

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



Steven Jay
BANKS

The Lord is My Shepherd

Steven Jay Banks

Sunrise: February 25, 1966

Sunset: March 18, 2023

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Memorial Service: 4:30pm-7:30pm

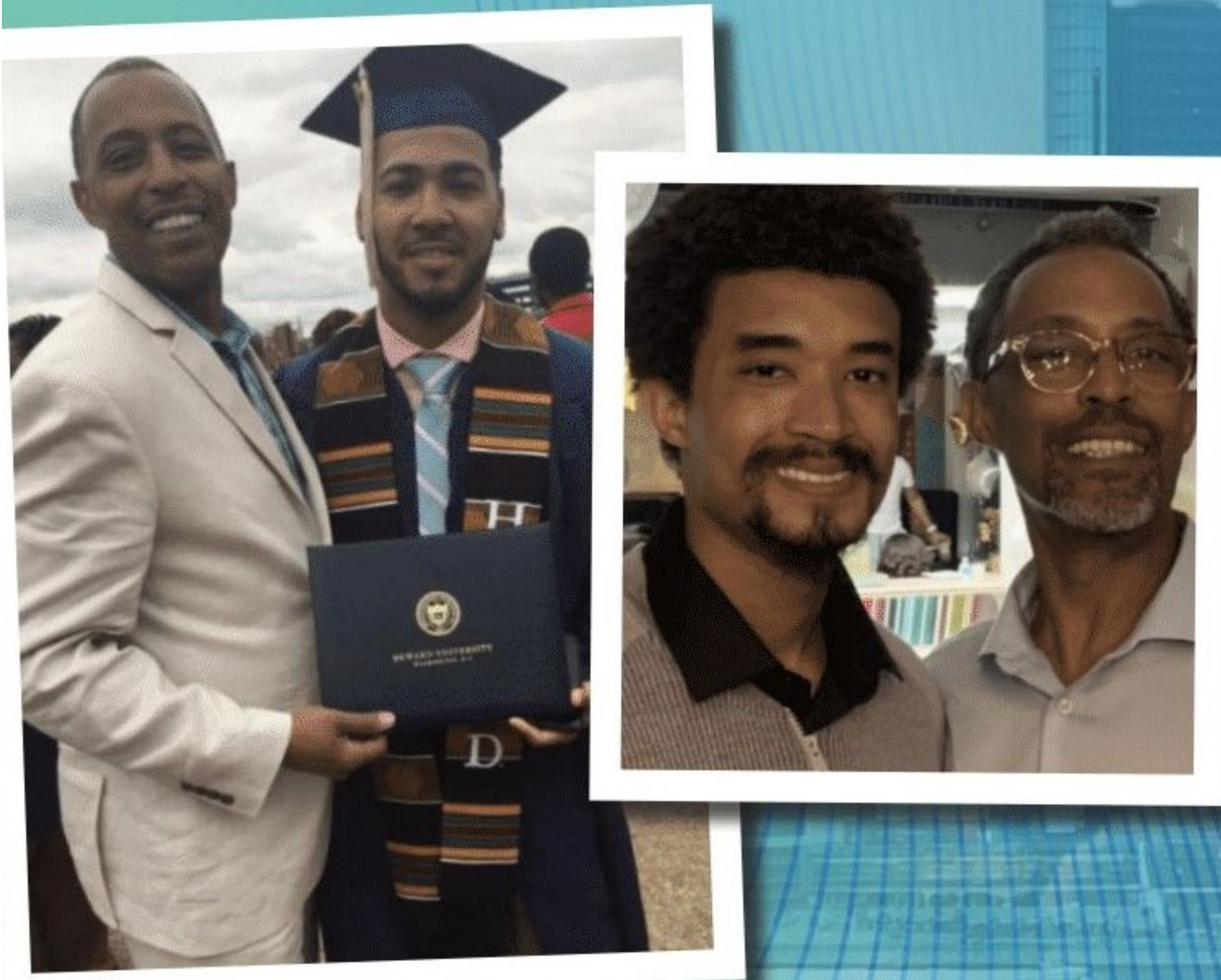
Horatio Williams Foundation

1010 Antietam Avenue • Detroit, MI 48207

Pastor Charles Christian Adams, Officiating

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.



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— **Steven J. Banks** was born on February 25, 1966, in Detroit, Michigan. He was one of two children born to the union of Shirley Fay and Albert Banks. Together they had Mark Wilson Banks, and Steven Jay Banks.

Steven was raised in Detroit, Michigan on the westside. As one would expect, Steven was a precocious child and in the words of his mother, “Steven was always the leader of the pack!” Steven was a sports enthusiast, who possessed athletic prowess. He was a standout player in football, track, and he had a love for basketball.

