



Robert I Banks

November 20, 1929 - October 24, 2020

Robert I. Banks, 90, of Hillman, Michigan passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2020 in Enon, Ohio, surrounded by his family. He was born November 20, 1929 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Isma C. and Irene H. Banks. Robert was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts With High Honors from the University of Maryland in 1971. He earned his degree by going to school at night, all the while working and raising six children. As amazing as this was, he couldn't have done it without Mom, who felt she earned the degree as well.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed many hobbies and interests, including horseshoes, bowling, motorcycles, handball, hunting, reading, sudoku puzzles and always loved the old westerns on television. He was a lifelong fan of University of Michigan athletics and loved watching their games, especially the winningest football program in the NCAA! This has been verified by Robert C. Banks. Above all, he enjoyed spending time at his farm in northern Michigan. Robert retired from the United States Air Force (USAF) in 1973 and from USAF Civil Service in 1990, having served his country for over 41 years. SMSgt Banks was an Air Force Korean War Veteran. He was a radio operator on the B-29, logging over 600 hours' flying time. He received numerous awards during his career, including the The United States Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, The Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Army Occupation Medal (Japan), and Air Crew Member Badge, among others. He was a charter member of the VFW Post in Oscoda,

Michigan since 1961; George Rogers Clark VFW Post 8437; the Knights of Columbus; and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. Robert is survived by four daughters and a son; Jade M. Banks of Tilghman, Maryland; Jule A. (Kernie) Moore of Rapid City, Michigan; Joan I. (George) Falldine of Warner Robins, Georgia; Jolyn B. (Michael) Verbillion of Springfield, Ohio; Robert C. (Donna) Banks of Jacksonville, Florida; a sister, Joanne Miracle; and close family friend, Paula Rich. He was grandfather to Jessica, Christian, Meagan, David, Grace and Claire; and great-grandfather to Christian, Cooper, Juliet, Piper, Oliver, Scarlet and Calvin; and Favorite Uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; the love of his life, his wife of 54 years, Julia Wald Banks; a daughter, Jana R. Banks; four siblings; Betty Millard, Virginia Wilder, Thomas Banks, and Walter Banks. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 30 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul Catholic Church, Yellow Springs, Ohio with Fr. Bill Kramer officiating. Military honors will be performed by USAF Honor Guard following the service in Enon Cemetery. A visitation will be held at 10:00 AM, prior to the Mass in the church. Robert's family requests donations be made in his name, to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or www.woundedwarriorproject.org Adkins Funeral Home, Enon is assisting Robert's family with his final wishes. www.adkinsfunerals.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Church
308 Phillips Street
Yellow Springs, OH

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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308 Phillips Street
Yellow Springs, OH

Military Honors

OCT 30. 12:15 PM (ET)

Enon Cemetery
6013 Dayton Springfield Rd
Springfield, OH 45502
(937) 864-2881

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Jade, Jule, Joan, Joey and Rob, I am so sorry for your loss. No matter our age, losing a parent is heart wrenching. My thoughts and prayers are with you. So many good times and the banter between Bob and Julia was priceless, like he how he convinced Julia to get on his motorcycle for a ride and the many trips to the farm. So many good memories! Take care, Lynnette



Lynnette Rodrigue - October 30, 2020 at 11:12 AM

GM

“ Uncle Bob always made me feel like I was the most important person in the world when I was with him or talking to him on the phone. He listened intently and always told me he loved me when we said goodbye. Steve and I had some wonderful visits with him and Aunt Julie at the farm. He also was able to get Kary and Mandy to eat venison without them knowing! I always looked at the large photo of him in his uniform at grandma and grandpa's house, hanging on the wall, and thought what a handsome man! My mom, Virginia, adored her older brother. She had this photo in her dresser of Uncle Bob when he was a baby with Grandpa Banks. Like Kristie said, it also gives me comfort to know he is reunited with Aunt Julie, Jana, and all the rest of the family he loved so dearly. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Until we meet again. I love you so much! Gina



Gina Moran - October 29, 2020 at 08:32 PM

MW

“ Mike & Karen Wald, Tom & Mary Wald, & Bob & Mary Jo Westlake purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert I Banks.



Mike & Karen Wald, Tom & Mary Wald, & Bob & Mary Jo Westlake - October 29, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JW

“ While visiting the Wald family in St. Louis, Bob would join me and my brothers in seeing the Cardinals, playing horseshoes and occasionally bowling. We also had a lot of family singing sessions. Always thought what a great guy Julia had married.

Justin Wald - October 28, 2020 at 04:50 PM

JW

“ Justin & Fran Wald; Mark & Amy Wald; Kristin Wald purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Robert I Banks.



Justin & Fran Wald; Mark & Amy Wald; Kristin Wald - October 28, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert I Banks.



October 28, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert I Banks.*



October 27, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ *Great Uncle Bob always made the kids in the room feel welcome. He loved to tell stories about Grandma Betty and Grandpa Fred and of our Dad. We loved hearing them. My Dad truly loved his Uncle Bob and they shared a special relationship. It brings comfort to us that they are together again in heaven.*



Kristi McDevitt - October 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM