



Mr. Chester Banks

April 21, 1956 - December 20, 2020

Chester H. Banks (Chet) was born to his parents, L.C. Banks and Lucy Smith on April 21, 1956 in Louisiana.

Chet and his siblings, Russell, Mittie Sandra and Lon grew up in San Francisco, CA. He attended All Hallows Catholic School until grade 8 before moving on to Sacred Heart Catholic High School from which he graduated in 1974. In 1975, Chet joined the U.S. Army where he served as a Military Police Officer until he was honorably discharged in 1980.

In 1976, Chet married Pamela Franklin. The couple had one child, Tracee Ann Banks.

Chet continued his dedication to law and order when he joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1981. He served as an officer of the law for over 15 years. Chet retired from the force in 1996. In his retirement years, he enjoyed volunteering at schools where his grandchildren, Tyus, Donovan and Caycee were students. Though he volunteered primarily to be close to his grandchildren, he took the opportunity to assist with the mentoring of other children; some of whom returned over the years to thank him for teaching them the valuable lessons they needed to succeed in their own lives.

Though a very reserved person who relished his privacy and seclusion, Chet enjoyed and loved his family very much. He was often more excited than the children at Christmas time and he rarely missed a family gathering. He met and befriended people with ease and, no matter where he resided, he was the neighborhood "favorite".

Chet is preceded in death by his father, L.C. Banks. He is survived by his mother, Lucy Smith, siblings Russell, Mittie, Sandra and Lon, daughter Tracee, grandchildren Tyus, Donovan and Caycee, and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews and a host of close relatives, friends and neighbors.

He will be missed until we meet him again.

Comments



“ A visit to Sequoia would not be complete without a warm greeting from Mr. Banks! We will truly miss this gentleman's presence at Sequoia and in the neighborhood..! Our sincere condolences to his loving family...
R&J Dare

R&J Dare - January 07 at 06:23 PM



“ Mr. Banks was a true friend of Sequoia, his presence and support will be dearly missed.

Mr. Inclan - January 05 at 03:12 PM



“ Christine Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chester Banks



Christine Walker - January 05 at 02:44 PM



“ May your family find peace in your memories of him.

Christine - January 05 at 02:46 PM



“ Christian Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chester Banks



Christian Mendoza - January 05 at 02:32 PM



“ Words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that I feel for the passing of Mr. Banks. Mr. Banks was a caring and loving adult during my time as a student at Paul Revere. May his family find peace during these hard times. Please accept my condolences.

Christian Mendoza

Christian Mendoza - January 05 at 02:31 PM



“ Ava lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chester Banks



Ava - January 05 at 12:36 PM



“ i remember his amazing secret method of filling peoples buckets and helping them feel better and how he would always make funny jokes and tease us he was a really good guy.

Ava - January 05 at 12:35 PM



“ Diana lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chester Banks



Diana - January 05 at 12:30 PM



“ Mr. Banks always had a warm smile and kind hello for my family when we often saw him on the walk to school. My kids so appreciated seeing him around campus and especially at lunchtime, knowing he was a caring trusted adult there to make sure their day was just a little better and brighter! I too so appreciated that he was there as he would often share bits of information about their lunchtime experience! He generously give his time and caring spirit with the entire Sequoia community. My family is so lucky to have known him. Sending love to the family at this time of such loss - Tracey Kelp

Tracey Kelp - January 05 at 10:15 AM



“ mr. banks was a vital part of our sequoia experience, and we love him so much. he was always so loving to my kids and to me. he had grandpa energy for everyone. thank you banks family for sharing him with us!!!



christina veasey - January 04 at 01:43 AM



“ Mr. Banks helped to make our school into a family. Through the years, he was always there. Many students shared stories of him helping them and listening to them. My heart aches for his family. Please know that you are in all of our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. His legacy shines with the light that he so lovingly shared with all of us. Thank you Mr. Banks. We'll miss you.



Ms. Jessica - January 03 at 11:13 PM



“ Mr. Banks is such a special person in our hearts at Sequoia and around the neighborhood. It always brought a smile to my face to see Mr. Banks walking his dog while I was heading home or out. My family grew very fond of Mr. Banks- as my father is a fellow grandparent on the Sequoia playground, and the two of them always loved greeting and chatting with each other. His warm smile will truly be missed but will always be remembered... Sending much love to the family during your time of loss...

Nicole Dare - January 04 at 01:06 AM



“ When Caycee joined my TK classroom, so did Mr. Banks. I had the honor and privilege of sharing my class with him that year. It took a minute for the kids to adjust to calling him Mr. Banks, because they all wanted to call him Grandpa, just like Caycee. Mr. Banks filled a need the kids didn't even realize they had. He was there for every recess, lunch, field trip, and celebration. He greeted them every morning and sent them off every afternoon. He was my rock and knew how to help before even being asked.

He was also very open to sharing his thoughts and opinions about what he saw and how he could help. His wisdom was a gift and I valued his honesty. I was sad when the TK year was drawing to a close.

It was an incredible year for all of us, but he didn't stop there. Mr. Banks continued to help out the entire Sequoia community every year. He could always be found on the yard and helping out around the school. He even had his own vest to designate him as an honorary staff member. He didn't need it because he was such a huge presence at school.

We continued to check in over the years. He was even around during distribution times over the last few weeks. I am so grateful that I was able to, once again, tell him how much I missed having him in my classroom and how much he meant to me. Looking back, it was such a gift that I saw him just weeks ago. He was taken much too soon. He will always have a special place in my heart. We love you Mr. Banks!

Tontra Love

Tontra Love - January 03 at 09:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Banks.



January 03 at 06:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Banks.



January 02 at 11:27 PM



“ To the Family of Mr. Chester Banks,
Mr. Banks was a great person . His wisdom, patience and generosity towards the staff and students at Paul Revere School will never be forgotten. He was always there to help our students and they all loved him and he loved all of them. As an educator at Paul Revere School and a friend I will always remember how he help so many people!! He will be a soul missed but never forgotten. May you all find strength through this difficult time. Blessings,

Ms. Starlette Jones

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Ms. Starlette Jones - January 02 at 06:58 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Banks.



December 31, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Banks.



December 31, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Banks.



December 31, 2020 at 10:18 AM