



Mrs. Inez Banks

May 21, 1935 - January 19, 2016

****NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS****

The family requests sending contributions in memory of Mrs. Inez Banks to the:

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH STUDENT EDUCATIONAL FUND

1216 North Westnedge Avenue

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Inez Ferguson was born May 21, 1935 in Fosters, Alabama to Dennis and Willie Ethel (Maddix) Ferguson. Inez died and received her heavenly reward Tuesday, January 19, 2016 after a brief illness.

She attended Dry Creek Schools in Fosters, Alabama.

In 1952, Inez Ferguson married her schoolmate Virgil Lee Banks. To this union six children were born: twins Gaynell and Floyzell, Earnest (deceased), Virgil Jr., Cedric and Dennis.

In 1967 the family moved from Alabama to Kalamazoo, where they joined Galilee Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Mabry Gardner. While at Galilee, Inez has been very active in the church serving on the Sr. Usher Board, Mother's Board, Mission Society and The Women's Auxillary. Inez was a faithful and obedient servant of God. One of the

scriptures she often recited is Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God".

In 2000, Inez and Virgil returned to Fosters, Alabama where they were members of Fosters Community Church. She later returned to Comstock, Michigan in 2005, after Virgil's death. They were married 52 years.

Inez was employed at Kalamazoo State Hospital as a housekeeper. She earned her High School Diploma from Comstock High School in 1980. Inez loved flowers, gardening and enjoyed spending time with a group of friends known as "The Coffee Ladies". She also enjoyed traveling, and had an opportunity to visit places such as Hawaii, Cabo San Lucas and China.

Inez leaves to cherish her memory: children, Gaynell (Elmer) Williams of Benton Harbor, Michigan; Floyzell Alford of Sacramento, California; Virgil Jr. (Denise) of Phoenix, Arizona; Cedric Banks of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Dennis (Raquel) Banks of Detroit, Michigan; 15 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; siblings: Lela Sealy of Columbus, Ohio; Arbelene Brown of Hammond, Indiana; Linda, Diane, Michael and Robert Ferguson of North Carolina; special sister-in-laws: Betty Banks, Betty Williams and Frances Jones; god-daughters, Nell Fryer-Wilson, Carolyn Alford and Virginia McKintosh. Also, a host of other relatives and friends.

Inez joins her husband Virgil Banks Sr, mother Willie Ethel Maddix, father Dennis Ferguson, brother Eugene Ferguson and so many other family members in Heaven.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Inez Banks



Harper Funeral Home - January 23, 2016 at 07:24 PM



I miss my Grandma Weezy , Aunt Ann, my Uncle Dennis and my Grandpa Virgil L. Banks Sr.

I am the first grandson of the Banks Family. I love all of you. Miss you all so much.

Elmer Williams - July 31, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Mrs. Inez Banks

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Inez Banks

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BL

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from the family of josephine, bobby jose, katrenna, and bobby little of anchorage alaska. a child of the father has return back to the father that shared his angle withe the world. i give thanks to God the father that let me stand in her shadow. let us all pray,and give thanks.



bobby little - March 01, 2016 at 06:54 AM

MW

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Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Inez Banks



Minister Flora Walker - January 28, 2016 at 01:19 PM



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Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Inez Banks



Karest Willis-Brown - January 25, 2016 at 10:35 PM

PA

“ We would like for you to know that we are praying for your family during this difficult time and to encourage you to look to Jesus for your strength as well as receive the love that is given from friends and family.

Pastor Ervin & Joyce Armstrong

Pastor Ervin & Joyce Armstrong - January 25, 2016 at 09:26 AM

HB

“ HAL & JANET BUCHANAN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Inez Banks



HAL & JANET BUCHANAN - January 25, 2016 at 08:51 AM

PE

“ Phyllis E. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Inez Banks.



