



Lee Banks

December 10, 1938 - November 4, 2019

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Lakeland - Lee Banks, 80, passed away November 4, 2019.

Lee was born in Bowen, KY on December 10, 1938. He moved to Lakeland from Ohio 54 years ago. He was a Store Manager for Sears Roebuck & Company, and enjoyed fishing, golf, card games, cooking and handy work. Lee was a member of Landmark Baptist Church in Haines City. In his later years, Lee was affectionately known as "Papa Lee". He was an encourager who always had a smile and a kind word for everyone he met. He chose to be positive no matter what the circumstances - viewing each day as a "beautiful day".

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan Banks and Myrtle Phipps; brother, Taylor Goebel Banks; sister, Almbzettia B. Rigsby. He is survived by his sister, Sonia Ann Lewis of Jeffersonville, KY; son, Mark (Sharon) Banks of Prince George, VA; daughters, Kim Banks of Middletown, OH, Lori Smith of Gainesville, GA and Betsy (Brian) Martin of Gainesville, GA; stepdaughter, Robyn Bryant of Lakeland, FL, stepsons, Chris (Tami) Rodems of Orlando, FL and Joey (Lily) Rodems of Wesley Chapel, FL; granddaughters, Kelly Banks Dixon of Bartow, FL, Jennifer Stogsdill of Middletown, OH, Jackie Smith of Gainesville, GA, Amber Lang of Lakeland, FL, Gabby Rodems of Wesley Chapel, FL, Olivia Rodems of Wesley Chapel, FL and Isabela Rodems of

Wesley Chapel, FL; grandsons, John Banks of Hamilton, OH, Harry Stogsdill of Middletown, OH, Bishop Martin of Gainesville, GA, Nicholas Rodems of Orlando, FL, Jacob Rodems of Wesley Chapel, FL and Michael Rodems of Wesley Chapel, FL; great grandchildren, Thomas Caban of Bartow, FL, Kayla Caban of Bartow, FL, Ryan Dixson of Bartow, FL, Jayna Banks of Hamilton, OH, Gaven Lee Hall of Middletown, OH, Isabelle Stogsdill of Middletown, OH, Emily Armbruster of Middletown, OH and Gideon Lang of Lakeland, FL.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 10-11 am at Landmark Baptist Church, 2020 Hinson Ave. Haines City, FL 33844. Funeral services will follow on Saturday at 11 am at the church. Flower deliveries for the services can be made to Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road Lakeland, FL 33801 on Friday November 8, 2019.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Landmark Baptist Church
2020 Hinson Ave.
Haines City, FL 33844

Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Landmark Baptist Church
2020 Hinson Ave.
Haines City, FL 33844

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lee Banks*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 08, 2019 at 03:45 PM

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Robyn Bryant - December 10, 2022 at 09:59 PM

RB

“ *Thinking of you on your Birthday today, Papa Lee.... It was a beautiful day for outdoor activities or fishing. I sure do miss you. You're always in my heart. Happy Birthday in heaven!*

Robyn Bryant - December 10, 2022 at 09:57 PM

RB

“ Three years ago, today.... still miss you just as much.



Robyn Bryant - November 04, 2022 at 11:22 PM

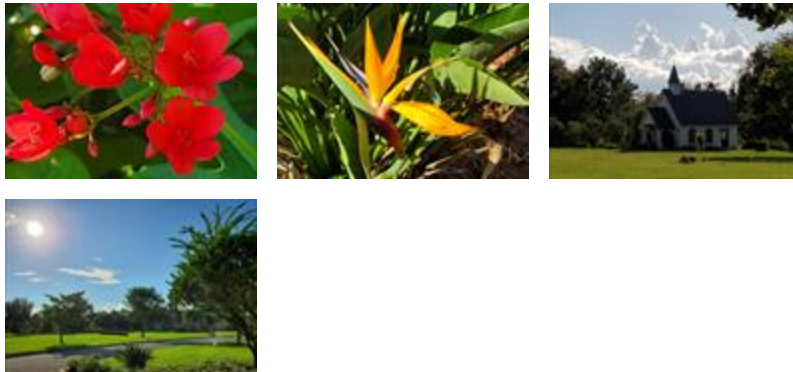
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“ We made sure you had a beautiful resting place, Papa Lee.

