



## Mrs. Nana B. Banks

May 18, 1928 - February 4, 2021

Mother Nana B. Banks, 92, of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to her heavenly home at 7:29 pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving and devoted family.

Nana was born on May 18, 1928 in Lexington, Mississippi to loving parents, John, Sr., and Lubirtha (Marshall) Sargent. She married the love of her life, James Buchanan Banks, Sr., on August 5, 1949 in Lexington, MS. Shortly after their marriage, James moved his family to Peoria, IL. James and Nana were married 58 years until his passing on September 21, 2007. Nana was the matriarch of her family. She loved the Lord. Nana and James raised their children in the church at New Morning Star M.B. Church where she faithfully served for many years as a member of the Choir, Calendar Tea, Mothers and Deaconess boards. Mother Nana had a great sense of humor. She loved cooking, raising her kids and loving up on her grandchildren.

Mother Nana leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted children, Edward "Chic" Banks, Erma "Jean" Banks, James "Butch" Banks, Jr., Gregory Banks, Dwayne (Demetra) Banks and Kenneth (Tamia) Banks all of Peoria, IL; one sister, Senora (George) Smith of Milwaukee, WI; 21 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; siblings, James Mines, Lillie Davis, Herbert Mines, Mae BIRTHA Sargent and John Sargent, Jr.

A celebration of Mother Nana's life will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at New Morning Star M.B. Church with an hour visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr., will officiate. Nana will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens alongside her husband, James Banks, Sr. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will

be observed. In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 25% or less people at the church. To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. Funerals are limited to no more than 25% of the decedent's immediate family members. \*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). \*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Simons Mortuary** - February 09, 2021 at 05:28 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 08, 2021 at 05:21 PM

MC

*Such Beautiful pictures the Banks family Sending my Condolences to the entire Family may Nana Rest in Paradise the Angels are pleased!*

**Maxine Clash** - February 09, 2021 at 08:02 PM

CH

*My sincere condolences to the Banks Family who I dearly love.*

*Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏*

*Continue being that close knit family who I truly admire.*

*Mrs. Nana B will be missed, I loved whenever we use to see each other in passing she always had a word. I loved her spirit and her beautiful smile. ❤️*

*Carmen Hines*

**Carmen E. Hines** - February 11, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *Mrs. Nana B. Banks*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Nana B. Banks*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MI

“ *Banks family: my sincerest condolences.*



Mildred - February 22, 2021 at 11:26 PM

LJ

“ *Butch, Jeannie, Greg and the Banks family... my mother has shared throughout my lifetime stories of Mrs. Nana and their friendship over the years. She and I are deeply saddened at her passing and express our sincere regrets. Our hearts go out to you and the rest of the family.*  
*Lynnette Lee and Mrs. Girline Johnson*

Lynnette Lee and Mrs. Girline Johnson - February 15, 2021 at 12:20 PM

“ P.O. Box 1143  
Peoria, IL 61653-1143  
(309) 685-5940  
Email: unitedusherboard@yahoo.com

February 10, 2021

*To the Family of Sister Nana Banks:*

*We, the of the United Usher Board of Peoria, offer our heartfelt sympathy during this time of sorrow.*

*We say to you, look to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith and remember that there is peace in knowing Jesus. So be encouraged and trust that God will take care of you.*

*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16*

*Humbly Submitted,  
The United Usher Board of Peoria*

*Essie Ellis, President  
Bessie Tory, Corresponding Secretary*

“ *Central District Association*

*February 10, 2021*

*To The Family of Sister Nana Banks :*

*Although you have left us in life, you have no more pain, struggles or strife; you are going to the land where others trod, and a land where there is peace and contentment with God; we will always remember you and there we will find the love of God in our hearts.*

*You will be missed but never forgotten,*

*Central District Association*

*Gloria Meachem  
President*

*Bessie Tory  
Corresponding Secretary*

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**United Usher Board** - February 10, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Swan Lake Memory Gardens*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 09, 2021 at 05:28 PM

RW

“ *Renessa Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Renessa Watkins** - February 09, 2021 at 03:56 PM

CS

“ *Cathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**cathy smith** - February 09, 2021 at 01:37 PM

PA

“ *Paul Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Paul Anderson** - February 09, 2021 at 12:07 PM

LL

“ *My deepest condolences to my Banks Family on the loss of Aunt Nana B. I love you all*



*Lorraine Little-Jordan*

**Lorraine Little-Jordan** - February 09, 2021 at 10:13 AM

JC

“ *Jessie Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Jessie Copeland** - February 08, 2021 at 09:43 PM

JJ

“ *Jeanette Jackson-Owens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Jeanette Jackson-Owens** - February 08, 2021 at 07:30 PM

SG

“ *Gregory and family. At a time when words are hard to find just want you to know you're in my thoughts and prayers. May the love in your hearts help to heal the loss.*



**Sherri (Burns) Green** - February 08, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ *27 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Simons Mortuary** - February 08, 2021 at 05:21 PM

GR

“ *Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Gregg Randle** - February 08, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nana B. Banks.*



February 08, 2021 at 04:45 PM

TA

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Your mother was such a wonderful woman and I feel blessed to have known her. Sending you all love, prayers and may God comfort you all during this difficult time.*

**Temeka Anderson** - February 08, 2021 at 03:33 PM

TA

“ *Temeka Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Temeka Anderson** - February 08, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nana B. Banks.*



February 08, 2021 at 03:15 PM

CS

“ *Cathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**cathy smith** - February 08, 2021 at 01:34 PM

BC

“ To Members of the Banks Family,  
I share with you my sincerest sympathy in the loss of your Mother! I had the pleasure  
and privilege of working with the Banks Family back in the 1970's while serving  
as the Principal of Lincoln School. Nana, and other members of her Family were  
among our most outstanding supporters! God Bless Mrs. Banks and the Family!  
Bob Carruthers - Peoria

Bob Carruthers - February 08, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs.  
Nana B. Banks.



