



Oliver "Buddy" Banks Jr.

April 14, 1938 - December 6, 2012

Oliver "Buddy" Banks was born April 14, 1938 in Tchula, Mississippi to Oliver Sr. and Mittie Banks.

Buddy relocated to Chicago, Illinois as a young man. He met and married "his country girl" Ella Jo and theirs proved to be a three fold cord. Oliver and Ella were blessed with five children. He was a hard working man who put his family first.

Never one to be idle, Oliver worked many jobs but was primarily known as an auto mechanic. He played, sang and preformed with such greats as Sam Cooke. His love of gardening, peach trees, flowers, animals (catching and releasing squirrels) and fishing, no matter what the temperature, were some of his many passions.

He was a quiet man yet firm, but loving with a good sense of humor. Oliver was a fabulous cook and he generously shared with all. Cooking for his wife Jo making her favorite dishes or just preparing what she had a taste for warmed his heart. People would come from out of town for "THAT DRESSING," and the grilled Turkey Legs were legendary.

The love Oliver saw among the friends at the Kingdom Hall led him to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses. He dedicated his life to Jehovah and

symbolized his dedication through water baptism. Always keeping busy in the work of The Lord, Oliver lived by 1 Corinthians 15:58. His many privileges of service in the Christian Congregation, included being an elder and attending Elders School.

On December 6, 2012, with the promise of Revelation 21:3-4 fixed firmly in his heart and surrounded by family, Oliver fell asleep in death. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Oliver will be dearly missed by his loving wife and best friend of 51 years, Ella Jo Banks; 5 children: Olivia (James) Mayfield, Catherine (Raymond) Stepney, Christopher Banks, Elaine (Richard) Cook and Tammy (James) Nash; 18 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren, his brother: Melvin (Maxine) Banks; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of countless friends.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 9. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Oliver "Buddy" Banks Jr.

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Catherine Banks Stepney Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Oliver "Buddy" Banks Jr.



Catherine Banks Stepney Mitchell - December 06, 2020 at 11:58 PM



“ Daddy its been 8yrs since you have been gone..it still seems like yesterday..I sooo miss u..ur jokes..ur cooking..ur teaching me about sports and watching them with u also and just being who you were..most of all missing u as my daddy..i again..LUV AND MISS U DADDY.. R.I.P. OLIVER BANKS JR. aka DADDY CATHERINR ELLA BANKS STEPNEY MITCHELL

Catherine Banks Stepney Mitchell - December 06, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ Catherine Banks Stepney Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Oliver "Buddy" Banks Jr.



Catherine Banks Stepney Mitchell - December 06, 2020 at 11:10 PM

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“Daddy i forgot to mention..that 'RED HEAD GAL"..aka MOMMA (ELLA JO BANKS) WE (MAE CAT CHRIS ELAINE TAMMY) GOT HER..We will treat her as the QUEEN SHE IS..AS U DID..LUV U DADDY..R.I.P.

CATHERINE ELLA BANKS aka CAT

Catherine Banks Stepney Mitchell - December 06, 2020 at 11:08 PM