

E. G. Banks

February 8, 1933 - March 13, 2021

E.G. Banks passed away peacefully at his home in Winter Park, Florida on March 13, 2021. “Jerry” was born in Sanford, Florida on February 8, 1933 to Christine Ponder, and lived his entire life in Maitland and Winter Park. He graduated from Winter Park High School in 1950, one of only 50 students in his graduating class. He planned to attend Rollins College on a football scholarship the following year, but the football program was discontinued that summer, and Jerry never attended college. Instead, he began his career in banking, hand posting the books at the Florida Bank and Trust Company on the corner of Park Avenue and New England Avenue in Winter Park. This job was interrupted briefly by service in the US Army during the Korean War, stationed at Fort Kobbe in the Panama Canal Zone. Upon discharge, he returned to the bank where in 1955 he met a beautiful teller, named Patsy Laughlin. They were married in 1956.

By the early 1960s the young Jerry Banks had become a leader in the Central Florida banking and business community, starting the Commercial Bank Holding Company of seven banks. Including in 1967 opening the South Seminole Bank on 17-92 in Casselberry, which was the first bank between the cities of Winter Park and Sanford.

In the mid-1970s Jerry sold the banking company and primarily devoted his time to other business ventures such as Handley & Martin Grassing Company, Service Ice Company, and real estate investments and development. Over the years, in partnership with Malcolm and Charlie Clayton he developed

neighborhoods, including Sevilla in Winter Park, and Cove Colony and Lake Colony in Maitland.

Over the course of his career he received numerous awards, served on numerous boards and commissions, and was recognized for his great contributions to the community, charity, and country. One of his greatest honors was when, in 1969, he was appointed by President Richard Nixon to serve on the three-member Selective Service Appeal Board, traveling the country to hear and decide the cases of draftees during the Vietnam War. Jerry was named the Business Man of the Year and CEO of the Year by several entities in the 1960s and '70s. He served as the Chairman of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce in 1963 & 1964. He chaired the fund drive to build the current St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church on Park Avenue in Winter Park, and was a founding member of the Diocese of Orlando Finance Committee. He was the first Chairman of the Board of the FTU (now UCF) Foundation, served on the Commission for Quality Education in Florida, and chaired the Winter Park Community Chest Drive. Jerry was the initial Trustee of The Bush Foundation in St. Paul, Minnesota and the initial Trustee of the Edyth Bush Foundation in Winter Park.

From the 1980s to recent years, Jerry's time was divided between his beautiful homes in Hurtsboro, Alabama; Highlands, North Carolina; and Maitland/Winter Park. Nothing gave him more joy than sharing his blessings with family and friends. His hunting plantation in Alabama was his most favorite place on earth, and hosting many friends there was his most favorite thing to do. He would plan every detail of every hunting weekend or week. Every meal was five course and five star...and he prepared all of them himself. (Probably to make sure there was no onion or garlic!) He was also proud to share "Patsy's house" in Highlands, North Carolina. Maintaining a meticulous property like no other with an always stocked trout pond, always blooming flowers, and memories to last family and friends a lifetime.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patsy, and their five children. Jerry (Lea Ann), Mary Jane, Karen, Larry (Karin), and Danny (Leah). "The Great

Dadoo” is also survived by twelve grandchildren, Andrew Banks, David Banks, Elizabeth Schmitt Lupica (Chris), Brian Schmitt, Erin Schmitt Mullen (Hank), Mary Schmitt, Stephen Banks, Mikey Banks, Molly Banks, Brody Banks, Daniel Banks, Jacob Banks, and four great grandchildren. All are left with wonderful memories and a legacy of love and care for others.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Rosary

MAR 16. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Livestream <https://stmargaretmary.org/funeral-mass-livestream/>

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 N. Park Ave
Winter Park, FL

Burial

MAR 17 (ET)

Palm Cemetery
700 N New York Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789
(407) 599-3252

Tribute Wall

TW

“ To all the Banks Family, so sorry for your loss. Terry Watson and family. Highlands NC.

terry watson - March 19, 2021 at 04:15 PM

AL

“ Mr. Danny Banks & Family.
I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in each other during this time.

Andrea Lowery



Andrea Lowery - March 18, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.



March 17, 2021 at 12:15 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.



March 16, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 16, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 16, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 16, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 16, 2021 at 10:24 AM

VP

“ My condolences to the entire Banks family. My fondest memory of Mr. Banks, was when Danny and I were freshman at FSU , where he surprised us and flew us to Clemson , where it will go down as one of the greatest games in FSU history. Sir you will be missed. You have an amazing family.



Dr. Varesh Patel & Family

vareah patel - March 16, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.



March 16, 2021 at 06:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.



March 15, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.



March 15, 2021 at 07:50 PM



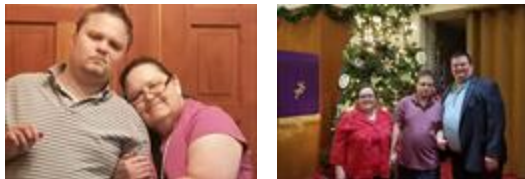
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March 15, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ From the C H Galloway IV Family
May the lord bless you and your family during this critical time in your lives



Carl Hill Galloway III - March 15, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Carl Hill Galloway III lit a candle in memory of E. G. Banks



Carl Hill Galloway III - March 15, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JH

“ *Jim & Vivian Hollomon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of E. G. Banks.*



Jim & Vivian Hollomon - March 15, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 15, 2021 at 03:04 PM

JF

“ *My deepest condolences* 🙏



June Feuerbacher - March 15, 2021 at 02:07 PM

EJ

“ *Eric&Charile, Billy&Susie, John&Anne purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of E. G. Banks.*



Eric&Charile, Billy&Susie, John&Anne - March 15, 2021 at 02:05 PM

LF

“ *Linda Dodge and family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of E. G. Banks.*



Linda Dodge and family - March 15, 2021 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ *The Malcolm Clayton Family purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of E. G. Banks.*



The Malcolm Clayton Family - March 15, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 15, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 15, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.* ”



March 15, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Love Russell Cheryl Ryan and Ditto purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of E. G. Banks.* ”



Love Russell Cheryl Ryan and Ditto - March 15, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.* ”



March 15, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.* ”



March 15, 2021 at 11:17 AM

DM

“ Gerry will be greatly missed by all who knew him! Our hunts together in Texas and at his Alabama camp were “beyond special “! He could tell jokes (some not repeatable) better than anyone I’ve ever known! I have never left being with Gerry that I didn’t have a smile on my face! God bless him! Regards, David McKinney, David Jr and Chris

David Mckinney - March 15, 2021 at 11:10 AM

RM

A true Gentleman, kind soul, wonderful story teller, and amazing Chef. I feel blessed and thankful for our times and talks at the hunting camp. Rest in peace, Your Honor. All my love to the Banks family.

Rick Mitchell - March 15, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.



March 15, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.



March 15, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 15, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *My memories of traveling to, from, and during our stay at the hunting camp with Mr. Banks will last forever. He truly was an incredible man, and I am so honored to have been lucky enough to know him. Bel and I love Mr Banks, his beautiful wife, and his wonderful family.*

Kevin Bass - March 15, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of E. G. Banks.*



March 15, 2021 at 09:06 AM