Robyn Bryant - August 28, 2022 at 01:03 PM

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Robyn Bryant - August 28, 2022 at 01:00 PM

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Robyn Bryant - August 28, 2022 at 12:45 PM

RB

“ Thinking of you today, Papa Lee. I still miss you and not a day goes by that I don't think of you. You taught me to look at every day as a beautiful day. You left me with much and for that I am grateful. I treasure each memory and know I will see you again one day when I get to heaven. I love you.

Robyn Bryant - August 28, 2022 at 12:36 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 04, 2021 at 03:03 PM

RB

“ Two years ago today... I can still hardly believe it. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you and miss you terribly. I miss your big bear hugs! You taught me that every day is a beautiful day. You made it a beautiful day. Scrabble, Yahtzee, The Andy Griffith Show, Bass fishing, time with family, the outdoors, cottage cheese, pin-striped long-sleeved shirts, chili, a good homecooked meal, Jenga, coffee, Wednesday & Sunday night church services, bananas, the moon & stars, predicting the rain, everything patriotic, helping others, a ride in the car, Lake Parker, big bear hugs, the Bible verse, "Be still and know that I am God" and Jesus.... some of your favorite things. I'm thankful for every "bonus day" God gave you, and as much as I miss you, I know in His wisdom and grace, He took you before covid hit. My comfort is that you are safe in the arms of Jesus and all your suffering has been taken away. It was a true blessing to see you come to Christ later in life. I cherish all the good memories, and it was a joy caring for you in your older years. In your younger years you were always my biggest cheerleader and you only saw the good. I ALWAYS knew you loved me and knew there was nothing I could do to change that. Nothing. I would never have been ready to let you go, but God's grace is constantly sufficient, and I know He knows best. So in His eyes, today IS a beautiful day because he took you home to be with Him on this day in 2019. You will ever be loved and always be missed. I carry you in my heart and know I will see you again one day. In the meantime, I'm asking our LORD to give you a hug from me to you. I love you, Papa Lee.

Robyn Bryant - November 04, 2021 at 03:01 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 04, 2021 at 01:42 PM

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Robyn Bryant - June 20, 2021 at 11:27 PM

RB

Happy Father's Day, Papa Lee!! You are so missed. I love you.

Robyn Bryant - June 20, 2021 at 11:29 PM

RB

“ It hardly seems it can be a year without you here with us, Papa Lee. I miss you every day. God was gracious in taking you home to be with Him before COVID-19. Your kind and gentle ways are always with me, and I try to remember, even on the hard days, it truly is a "Beautiful Day". Memories of you enjoying the beauty of the day always make me smile. I miss your big bear hugs, but I know I'll see you see you again. You are forever in In my heart. I love you so much!!



Robyn Bryant - November 11, 2020 at 10:54 PM

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Robyn Bryant - December 10, 2019 at 09:56 PM

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Robyn Bryant - December 10, 2019 at 09:50 PM

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Robyn Bryant - December 10, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 19, 2019 at 01:29 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 15, 2019 at 01:25 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 11, 2019 at 12:28 AM



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 09, 2019 at 06:41 AM

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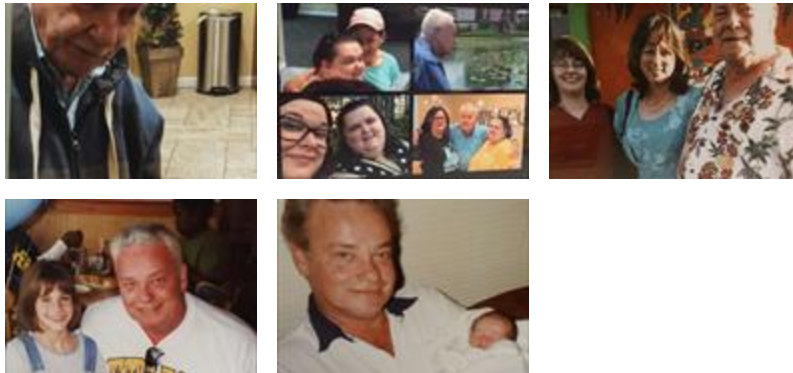
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Robyn Bryant - November 08, 2019 at 11:17 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 08, 2019 at 06:58 PM



