



## Mr. Charles Henry Banks

January 27, 1954 - August 16, 2022

Mr. Charles Henry Banks was born in Lexington, KY to the late Charles and Emma Fay Clemons Banks. Charles was educated in the public school system of Lexington, KY.

Charles, (Malik as he was known in Atlanta, Georgia,) accepted Christ at an early age.

He worked tirelessly to keep the Lord first in his life. Charles (Malik) had a marvelous baritone/bass voice and sang in the church choir while he resided nearly 28 years in Atlanta. He often called upon to sing solos on Sundays.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Fonda Banks, three brothers: Larry Edwards, Glenn Banks and Stephen Banks.

Bro. Charles Henry Banks departed this life on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Charles has

been residing in Jackson, TN since August 7, 2018 with his domestic partner, Bobbi Lee Jones. The couple met 36 years ago in Atlanta, GA where Charles (Malik) met Ms. Jones at the downtown Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library where Ms. Jones was employed as a Supervisory Library Manager. Both Aquarians, they most often could complete each one's thoughts and/or sentences. Charles worked as a Graphic Artist for two prestigious Architectural Firms in downtown Atlanta for many years. Charles's downtown

offices allowed his regularly visiting Ms. Jones's office for research support and guidance.

Since Charles's relocation to Jackson, the two domestic partners stayed on "ready, set, travel": from New York to California to Alaska and on and on. The great fulfillment they shared between themselves was unmatched. They both were constantly in awe of each other. The visual and performing arts kept the two socially and culturally jointed. With God's constant favor, they worked untiringly to be the absolute best to one another. The joys in life and the aesthetics propelled them to unimaginable heights. Charles And Bobbi became "one" on every progressive plane thanks to God the "Heavenly" Father.

Mr. Banks graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1975 and pledged Kappa Alpha Psi; Eta Alpha Graduate Chapter at EKU.

Charles (Malik) leaves to cherish his memories: a brother, Rev. Ronald Young of Dallas, TX, two sisters, Pauline Lewis and Bernice Moore from Louisville, KY, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Extra thanks to Larry Edwards from Lexington, KY, Stephanie Fay and Chase from Louisville, KY.

Lastly, Bobbi Jones who was domestic partner and confidante to "Malik" for all the glorious years between the two since 1986 in Atlanta: unspeakable joy and contentment they shared.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Memorial Gardens

Highway 412  
Alamo, TN

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Charles Henry Banks*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Rest in Peace my brother.*



**Maurice Sweeney** - August 25, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Henry Banks.*



August 24, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Clemons Family*



**Steffani Nelson** - August 24, 2022 at 12:53 PM

PL

“ Farewell my brother, 'Charlie'. You will be missed by your family and friends. Rest well from your trials on this earth. Love. Sister, Pauline

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**Pauline Lewis** - August 24, 2022 at 12:17 PM

TB

“ Our sincerest condolences to the Jones and Banks Families.

*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday...  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
Life brings tears, smiles, and memories.  
The tears dry, the smiles fade,  
But the memories last forever.*

*May God continue blessing you during your hours of bereavement  
is our prayer.*

*Sorrowfully and lovingly submitted,  
Taylor-McDonald Family*

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**Terry, Toni and Bay** - August 23, 2022 at 08:44 PM

MF

“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the Family of Charles ( Charlie B) Henry Banks. Charles and I were Line Brothers while pledging ETA Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at EKU. Charlie was one of the most creative individuals I have ever known in my life. He had this way putting things into his own words that would both make you smile & sometimes just shock you by his getting quickly down to where the rubber meets the road. I will always remember his love of music & art. I will always have a smile on my face remembering something he said or did while we were pledging or after it was over. Rest In Peace My Brother, You have found a new home not made by Man's hands.

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**Michael Faulkner** - August 22, 2022 at 08:46 PM

RK

“ My condolences to the family on this uniquely original soul... 'Charlie' Banks! We met on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University as young'uns, and shared many unforgettable times that even now elicit smiles and laughter. Charlie, I already miss you! Rest Easy my Brother...

*Reed*

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**Reed Kimbrough** - August 22, 2022 at 04:55 PM



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