Phyllis E. - January 25, 2016 at 08:23 AM

BC

“ Chris Banks I am unable to attend Gramma's service like I had planned, Hugs to you . You were very lucky to have her in your life for as long as you did, she loved you . She did a really good job with you, you turned out just fine. It was always a joy to see her smiling face at activities. Love Bailey & Brandon's Gramma Bev.

Beverly J. Connor - January 24, 2016 at 11:04 PM

NF

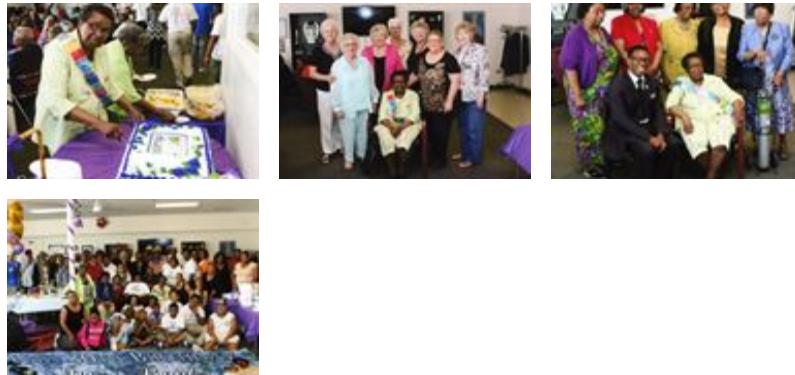
“ From Naomi Franks I enjoyed working with her at Comstock public schools she will be dearly missed



Naomi Franks - January 24, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - January 24, 2016 at 07:32 PM

JT

“ Inez was the housekeeper for our unit at KRPH for many years. She was a dear sweet woman who was always smiling and happy to see you.. Loved her. Joyce Buxton-Tuinier

joyce tuinier - January 24, 2016 at 11:28 AM

CR

“ Many condolences to the Banks family. You are in our thoughts and hearts. Love, Michael, Crystal, Brittany, Chris, Nick Bell



crystal - January 23, 2016 at 07:05 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - January 23, 2016 at 07:03 PM



Meosha Williams

“ RIH Grandma Weezy

Meosha Williams - January 23, 2016 at 04:50 PM

BF

“ Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Inez Banks



Betty Ford - January 23, 2016 at 11:53 AM

LA

“ To the Family of Mother Banks, our prayers go out to you during your time of bereavement. She will truly be missed...We had the pleasure of sharing in "harvest time", it would be Mother Ozier, myself, Cedric, Mother Banks, Lillie Daniels or my brother Terry! She would tell me, Girl you have to pack them greens! :-) I would always say I'm tired, but Moma and Mother Banks would still be picking. Those days will be missed. But we Thank God for the time we shared and say to God be the Glory!



Larence & Sherry Anderson - January 23, 2016 at 08:58 AM

WK

“ With love, Kevin and Kris purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Inez Banks.



With love, Kevin and Kris - January 22, 2016 at 07:44 PM

MJ

“ Mike, Laurie, Renee, Chelsea, David and Jarian purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Inez Banks.



Mike, Laurie, Renee, Chelsea, David and Jarian - January 22, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Inez Banks.*



January 22, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ *Allstate friends: Candy, Theresa, Phyllis, Sharon and Diane purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Inez Banks.*



Allstate friends: Candy, Theresa, Phyllis, Sharon and Diane -
January 22, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Thinking of you in your time of sadness, and remembering how sweet Mrs. Sam was to my family. My mother the late Shirley Cooper, really loved your mother. All the great times Mrs. Sam shared with our family during our times of sorrow, will never be forgotten. Praying for you and your family, especially for Chris, with much love. The family of the late Shirley Cooper of Fosters, Alabama.*



Shelia Meeks - January 22, 2016 at 11:45 AM

TF

“ *THE PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Inez Banks*



THE PATTERSON FAMILY - January 22, 2016 at 10:39 AM