

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you sunshine tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee
God wanted me now, he set me free.

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgment

The family of Janis H. Banks would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown following her passing.
Your love and support was a great comfort to us all.
-The Banks Family



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Loving Remembrance of

Janis H. Banks

November 5, 1932

May 11, 2020



Friday, May 22, 2020
11:00 AM

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME

89 WALNUT AVE, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
REV. DOROTHY ISLES SMITH, OFFICIATING

Life Reflections

Janis H. Banks was born on November 5, 1932 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was the eldest of 4 children and her parents were the late John and Alice Reddick. Janis grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts and graduated from Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School. She was employed as a supervisor at New England Telephone Co., in Boston, Massachusetts. She also worked at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Janis was married to Jesse Banks who was from Butler, Georgia and they were married until his death in 1988.

Janis was an energetic and very independent women and enjoyed living on her own. She was a strong-willed and determined women and knew what she wanted and went after it. She loved to be around people a little younger than herself because she said it made her feel younger inside. She loved to shop and always wanted to be up to date with her fashion (a true fashionista). She enjoyed watching and going to dog shows. It was one of her favorite things to do as she was a dog lover. She also enjoyed going to see plays, musicals, festivals and comedy shows.

Janis was a member at Morning Star Baptist Church in Mattapan, Massachusetts. She was an active member with the Senior Ministry at church. She enjoyed travelling and going on various church outings to places like, The Holy Land in Connecticut, Pilgrim Plantation in Plymouth, Mass and the Merrimack Outlet in New Hampshire just to name a few. She spent half the year in California with her daughter Lynnette. While in California, she attended Eastvale Bible Church in Norco, California.

Her favorite song was by Mahalia Jackson, "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and on May 11, 2020 the Lord did just that.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jesse Banks and her sister Joyce Davis, brothers Mervin and Marvin Reddick. She is survived by her son Keith Tillman of Shorewood, Illinois and daughters Tanya Fortes of Attleboro, Mass and Lynnette Bradley of Riverside, California and grandchildren, Rolando Perry, Kahaleed Tillman, Kawryne Holmes, Sasah Tillman-Richardson, Scott Fortes, Jared Fortes, Orlando Tillman and Darian Tillman. She is also survived by 6 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE		Mr. Paul White
INVOCATION		Rev. Dorothy Isles Smith
OPENING HYMN	"Precious Lord"	
SCRIPTURE READING	Old Testament New Testament	Psalms 23 John 14:1-6
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Way Maker"	Mr. Paul White
REMARKS		Family & Friends
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS		Tanya Fortes
OBITUARY		Scott Fortes
MUSICAL SELECTION	"He has His hands on you"	
EULOGY		Rev. Dorothy Isles Smith
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dorothy Isles Smith
ORGAN POSTLUDE		Mr. Paul White

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Hyde Park, Massachusetts