



## Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.

February 15, 1971 - September 5, 2023

BANKS, Dr. Charles Lee Jr. - Age 52, passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Family hour 11:00 AM Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Victorious Word Church, G-3560 Beecher Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:30 M Pastor Rodney Murphy, Eulogist. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Saturday. Dr. Banks will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday, September 14, 2023, with family present from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

He fought a courageous battle against #cancer while also, in school for his Doctorate of Social Work in Advanced Clinical Practice from the University of Alabama. #RollTideRoll He was able to realize this goal just days before he passed away.

The family welcomes non-traditional expressions of condolences in the form of congratulations & celebratory acknowledgments for the completion of his Doctorate.

Dr. Charles L. Banks, Jr. was born in Flint, Michigan, February 15, 1971 to Charles L. Banks, Sr. and Shelley Faye Chappell (Burks).

Dr. Banks confessed his hope in Christ at an early age at Foss Avenue Baptist Church. He later joined Grace Cathedral Community Church where he served in many capacities. As time went on, he joined Victorious Word Church where he served faithfully and continued to fellowship online when traveling became difficult. Dr. Banks attended Flint Community Schools and was a proud graduate of the “Class of 1990” from Flint Northern High School. He was a member of the Varsity Basketball Team and was recruited by St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, MI to play basketball on a scholarship. In the summer of 1990, he met the love of his life, Dana Richards and they married in 1997.

After many years of attending community college, he reluctantly applied to the University of Michigan-Flint where he excelled academically. He was active in student life and graduated with honors. In 2016, he was voted B.S.W. Social Work, “Student of the Year” by the National Association of Social Workers.

Academics was not always easy for Dr. Banks. In the early years he considered himself an athlete first and a student second. He often told stories about how the grades he earned in his youth would spell the sound “ED-DA-BA.” Over the years he matured, sought out academic assistance from the University and his grades began to spell AA-AA-AA! Dr. Banks considered himself to be a life-long learner and insisted a good time could be had from reading a new book. His wife often teased him about two books he recently finished reading titled, “How To Read a Book: The Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading” and “How To Write A Lot: A Practical Guide to Productive Academic Writing”.

He also taught his children to be life-long learners and he created a call and

response for TeamBanks about school. He would ask his children “Why do I send you to school?” and the children would answer in unison, “TO LEARN!”

Dr. Banks also studied abroad in the Netherlands at Utrecht University. He earned a certificate of completion, on International Migration, Integration and Ethnic Relations; a Bachelor of Social Work from University of Michigan-Flint, a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan, and Doctor of Social Work in Advanced Clinical Practice from The University of Alabama. Charles was a Licensed Social Worker (LMSW); a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC), held the following certificates from the University of Michigan: Management of Human Services, Specialist in Aging, and Addictions certificate programs. He also completed Mental Health First Aid certification from Genesee Health Systems and was a member of several academic honor societies; Phi Alpha National Honors Society, Vice President of Sigma Phi Omega at the University of Michigan, and Omega Nu Lambda Zeta Chapter National Honors Society for Online Students.

Dr. Banks was a hard worker and often held two or more jobs at one time. He was a dedicated provider for his family who clocked thousands of hours of paid and volunteer community service. Dr. Banks began volunteering in his youth and continued serving well into adulthood with numerous organizations in the state of Ohio, and the counties of Genesee, Shiawassee, Livingston, and Washtenaw in Michigan. He instilled in his daughters the importance of “giving back” to the community by serving together at many local events, including ringing the bell for Salvation Army every Christmas.

Dr. Banks was drawn to the social work profession because it aligned with his innate desire to help others, noting the need for social services from the community that raised him. He started his career path with the Juvenile Detention Center in Columbus, Ohio. His passion for social work continued to

grow during his employment as a Day Treatment Counselor in Hartland, MI schools for thirteen years and several years working at Whaley Children's Center in Flint, MI.