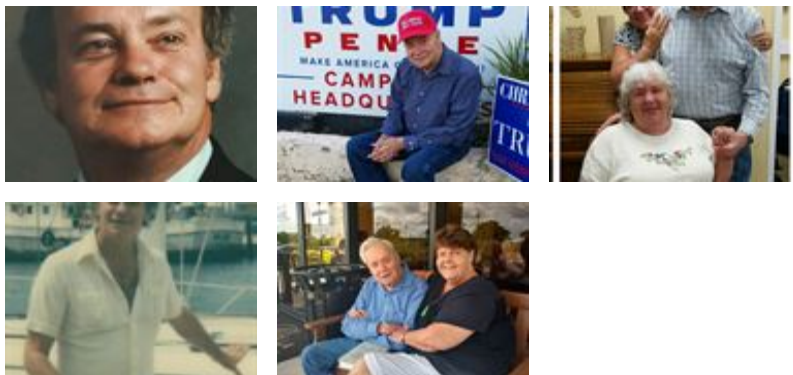
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lee Banks.



November 08, 2019 at 06:41 PM



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 08, 2019 at 03:23 PM

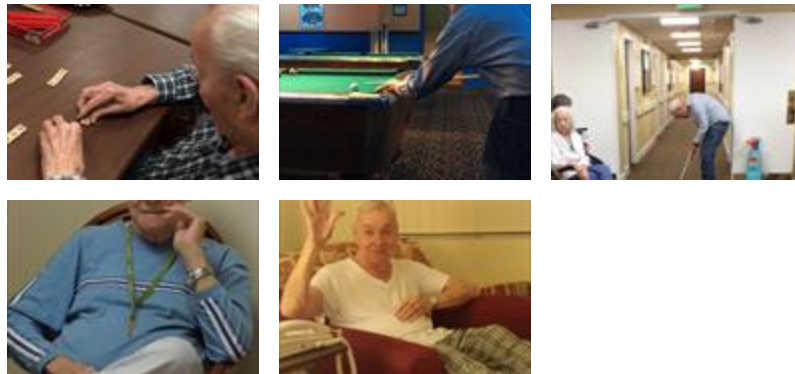
LH

“ Lee was the beloved stepfather of my dear friend Robyn. You could certainly tell how much he loved his family and he was a real treasure to be around. His kindness, generosity and love definitely Filtered down to the people around him that he loved and cherished. Although he leaves a huge hole in his family and friends lives he has certainly filled a hole in their hearts that can never be undone.

Lynda Hatfield - November 08, 2019 at 12:49 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 08, 2019 at 03:51 AM

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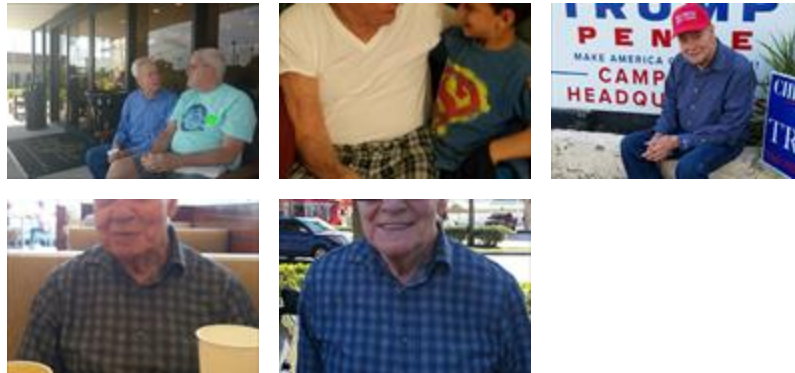
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Robyn Bryant - November 07, 2019 at 10:29 PM

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Robyn Bryant - November 07, 2019 at 10:18 PM

BK

“ Ben , Kelly Dlxson & Kids purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lee Banks.



Ben , Kelly Dlxson & Kids - November 07, 2019 at 12:14 PM

MD

“ I never got to meet him, but my best friend Robyn talked very highly of him. I wish I could have met you. May you Rest In Peace and have fun talking to the Fantastic Lord of ours!!

Margie Dye - November 07, 2019 at 11:45 AM