



Charles Banks

December 23, 1947 - July 21, 2024

Charles Ray "Chip" Banks, 76, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2024, in a local hospital. He was lovingly known as Chip, Chippy, C-Ryder, O'Shea O'Shea O'Shea, was born in Henderson, Texas on December 23, 1947. He moved from Texas to Buffalo, New York as a child and attended P.S. 79 and Burgard High School. After graduating high school, Chip enlisted into the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. While serving in the Navy, Chip was assigned to the Navy Arts and Communications Branch. In addition to his high priority communications responsibilities, he was the lead singer in the Navy Band that performed at special events and aboard ships stationed in Newport News, Virginia and Rhode Island. Chip was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1970. After his military service, Chip moved to Teaneck, NJ where he signed a recording contract with the Isley Brothers label T-Neck records. Chip was quite the singer and showman who was always meticulously dressed, had exquisite style, and loved the latest fashions. Eventually, Chip found his way back home to Buffalo and began a career at General Motors, General Mills, then Federal Express where he retired but returned to work at Fed-Ex as an Independent-Contractor until March 2024. In 1979, Chip met the beautiful Southern Bell Wanda Timmons from Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was visiting Buffalo, New York for the summer. Wanda was Chip's kryptonite! He was crazy about Wanda and to the surprise of everyone who knew Chip, married Wanda the following year on August 2, 1980. Chip and Wanda moved to Atlanta, started a family, and

resided there until recently as they were planning to relocate to Buffalo in April 2024. Unfortunately, upon completing cancer treatments in April, Chip experienced some health setbacks that culminated into the fight for his life. Chip committed his life to the Lord and eventually became an Ordained Minister in 1981 by The Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God. Chip loved sharing the word of GOD and encouraging people to know and accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. He wholeheartedly believed in GOD's promise of salvation and eternal life, so he unapologetically lived what he believed and embarked on his mission to spread the gospel because he desired salvation and eternal life for all of us. Chip attended Buffalo State University for 4 years and was a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater Arts. He was a lead actor in many productions while studying at Buffalo State. He wrote and produced a play called "Our Lan" which was performed at the Burchfield Arts Center. Chip was preceded in death by his father, Billie Banks; and mother, Eula Hyter Banks. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Wanda Timmons Banks; daughter, Celeste Hope Banks; son, Marcus Charles (LeNay) Banks; granddaughter, Phoenix "Feebie" Parker; sisters, Alnisa-Barbara, Yvonne, Billie (Kim); brothers, Bryant and John (Lisa); in-laws, Leona Adams, Mamie Green, Pauline Ford, Patricia Timmons, Charles Timmons, Ben Timmons, and Anthony Timmons; uncles, Raymond and Robert Thompson, along with his Black Rock Family, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Chip will lie-in-state on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the chapel with Pastor Earnest Jefferson as the Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

DIRECTIONS FOR LIVE STREAM: Click on the Link Below:

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Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG 2. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

AUG 2. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - September 09, 2024 at 11:42 PM



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DS

“ My Black Rock Big Brother - RIH Chipy!

Donald L Druitt Sr. - August 03, 2024 at 02:52 PM

TL

“ My prayers are with all of the Banks Family. Even if the miles and years have kept us apart, know that coming from the Druitt Family we are all Still Black Rock Strong. Peace and Love from the Druitt Family. From Teresa Druitt Lewis

Teresa Druitt Lewis - August 02, 2024 at 01:07 PM

CO

“*"Chip!" Thank you and May God give the Family Peace and Comfort during this Time. Love Yall*

Ces

Ces Owens - August 02, 2024 at 11:14 AM

RC

“*Ruthie Colston purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Banks.*



Ruthie Colston - July 31, 2024 at 09:46 PM

VB

“*Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles Banks*



vincinetta Brown - July 29, 2024 at 11:34 AM

VB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the Banks, Green families and we pray our continued strength at this difficult time. May God sustain you in the days ahead.
Vincinetta Brown and family.*

vincinetta Brown - July 29, 2024 at 11:37 AM

DJ

Sending our condolences to Billie Banks & Family! Dj&Bobbi Jones- Buffalo, NY

Dorothy Y Jones - July 31, 2024 at 06:47 PM

BJ

In Heaven With God

Beverly Jones - July 31, 2024 at 07:51 PM

SM

Love you always C-RIDER....

Scott McKinney - August 01, 2024 at 02:50 PM

HE

“ *Praying that God will continue to embrace and keep us all in perfect peace as we celebrate the life of Charles "Chip" Banks. May he strengthen the wife and everyone connected to the entire family.*
ELDER HENRIETTA ERSKINE 🧡💜

Henrietta Erskine - July 28, 2024 at 01:53 PM

BB

“ *Chheep Cheeep Cheeeep, Rest in Peace Big Brother...Luciano Capistrano* 🙏



Billie Banks - July 27, 2024 at 12:50 PM

SM

When I was in High School I had surgery on my Left Eye. As I got off the Bus in the snow I ran into CHIP. He seen the bandage on my eye and Sprang into action. " Who hurt my little brother? I'm going to get them now..!!! It took me about 20 mins to calm him down. Chip grew up with my older siblings and was close to my brother T (TONY)...Thanks C-RIDER for being a BIG BROTHER TO ME.....!!!

Scott McKinney - August 01, 2024 at 02:54 PM