He was employed as a Clinical Social Worker with the Veterans Health Administration in Ann Arbor, MI, his "dream job." Dr. Banks was an Adjunct Lecturer at The University of Alabama Graduate School teaching Psychopathology, an Outpatient Therapist at New Oakland Family Centers, and a Substance Abuse Counselor at Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County.

His hobbies included fishing, grilling, reading, playing and watching sports, martial arts and playing the bass guitar, which he taught himself, so he could play his favorite songs.

Dr. Charles L. Banks, Jr. leaves a legacy that includes his amazing wife of 26 years, Dana, their four daughters, Camryn, Alanah, Olivia, and Troy Marie; his fur baby P'nut Butter; both parents, brothers, Bryant Miller, Janarvis Burks, Rev. Kelly (Andrea) Richards, Sr. and Percy Richards, III; sisters; Kantayeni (Tyree) Mahan; Antinett (Crain)Thompson Avery; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, classmates, friends and a special "RC or Real Cousin", Darwin Smith.

Dr. Banks also leaves a flourishing online community he created called Sports Talk Nation (STN) who affectionately named him "The Commish".

# Previous Events

## Lie In State

SEP **14.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

SEP **14.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM (ET)

Victorious Word Church  
G-3560 Beecher Rd.  
Flint, MI 48507

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

EB

“ I’m sorry I am just learning of Dr Bank’s passing. I worked with him at MDOC and he was an amazing human. He always had a smile on, a kind word to say and always believed the best in people. He was dedicated to helping others and loved giving back. He spoke passionately about his family, his faith and his prior journeys. He was just a very good man. Sending prayers to all who love him.  
*Beth Boyd*

Elizabeth Boyd - March 27 at 02:47 PM



“ Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

VJ

“ Valerie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Banks



Valerie Jackson - October 03, 2023 at 01:44 AM

SB

“ My condolences & prayers go out to Dr Charles Banks’ beautiful family. 🙏❤️



Sandra K Brown - September 18, 2023 at 12:13 PM

EB

“ Eddie & Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Eddie & Linda Booth - September 16, 2023 at 05:31 PM

MM

“ Martita Moffett-Page lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Martita Moffett-Page - September 16, 2023 at 03:47 PM

KA

“ Kameshia M. Ar-Rahmaan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Kameshia M. Ar-Rahmaan - September 16, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ I am so sorry about the loss of your dear husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Rosalind Robinson

Rosalind Robinson - September 16, 2023 at 10:58 AM

CK

“ Curt, Nancee & Kolin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



**Curt, Nancee & Kolin** - September 16, 2023 at 08:39 AM

LW

“ Kandy, Mrs. Burks, Dana and family, we give our sincere condolences to you during this difficult time.

**LaShaunda and Mary Warren** - September 16, 2023 at 02:41 AM

JB

“ My condolences goes to the entire Banks Family



**Jeanette Brown** - September 15, 2023 at 09:53 PM

MH

“ Sending prayers of comfort and peace to all of you.  
The Haney Family



**Min. Mary Haney** - September 15, 2023 at 04:46 PM

AT

“ Alfred Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



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**Alfred Thompson** - September 15, 2023 at 03:42 PM

SR

“ Stephanie Ralls lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



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**Stephanie Ralls** - September 15, 2023 at 12:53 PM

CL

“ Dana you and the girls have my deepest condolences. Charles was a great man. His legacy is one that will live on forever.

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**Calandra Lawrence** - September 15, 2023 at 09:41 AM

IH

“ To The Family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks:

*I got the pleasure of meeting Charles at Selby Elementary School and as my Brother in Christ at Foss Avenue Baptist Church then on to Flint Northern High School.*

*Dr. Charles Burks was Humble, Kind and had a Sweet Spirit. He gave the Best Hugs at church. He is really gonna be missed. 💜*

*My prayer is that God will wrap his Loving Arms around his family. Gone way too soon!!!! 🙏*

*Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr. Fly High and May You Rest Among the Angels Who Carried You. 💜*

*Job Well Done My Brother!!!!*

*Rest In Paradise!!!*

*Blessings, 💜💜*

*Ivy Herron*



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**Ivy Herron** - September 14, 2023 at 11:53 PM

UD

“ We extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to you during this incredibly difficult time. Charles was a remarkable individual whose legacy will continue to be cherished and celebrated.

