



## Donald E. Banks

November 2, 2019

Donald E. Banks, 83, of Lancaster, PA, died peacefully on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Born in Providence, RI, Donald was the son of the late George and Rose (Hope) Banks. Donald was lovingly married to Julia M. Monroe Banks for 54 years.

Donald graduated from Central High School in Rhode Island and proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was employed by a jewelry manufacturer as a jewelry plater.

An active member of the Allen AME Church in Providence, RI, Donald enjoyed singing with the male chorus. He relocated to Lancaster eight years ago. Traveling to Florida, The Carolina's, and New York were of special interest to him along with solving crossword puzzles. An avid "sweet tooth," Donald loved chocolate cake with peanut butter icing and chocolate banana pudding.

In addition to his wife, Donald is survived by a sister, Elaine Stocks, Rhode Island, a brother-in-law, Carnell "June" Monroe, (Leatha), Lancaster, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. He was preceded in death by a brother, Neil Exum.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Donald's Homegoing Service at The Groff Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, (Corner of W. Orange and Pine Streets), Lancaster, PA, on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 12:00 Noon with The Rev. Kevin M. Brown officiating. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home from 11:00 A.M. until time of service. Interment will take place at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125

# Cemetery Details

## Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East  
Greenfield Road  
Lancaster, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Banks*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Kemi Price lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Banks*



**Kemi Price** - November 12, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *My Uncle Donald was the ABSOLUTE BEST!!! He was like my dad!!! He never missed any major event in my life. There are sooooo many memories I have of him, and one memory is Him, my Aunt Julia and I were always travelling the road, you name it, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania in the Cadillac. My Uncle Donald was known to be driving Cadillacs, he had many colors; Blue, Canary Yellow, Pearl White. Another memory was going to the carnival, or going to Popeyes when Popeye was the mascot. The list goes on and on. Him and Aunt Julia always made sure to include me in everything! He showed me what a Strong, Hardworking, Dedicated Black Man is. My heart is truly heavy because I lost someone who was a part of my world since I was born and not only did I experience the loss, my Aunt Julia did as well, they were married for 50+ years. My Uncle Donald knows that I loved him very much. He maybe gone, but I will NEVER EVER forget him!*

*Aunt Julia, you are always in my prayers. I pray that God continues to give you the strength and comfort each and everyday. I love you very much and I am always here for you, ALWAYS!*

**Kemi Price** - November 12, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ *My fondest memories of Uncle Donald is when he used to come visit and give everyone of his nieces jewelry. The last time I saw him was when he was in LGH and merry and I went to visit him, boy did we laugh and reminisce about the good days . he loved my Grandma Lean cooking he good to be truly missed*



**sharon** - November 12, 2019 at 07:38 AM