Steven attended Gesu Catholic School for Kindergarten through 8th grade. For High School, Steven attended University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, Cass Technical High School, and graduated from Redford High School. During his high school experience, Steven met and bonded with numerous friends a.k.a. “The Family” who would remain lifelong friends.

In pursuit of a post-secondary education, Steven accompanied by his close crew consisting of his cousin David Benti Byrd, Reggie Vance, Mario Smalls, Steven Dunbar (deceased), Christopher Talley, Lewis Allen, Christopher Simpson, James Shipp, Charles Turner, Jon Barrows, Tyrone Hamilton, Steve Griffin, and Carl Pitts (deceased) attended the distinguished Historically Black College and University, Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It is there where Steven and his close friends would share countless adventures together, and grow and develop into the ‘Hella’ interesting, lovable, and street-savvy man that he was known for.

Steven, hailing from a famed family of Detroit Hairstylists, would eventually find his way back to his native Detroit to work in the family business, “Hair N’ Things.” Steven possessed a talent and creative energy that could not be contained to just Detroit. Honing his cosmetology skills, Steven studied under an apprenticeship, and evolved into a master stylist to many notable clients including the “Queen of Soul” herself, the late Aretha Franklin. Becoming a master at his craft would enable Steven to travel around the country. Early in his successful career, Steven was the first African American to be named to International Beauty Shows’ American Team Y.E.S. and became a platform artist for several haircare companies.

Steven was a Prince among men with a generous heart and contagious smile that would light up any room that he entered. Steven was a devoted father, uncle, brother, and son as well he was committed to giving back to the community through his efforts as a Coach for Detroit PAL.

On the morning of Saturday, March 18, 2023, Steven made his transition in the comfort of his home, where else, in front of the television during March Madness, just as he would have it.

He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy his children, Jonathon Blake (Tiah); Brandon Christopher, Jayla Elizabeth, and Trey Michael (Karla); his mother, Shirley Banks; father, Albert Banks; and brother(s), Mark and Daryl; his sister(s), Diane and Donna; nephew and namesake, Steven Banks; niece Tamar Banks and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, and a multitude of friends.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...”



Tributes from His Children

Dear Dad,
I will miss you taking me to my baseball games and being there for me. I know you will still be by my side.

Love you,
Trey

Dear Steven,
We have nearly 30 years of memories for me to hold on to and to look back on. Growing up you were my biggest supporter; always present, always very vocal. It gives me closure that with our last conversation you expressed how proud you were of me and that you loved me. You will be missed.

Love,
Brandon

Dear Dad,
I am going to miss you.

Love,
Jonathon

For the first time ever talking to you I don't know what to say. No words can describe how I'll be missing you for the rest of my life. Waking up daily not having my protector is an unbearable pain, & I know you'll go to the end of the earth to stop this feeling. As you rest peacefully knowing how an amazing father & person you are too many. Continue to watch over me dad, and I promise I will keep making you proud this will be the toughest battle yet but knowing everything you taught me brings a warm feeling to my heart that I can make it through this and see you on the other side I love you so much truly a daughter first love, from our first shopping spree- losing the entire basket after, to every daddy/daughter dance I never missed, every dancye & cheer practice or competition, every job you took & picked me up from daily, teaching me how to drive, watching me at every graduation walk across the stage, sending me off to school and letting me bloom into this women that you raised me, every memory that's placed in my heart I hope starts fill the hole preventing me from falling in thank you for being there every step of the way. We have more to go love your only daughter- your babygirl. See you later dad

Love,
Jayla



Celebrating The Life of Steven J. Banks

Processional

Obituary
Teri Banks-Proctor

Scripture, Eulogy, Prayer
Pastor Charles Christian Adams

Reflections/Poems
Family of Steven J. Banks

Acknowledgement of
Cards and Condolences
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Recessional



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Website Instructions & Access

Please join us in celebrating the homegoing and memorial service for our beloved, Steven Banks. Below are instructions to access the website, post your sentiments, photos, videos and be a part of this momentous event.

We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on the Tribute Wall, to post condolences go to: <https://www.chapelhillfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Steven-Banks>

Honorary Pallbearers

Trent Coultier
Rob McClendon
Craig Bowen
John Simpson
Mark Talley

Morris Dunbar
Reggie Allen
Garrett Street
Nimrod M. Sherman III
Garvey Wilson

Honorary Flower Bearers

Alisa D. McKinney
Sheba Lynette McKinney
Christian Alyse Fuller
Donna Gayle Bowen

Tyra Sherice McKinney
Hattie Simone McKinney
Melissa Hightower
Regina Chenault

In Lieu of Flowers

The Family of Steven J. Banks asks that you donate to your favorite charity in his name.

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

Chapel Hill Funeral Home
Address: 8033 Puritan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48238

Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of the late Steven J. Banks wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, phone calls, floral tributes, prayers, and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