*UM-Flint Social Work Department*



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**UM-Flint Social Work Department** - September 14, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..



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September 14, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..

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September 14, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Katina Turner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



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**Katina Turner** - September 14, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Doris Allen lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



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**Doris Allen** - September 14, 2023 at 09:05 PM

TM

“ *Tea Moffett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



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**Tea Moffett** - September 14, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..*



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September 14, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..*

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September 14, 2023 at 07:02 PM

MG

“ *Marshall Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



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**Marshall Green** - September 14, 2023 at 04:25 PM

GR

“ *Continued love for you all! My family and I have you in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



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**Gwendolyn Richardson** - September 14, 2023 at 10:50 AM

CG

“ *Prayers and sincere condolences for Dana and Daughters that God strengthen and comfort you now and forever. May amazing memories of Charles help to bring you some comfort.* ”



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**Carol Gardner** - September 14, 2023 at 07:22 AM

MK

“ *Melville Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.* ”



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**Melville Kennedy** - September 14, 2023 at 07:20 AM

JC

“ *Invited me to My 1 and only Michigan Football Game in the Big House!!! I will never forget that. Every Michigan football victory from here on will have a special Go Blue attached to it for my Boy Dr Charles Banks GO BLUE* ”

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**Jason Clemons** - September 14, 2023 at 06:48 AM

CD

“ Sending so much love and prayers for continued strength, peace, and comfort.



Chennelle Dismond - September 14, 2023 at 05:26 AM

PM

“ Dear Dana even though I didn't know your husband I hear he was a good husband and father. I'm so sorry for your lost of your husband of many years! My prayers will continue with you and the girls.

Pastor John & Clydell McKenney - September 13, 2023 at 11:18 PM

DS

“ Donyale Sims lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Donyale Sims - September 13, 2023 at 09:13 PM

AN

“ Charles was in my MSW program and though I unfortunately didn't get to know him very well, his positive energy and spirit lit up the school; he was the kind of person to make an impression on you through one interaction, and he made his mark on the world through his work as well. His love for his family was evident and I send my deepest condolences.

anonymous - September 13, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..*



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September 13, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Todd Womack lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



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**Todd Womack** - September 13, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers that God will lift each family member and friends spirit. May you hold fast to The Arms of The Lord and cherished memories with Charles. I pray for your continued strength in Jesus.*

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**Michele Buckler** - September 13, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Dr. Banks, Jr. . .Honoring who you are and what you meant to me and our DSW cohort. Your life represented excellence, compassion, kindness, and spirit. You are deeply missed. Sending love and condolences to the Banks family. Roll Tide, sweet friend. --JaeHee*

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**JaeHee** - September 13, 2023 at 11:49 AM

TN

“ *Tricia L. Neal lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



Tricia L. Neal - September 13, 2023 at 10:41 AM

LJ

“ *Lashonda Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



Lashonda Jenkins - September 13, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Joya Embry lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



Joya Embry - September 13, 2023 at 10:17 AM

MT

“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire family. I pray God will carry you through the coming days and beyond.*



Melodie Turner-Snipes - September 12, 2023 at 11:43 PM

MZ

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to the FAMILY. I'll never forget Dr. Charles, style and Grace. GOD BLESS

*Elly & Family*



mzElly - September 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM

AL

“ I have so many things I want to share but cannot come up with the words to express myself during the loss of my friend. Charles, CBanks as I always called him and I had so many things in common. From being married to one of my closest friends in life of over 40 years to me being blessed to serenade them at their wedding, both of us being UM MSW graduates and avid sports fans of football and basketball and most importantly old school music lovers Charles was an all around friend one would love to have in their circle.

