beard** - August 02, 2022 at 06:16 PM

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*Mr Banks was A Great Educator who Always had an interest in his Students Education and taught Many Monarchs of Magnolia High School the Importance of being future Scholars in learning Mathematical Skills of Many! My Algebra 1and 2 Teacher! RIP Mr. Banks! 🙏😊*

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**Barbara (Marshall) Joe** - August 03, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roy Willie Banks.*



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August 01, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy Willie Banks.*



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August 01, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roy Willie Banks.*



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July 31, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to you & your Family, May God continue to strengthen you 🙏🙏🙏*  
*Tressie Mae Viverette*

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**Angela Viverette** - July 27, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *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.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - July 19, 2022 at 04:17 PM



*I am so sadden to know that Mr. Roy Banks pass. Mr.Banks was like a second father to me and his wife Mrs. Bank a mother they use to keep me and my mother use to keep Undrea for school, we use to get on the school bus from my house. Well Mr. Banks was a great Math teacher and scholar. My condolences goes out to the family. I'm so glad to see this picture and I will keep it as a remembrance. Love u all.Kaffie Diane Taylor.*

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**Kaffie Diane Taylor** - August 03, 2022 at 02:00 PM