



Hezekiah Banks, Sr.

November 9, 2024

Hezekiah Banks, Sr., 88, was a faithful servant of God. He was a humble, loving son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle. He was very devoted to his wife and six children. He was loved dearly by his family and friends. He enjoyed the great outdoors. He served honorably in the United States Army Reserves and was a Certified Horticulturist. He succumbed to his health issues on Saturday, November 9, 2024.

He was predeceased by his parents, Elizabeth and John Banks; his wife, Barbara Banks; children, Hezekiah Banks, Jr., Christopher Banks, and Tanya Banks; grandson, Sheron L. Banks; brothers, Jasper Banks, Linwood Banks, Sr., and Clifton Banks; and sister, Barbara Banks.

Heze is survived by his daughters, Jacquelyn A. Banks Roberts, Sheryl Banks Turner, and Barbara M. Banks; grandchildren, Whitney Banks, Aaron Roberts, Stacia Turner, Mariah Banks Person and Stashon Turner; great-grandson, Zaylen Banks; brother, Curtis Williams; sister, Frances Thomas, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Heze was the third generation of the Banks Family who worked at Coleman's Nursery for 50 years. He always said, "It doesn't hurt to smile, and I will help others as long as I can."

The family will receive friends at Loving Funeral Home on Friday, November 22, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A funeral service, conducted by Elder Vernon Dawson and Mrs. Lenora Jones-Dawson and including Military Honors, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024.

Those wishing to honor Hezekiah's memory may send cards, flowers, donations, or tributes in lieu of flowers in honor of Hezekiah Banks, Sr, in care of Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, Virginia 23703.

Previous Events

A Visitation Celebrating His Life

NOV **22**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

IM

“ I also heard about Mr. Banks passing from the Children's Museum Coleman Collection docent. Hezzie was one of the first people who I met when I moved back to Western Branch as a teenager. Before the internet, it was more of a challenge to find answers about plant funguses and soil types and Hezzie was always there to help me as I re-landscaped my parent's yard. He taught me all about growing flowers in the hot and humid Chesapeake summers and I will never forget the sweet tomatoes that he grew to the size of softballs. He even gave me his secret organic fertilizer ingredient which I have used for the past 30 years. I greatly appreciated his quiet confidence and his generous spirit. He was so genuine and authentic that he stood out as someone who you wanted to talk to and learn from. I know I had over 50 conversations with him before I moved again. The number and breadth of tributes here are a wonderful testament to his impact. I hope he rests in peace, gentle soul.

Irene Mullins - December 15, 2024 at 11:46 AM

CW

“ I was told of Heze's passing when I visited Winter Wonderland at the Courthouse yesterday. It was wonderful to see the memories there and the beautiful paintings of the people that made it special. Started going to Coleman's with my mom when I was young and took my children there until it closed. Heze would help my mom when we shopped at Coleman's Nursery many years ago. He knew everything about gardens, plants, grass! Always loved seeing that great smile. Rest in peace Heze. You were loved by many.

Cathy Hoffler Warren - December 14, 2024 at 10:59 AM

GR

“ I was online searching for old Coleman Nursery Christmas info and happened to see this.

I worked with Heze at Coleman's in the late 1980s. My first job. Even so long ago, thinking back now to such a great time and place, this is sad to have found but I'm glad I did. Heze was a great man to be around and I learned a lot from him over 18 mos as a young man starting my way in the work world. The impression he made on me comes back as I see this. Kind, helpful, sought out by everyone who visited the nursery and who knew him. He was everyone's Go-To.

A man of faith, I know he had a great life. He worked at a fantastic place with great people, all friends. I loved it, and he obviously did too. What a nice man to have known.

Rest in peace sir, and thank you.

Greg - December 02, 2024 at 09:31 PM

BT

“ Hezekiah will always be remembered as the Coleman man. He was so kind, spoke to everyone and worked everyday. All the children and adults knew him and his spirit will forever be present We loved him. The Tolsons

Brenda and Bill Tolson - November 30, 2024 at 12:23 PM

EH

“ Esperanza H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hezekiah Banks, Sr..

Esperanza H. - November 21, 2024 at 10:38 PM

RM

“ My condolences and prayers to the Banks Family.



Rondalyn G. Mills - November 21, 2024 at 09:34 PM

JJ

“ James J. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Hezekiah Banks, Sr..



James J. - November 21, 2024 at 07:41 PM

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ML

“ Mr & Mrs Darrell Lomas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hezekiah Banks, Sr..



Mr & Mrs Darrell Lomas - November 21, 2024 at 05:41 PM

LG

“ *Lou Guinto purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Hezekiah Banks, Sr..*



Lou Guinto - November 20, 2024 at 09:36 PM

TL

“ *The Stoudermire Family with Love purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hezekiah Banks, Sr..*



The Stoudermire Family with Love - November 20, 2024 at 11:32 AM

VD

“ *It was an honor to have met you and glad we had a moment to laugh and watch some of our favorite westerners. May God bless you are you rest in Glory.*



Vernon E Dawson - November 19, 2024 at 09:11 AM

TH

“ *Hezzie is one of the finest men I have known in my 82 years. While at Colemans, he was very professional and congenial and a joy to chat with during my visits.*

*Respectfully,
Toby and Dolly Holloman*

Toby Holloman - November 18, 2024 at 07:42 PM

TH

“ Hezzie was such a wonderful part of Coleman’s Nursery. He always had a smile and knew the answer to any plant question you had. He was truly a nice person ❤️

Tom & Norma Hoddinott - November 17, 2024 at 08:08 PM

AL

“ Ashton and Bunny Lewis purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Hezekiah Banks, Sr..