*I will cherish all of the wonderful times we all shared and never forget the friendship circle of love we all shared. Know that Dana and your beautiful girls will continue to be in my circle filled with love. I will miss you my friend but know I will continue to do our Social Work my friend, Always*

*Amina P. Lee, MSW. LCSWA*   *Jawan L. Lee*



Amina P McClendon Lee - September 12, 2023 at 09:48 PM

KK

“ Charles and I worked together at the Livingston County Day Treatment Program for nearly 10 years. We counseled and helped guide teenagers who were court ordered to our program. He touched the lives of hundreds of students and their families! Many students have reached out to let me know about the positive impact he had on their lives!

Kristian Kilpatrick - September 12, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..



September 12, 2023 at 06:32 PM

JW

“ Jeremaine Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Jeremaine Westbrook - September 12, 2023 at 05:32 PM

AW

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to you all,so sorry for your loss,my sincere congratulations 🙏

Argie Williams - September 12, 2023 at 05:11 PM

AW

Condolences

Argie Williams - September 16, 2023 at 09:16 AM

KS

“ My heart and condolences go out to the family. Dana I'm here for you. 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️



*From Kimberly and Randall Swift*



Kimberly Swift - September 12, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..



September 12, 2023 at 02:26 PM

AB

“ Angela Blanks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Angela Blanks - September 12, 2023 at 12:59 PM

SM

“ My prayers are with you and your family



Sydney Mitchell - September 12, 2023 at 09:48 AM

ST

“ *Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr. A man of peace, calm, collective, proud, humble. I only knew Charles for a few years. Charles taught me so much in just those few years. What a great man who honored and cared so much for his family. Charles will be missed! Praying for the whole family, that the peace that surpasses all understanding will be upon Dana, the girls and all the family.*

Steve - September 12, 2023 at 09:47 AM

LA

“ *LaDonya Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



LaDonya Anderson - September 12, 2023 at 09:18 AM

ER

“ *Charles was a childhood friend. He was a very humble person. I will continue to pray that God blesses. His family and friends.*



Elwanda Nunn Ray - September 12, 2023 at 06:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..*



September 12, 2023 at 05:43 AM

AR

“ *My condolences to your family*



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**Anita Riley** - September 12, 2023 at 05:24 AM

OC

“ *Oniffer Conner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



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**Oniffer Conner** - September 12, 2023 at 02:20 AM

ST

“ *Shakima L Tozay lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



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**Shakima L Tozay** - September 11, 2023 at 10:19 PM

ER

“ *Elwanda Ray lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



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**Elwanda Ray** - September 11, 2023 at 09:29 PM

VS

“ Charles was a very kind, nice, intelligent person. I've known his since 1st grade! I'm so proud to say that I knew you and I'm also proud of the fact that you came from Selbyhood and was able achieve such outstanding goals in your life! Take your rest now. You deserve every bit of it. I know that when you got to those pearly gates, God greeted you with open arms and said well done my son, well done!..... I'm gonna miss you Charles,  
Love Valerie



Valerie Smith - September 11, 2023 at 07:40 PM

D(

“ Deidre Mbugua (Harden) lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Deidre Mbugua (Harden) - September 11, 2023 at 07:22 PM

LO

“ Dana I am praying for you and the girls.



LaShanda Osborn - September 11, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..