February 08, 2021 at 07:43 AM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Nana B.  
Banks



Joanie Brown - February 08, 2021 at 03:02 AM

LR

“ On behalf of my mother and family , Dorothy Randle ,her niece, we send our  
deepest prayers to the Banks Family. Aunt Nana will be greatly missed. RIP

Lisa Randle - February 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM

MC

“ My heart goes out to the family of Aunt Nana. Her kindness from my youth as my  
twin brother and I lived across the street was memorable, loveable, and she and  
the family along with Uncle Buddy always let me know I was loved. God Bless.

Minister Donald Cummings - February 07, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nana B. Banks.*



February 07, 2021 at 12:55 PM

ND

“ *Sweetest person ever! Always welcome in her home. OMG the cornbread dressing, it will never be duplicated, never. RIH Mrs. Banks, job well done! ❤️*

**Nancy Dawson** - February 07, 2021 at 11:38 AM

SE

“ *Greg and family, so sorry for the loss of your mother. Praying for your strength at this difficult time. Sandra Evans*



**Sandra Evans** - February 07, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CW

“ *My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Banks family. Know GOD is your strength.*

**Crystal Weeks Wright** - February 07, 2021 at 08:20 AM

MP

“ *Greg, Butch, Kenny and family...my heartfelt condolences to y'all and your family. It's hard whenever you lose a love one... you become emotionally drained! BUT GOD will carry you thru the impossible if you just lean on his words! I am praying and sending love and peace to you all...remember the good and precious memories you all shared and take it one day at a time! A Mother's Love will never leave you bcuz she's always with you, in your heart!! May GOD BLESS and keep y'all thru this time of mourning....Much Love ❤️❤️❤️*

**Mancy Pittman** - February 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Mr. Mrs. Johnnie Horton Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



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**Mr. Mrs. Johnnie Horton Sr.** - February 06, 2021 at 11:03 PM

BC

“ *With sincere sympathy and love to the Nana Banks Family! I was proud and pleased to have served Nana's family and students during my tenure as Principal of Lincoln School back in the 1970's. It was certainly a highlight of my career as an educator to work with Nana and her "kids" and a true tribute to her support of the school and of our educational programs and staff! Her encouragement and mentoring from home were instrumental in all of her children becoming productive and successful citizens in our community. God Bless Nana and the Banks Family.*

*Bob Carruthers*

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**Bob Carruthers** - February 06, 2021 at 09:56 PM

PF

“ *Pamela Farmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



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**Pamela Farmer** - February 06, 2021 at 06:13 PM

GK

“ *My prayers go out to the family*

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**Gail Kimbrough** - February 06, 2021 at 04:40 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Kathy Collins** - February 06, 2021 at 04:21 PM

DS

“ *DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**DEBRINA SMITH** - February 06, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *May God be near you at this time if sorrow*



**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - February 06, 2021 at 03:03 PM

RW

“ *Richard And Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks*



**Richard and Theresa Walker** - February 06, 2021 at 01:42 PM

MY

“ My deepest sympathies are extended to The Banks Family in the homegoing our loved one Mother Nana Banks.

*I can recall many good memories of Mother Banks from New Morning Star Baptist Church.*

*May your many precious memories and faith comfort us all in the days ahead.*

*Michael Young, Washington, D.C*



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**Michael Young** - February 06, 2021 at 11:46 AM

OB

“ Our Condolences! Mrs. Banks was an Outstanding person full of Wisdom! God Bless you all! ❤️



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**Overseer Kennedy & Rosena Branch** - February 06, 2021 at 11:42 AM

PJ

“ Pamela Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks



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**Pamela Jenkins** - February 06, 2021 at 11:30 AM

DS

“ My most sincere condolences to the Banks family.

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**Debra L Standley** - February 06, 2021 at 08:52 AM

SC

“ Our Prayers for the Family of Mother Nana B. Banks with heartfelt condolences 🙏🙏🙏



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**Sherry Carter-Allen** - February 05, 2021 at 11:23 PM

CE

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Banks family ,keeping you up in prayer during your loss..

**Curt & Deborah Easley** - February 05, 2021 at 08:58 PM

AB

“ Praying for God's comfort and strength.  
Angelia Burns & family



**Angelia Burns** - February 05, 2021 at 06:24 PM

CS

“ Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nana B. Banks



**Curtis Shumate** - February 05, 2021 at 05:39 PM

EH

“ Kenny, the Hawkins family sends their condolence to your family.



**E Hawkins** - February 05, 2021 at 04:18 PM

BA

*Sending my prayers and condolences to the Banks family RIP Mrs. Banks.*

**Brenda Albert** - February 06, 2021 at 08:30 AM