Ashton and Bunny Lewis - November 17, 2024 at 08:07 PM

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SB

“ I worked with Hezzie from 1986 to 2003 when we closed the doors at Coleman's Nursery... He would always come visit me in the Snow Palace when I was working ...let me go when I needed to . But I always remember ..his loving smile and his Great hug rule... 8 hugs a day made your stress go away .. he hugged everyone in that he worked with and hundreds of others while working his shift ...you are truly missed not only a coworker but my family since 1985.. ❤️
🙏

susan blick - November 17, 2024 at 05:53 PM

MB

“ Hezzie was one of my first real “bosses”; along with Floyd and Selma. I was a teenager and worked hours pricing the flower picks and christmas ornaments. He was so supportive of me and also helped my mother over the years as she tried her hand at gardening...in our house just off the back lot of the Coleman’s property. Rest in peace. MaryKay O’Keeffe Beasley

MaryKay Beasley - November 17, 2024 at 05:21 PM

MR

“ Hezze was one the best men I’ve ever known. I frequented Coleman’s with my Grandmother as a child, and shopped there as an adult. I was ALWAYS greeted by his beautiful, sweet smile and a great big hug! He was the highlight of every trip and always sent me home with my very own strawberry plant. I will never forget how kind, gentle and loving he was and he will forever hold a special place in my heart. May he rest in peace for all eternity. I love you, Hezze. <3

Melissa Rosso - November 17, 2024 at 04:31 PM

MR

Sending sincere condolences to his dear family. Our loving thoughts are with you.

Melissa Rosso - November 17, 2024 at 04:32 PM

TD

“ We will always remember Mr. Banks. He was the go to person at Colemans's for information about plants and trees. He was so kind and patient as he went over each question. And always smiling. Our sincere condolences to the family for their great loss.

T.W. and Amy Day - November 17, 2024 at 10:38 AM

MH

“ Please know that there are countless Portsmouth people who knew and loved him. My condolences

Mary Ruffin Hanbury - November 17, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CH

“ You could never have a sweeter, kinder more gentle neighbor than Mr. Banks. Over the years he became more than a neighbor, he became family. "Uncle Hessie" will forever be in my heart!

Crystal Hines - November 15, 2024 at 11:24 AM

DO

“ Mr Banks was a very kind sweetheart he was my neighbor ❤️ Always had a smile on his face such a sweet person. I would come home to find he had cut my grass and put flowers in the yard. He didn't mind helping others I would tell him you don't have to do that and he would say that's what neighbors do help one another. He will truly be missed 😭💔💔💔

Delores Orosco - November 15, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CD

“ My condolences and prayers to the family of Hezekiah Bank's. A very nice and kind man. May God continue to bless all of you 🙏
Cheryl Davis-Elliott



Cheryl Davis-Elliott - November 14, 2024 at 06:13 PM

GU

“ Sheryl, Jackie, mimi and whitney I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to you all. Will be thinking of you all.

Gerri Uhrick - November 14, 2024 at 03:46 PM

AC

“ *Everytime you came to the Doctors office I always called you by your full name and you would pause and give me the thumbs up and we both would laugh. Condolences to the family and friends.*

You will be missed

Alison Cooke

Receptionist

Alison Cooke - November 14, 2024 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ *My Dad Coleman Morgan frequented Coleman's nursery with me as a child. Heze was always kind and friendly. Daddy was an outstanding judge of good character and would not disparage people yet would avoid them. He loved laughing and joking with Heze. Thinking of you loss brings back the loss of my Dad. May all the wonderful memories carry you now.*

Jan Morgan Monroe

Jan Monroe - November 13, 2024 at 07:44 PM

CJ

“ *Every time I ever went to Coleman's to say that he was helpful, does not even begin to describe it. He would chat with you, always asked how you were doing, and he was genuine. The mark he left cannot be duplicated.*

Craig and Betty Jackson - November 12, 2024 at 08:20 PM

JR

“ *Always said everything is going to be alright don't worry. My dad was humble,sweet,kind,funny,happy and courageous. He had no complaints and no worries. HE will be missed. LOVE YOU DADDY. YOUR DAUGHTER JACKIE*

Jacquelyn A. Banks Roberts - November 12, 2024 at 04:44 PM

DR

Our loss, heavens gain. Heze cared. He loved and was so proud of his family. Smart as a whip and had the answer to all your questions, he helped you with kindness and humor. Kind, patient and caring and we were blessed he was our friend and mentor. Thank you Heze for all your help over the years. God bless.

Dale Rogerson - November 13, 2024 at 08:00 PM

GS

I offer my condolences to Mr. Banks extended Family and Friends at this time of loss. May Peace be with you. I have many fond memories of Mr. Banks from Coleman's. He was so kind, smart and helpful...always with his 'welcoming' smile. He will rest in Peace.

Gabbo Galbreath, Suffolk - November 15, 2024 at 06:28 AM

DM

*I'm not sure I can put into words how big of a loss Heze is to me-For 68 years we were friends, went fishing together,went on trips,and played! We worked together for 49 years through both sadness and joys in our lives. I felt we were always there supporting each other. Coleman Nursery was Heze's life and he made Coleman"s complete!! Rest in peace, my friend!!!
Dabney*

dabney morgan - November 17, 2024 at 06:54 PM