



## Mr. Keith Banke

April 12, 1936 - March 27, 2021

Keith Allen Banke, 84, returned to his heavenly home on March 27, 2021 with his family by his side in Cumming, Georgia. Keith was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, friend, brother and servant of Christ.

Keith was born to the late Robert Banke and Dorothy Flora (Delano), in Dayton, OH on April 12, 1936. Keith was a life-long learner with a commitment to achievement. He graduated from Kiser High School in Dayton, Ohio where he excelled as a leader and student athlete. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1959 with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering and received his Professional Engineering license. He was an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at UC. He received a degree in Meteorology from the University of Chicago while serving his country in the U.S. Air Force. He then earned an MBA from Michigan State University.

He began his career as an engineer with United Technologies in CT in 1963. He then worked for 18 years in manufacturing and corporate real estate at Air Products & Chemicals in Allentown, PA. Later, he worked over 10 years for BFGoodrich in Akron, OH as Director of Corporate Real Estate. After retirement he started Banke Consulting which operated for 6 years. For many years, Keith was a member of the International Development Research Council (IDRC). Most recently, Keith supported the development of North Georgia as a member of the Forsyth County Planning Commission.

He married the love of his life, Barbara, on April 23, 1960, and they enjoyed over 61 unforgettable years together. They adored their four children and

fourteen grandchildren. During this time, Keith and Barbara were active members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Windsor, CT, St. Matthews E.C. Church in Emmaus, PA, Bath Church in Bath, OH and Alpharetta First United Methodist Church in Alpharetta, GA.

Spending time with family and friends was his priority in life. He was a talented person with an ever-present sense of humor. Keith loved music and was passionate about playing the piano. He found joy in many other activities including traveling, sketching, cars, reading and sports.

Keith is survived by his wife, Barbara; his brother, Neil (and wife Ellen) Banke of Centerville, OH; his daughter LeAnn (and husband Dave) Ritter; his sons Brian (and wife Christy), Deron (and wife Elke), and Kevin (and wife Nermine) Banke; and fourteen grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for April 24th, 2021 at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully requests donations be made to The Place of Forsyth County, Inc. at [www.theplaceofforsyth.org](http://www.theplaceofforsyth.org) or to Christian Dickson with TMS Global at [www.tms-global.org](http://www.tms-global.org).

Reception immediately following the service at:

Kimball Farms Clubhouse  
1255 Seale Drive  
Alpharetta, Georgia 30022

Link to watch service online

<https://vimeo.com/537283749>

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd  
Roswell, GA 30075

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

Alpharetta First United Methodist Church  
69 North Main Street  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Keith Banke*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Barb and family, I just watched the beautiful tribute to Keith. So glad those of us who couldn't be with you were able to share in. The celebration of Keith's life. The service was so perfect for Keith. I loved the video before the service. It prepared us for the love that was about to be shown. Barb I look forward to seeing you next month when I come to Atlanta.*

**MARY ANN FESENMEIER** - April 24, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *To Barbara and Keith's family:  
No wonder Keith was the president of the Jr. and Sr class of 1954 at Kiser High in Dayton Ohio. He was a friendly, smart, athletic, guy who took responsibility of keeping our class together. Up to 2020 we still had a alumni reunion. Up till then it was every five years. That is some record. Keith lead the way. I haven't seen Barbara or Keith for a long time but I am sure that Keith spend his whole life sharing his attributes. R.I.P. You deserve it. You were one of the good guys.  
Rosemary Hopkins Class of 1954*

**Rosemary Hopkins** - April 19, 2021 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ We were so shocked to get the sad news of Keith’s passing. The good news is the surprise visit last fall when you called and we were able to spend a couple days together at our house in Florida. We shall cherish this memory of Keith and send condolences to you and your family.

*Jill and Paul Moore*

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**Jill and Paul Moore** - April 17, 2021 at 12:40 PM

JE

“ We were saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Banke. Many great childhood memories. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

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**Justin and Alicia Eastwood** - April 05, 2021 at 07:34 PM

AB

“ We will forever love our Gimpy!! He will live on in our hearts and our cherished memories forever.

*Love, ABCDE and Buddy*

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**ABCDE** - April 02, 2021 at 02:31 PM

CS

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to the family. Keith was a friend and brother in Christ. He will be missed.

*Cecil & Barbara Schmidt*

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**Cecil Schmidt** - April 02, 2021 at 01:37 PM

SF

“ *Condolences to the Banke family, very sorry for your loss.*

*Shawn Flannery*

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**Shawn Flannery** - April 02, 2021 at 10:13 AM

SE

“ *Banke Family:*

*I am very sad to hear of your loss. Mr. B was one of a kind in so many ways. I know you all have so many fond memories of him. I hope those memories comfort each and everyone of you as you mourn his loss.*

*Love and peace,*

*Steven Eck*

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**Steven Eck** - April 01, 2021 at 06:06 PM

WH

*Even though I did not know Keith and Barbara well, they always made me feel like I was a close friend. Keith was a proud graduate of Kiser High School, class of 1954, and a supporter of the Kiser High School Alumni Association (KHSAA) and it's scholarship program. Several of his grandchildren earned well deserved scholarships from the KHSAA over the past several years. It seemed like a year without a Banke grandchild receiving a scholarship was a rarity! What a great family. I know he will be greatly missed by all, but his legacy and memories will live on in our lives. My heartfelt sympathies to the entire Banke family.*

*Wayne Hounshell  
Kiser High School Class of 1965  
Chairperson of the KHSAA Scholarship Committee*

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**Wayne Hounshell** - April 21, 2021 at 04:07 PM

SP

*We will always remember Keith's smile and great sense of humor. He loved playing his piano and might now still be playing in his new home. We will miss seeing you Keith.*

*Gene and Sarah Persinger*

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**sarah Persinger** - April 23, 2021 at 05:16 PM

BG

*Barb and Family it was my pleasure to have known and shared Kieth during our years at Kiser and during the alumni events I as able to attend. Kieth was one of the experienced football players who helped me both on the field and in the class room. I will miss him very much. Bill Glaspey class of 1954*

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**Bill Glaspey** - April 24, 2021 at 03:52 PM

LS

*So sad to read of Keith's passing. He was a very kind man. I still cherish the memory of my contribution to your wedding so many years ago. Linda Sells*

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**linda sells** - October 11, 2021 at 09:03 AM