September 11, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr..*



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September 11, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *Where do I begin? Charles and I attended Foss Avenue Baptist Church together. We did all of the churchy things. We even worked together during at least one summer program. He was a genuine Great Guy. I don't have a single negative memory of Charles. I was in awe as I witnessed his journey once he decided to leave Flint and set a new course for his family. I admired his perseverance as he kept collecting degrees and gaining employment in various places. I want to commend his wife, Dana, for her dedication to my friend. Thank YOU for taking such great care of him. I am praying for all of you.*



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**Carrie Bragg** - September 11, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *Condolences to Cuzin Dana and her family prayers to you all*



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**Vanita Zackery** - September 11, 2023 at 06:00 PM

KO

“ *Sending condolences to Dana B and Charles' girls. We appreciate times we had parties and que on the Michigan grill from the Michigan man who became a Dr Charles Banks Jr at University of Alabama. Continual prayers and love. Eric and Karen Owens!!*

Karen Owens - September 11, 2023 at 05:52 PM

JB

“ *Jacquetta Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



Jacquetta Bryant - September 11, 2023 at 05:51 PM

CP

“ *Crystal Phillips lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



Crystal Phillips - September 11, 2023 at 05:21 PM

DS

“ *Dana my sincere condolences to you & the girls...May The Lord up above give you strength during this difficult time in your life & the love Charles had for you give your comfort. Continued prayers ....Donna Lott Simmons*



Donna Lott Simmons - September 11, 2023 at 03:50 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



Tanya Jefferson - September 11, 2023 at 02:36 PM

TW

“ *Sending my prayers & condolences to Dana and family as you bereave the loss of your loved one Dr. Charles Banks. May God strengthen and comfort you and your precious memories keep you lifted up.*



Tamera Wade - September 11, 2023 at 10:06 AM

PH

“ *To Dana and the girls, My prayers and condolences are with you. What an awesome wife you have been through all of this and being with him as He transitioned to glory. May the God of all comfort continue to comfort your hearts. Patricia Hamer (Mama Pat)*

Patricia Hamer - September 10, 2023 at 10:55 PM

RN

“ *Rico Neal lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.*



Rico Neal - September 10, 2023 at 09:53 PM

NT

“ Charles was a good friend in high school was loved by many was such a wonderful kind soul this one right here hurts My condolences to all of his family and friends. Heaven truly gained an angel.

Nicole Troutman - September 10, 2023 at 11:12 AM

NT

“ Charles was a good friend in high school was loved by many was such a wonderful kind soul this one right here hurts My condolences to all of his family and friends. Heaven truly gained an angel.

Nicole Troutman-Willis - September 10, 2023 at 11:10 AM

SB

“ Sidney Bradford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Lee Banks Jr.



Sidney Bradford - September 10, 2023 at 10:22 AM

GA

“ Sending our prayers and condolences in your loss. Charles was always nice, respectable, and a pleasure to talk to. It was a joy having you all as neighbors before you moved to Ann Arbor. I'm sure Charles will be missed by all who knew and loved him.



Glenda Alexander - September 09, 2023 at 11:03 PM

LH

“ Condolences to Dana the girls and his mother, Shelley. Charles was my student in third grade at Shelby. You were always willing to do what you were told. Praying for strength for the family.



Larry and Shirley Henderson - September 09, 2023 at 01:32 PM

DB



Dana M Banks - September 24, 2023 at 11:08 PM

AA

“ Love you Dana and the girls. You have my deepest and sincere condolences. May the Holy Spirit comfort you to your very soul. I pray that God's love, strength, and peace keeps you all through this season of grief. Sending you, Dana a huge hug. I love you sis.



April Alexander - September 09, 2023 at 09:53 AM

DB

Love you too ❤️❤️❤️ you have to meet T Marie

Dana M Banks - September 24, 2023 at 11:09 PM

MK

“ Sending prayers to the family Charles and I have been friends since 3 Rd grade at Selby so it's been a family affair for over 40years . Rest well brother Rest Well we will meet again in Room 27 with my grandmother standing at the door welcoming us in!!!



Min. Doremus M. Kennedy - September 08, 2023 at 10:02 PM

VG

“ *My deepest condolences to Dana, the girls, and the entire family.  
Job well done Dr.Banks, take your rest!!!*

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**Veronica Gulley** - September 08, 2023 at 06:47 PM

TB

“ *TaWana Bingham lit a candle in memory of  
Charles Banks*



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**TaWana Bingham** - September 08, 2023 at 03:54 PM