



Sam Edward Banks

May 24, 1934 - June 6, 2026

Sam Edward Banks, 92, of Live Oak, Florida, formerly of Stuart, Florida, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2026.

Born in Travelers Rest, South Carolina, to Velvet and Cammie Bayne Banks, Sam lived a life defined by faith, family, service, and dedication to his community. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1955, a chapter of his life that reflected the patriotism and honor he carried throughout his years.

In 1955, Sam married the love of his life, JoAnn Mullinax. Together they shared an extraordinary 70 years of marriage, building a family whose generations stand as a testament to their love and commitment.

Sam devoted much of his life to serving others. He was a respected businessman, a member of the Martin County Sheriff's Posse, and was actively involved in numerous organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Shriners, and the Martin County Fair, where he proudly served as President. His leadership, generosity, and willingness to lend a helping hand left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Above all, Sam cherished his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather whose wisdom,

humor, strength, and unwavering love will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, JoAnn Mullinax Banks; his children, Juanita Degenhard (Art), Rita Gross (Dan), Bertha Bloomster (Bobby), Margo Spooner (John), and William Sam Banks (Brenda); 19 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren; his sister, Thelma Quigley and his brother, John Smith (Kelly).

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 2PM Georgia National Cemetery. The Banks family will receive friends on Tuesday from 11AM until 12:30PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors in Roswell, Georgia. A reception will follow the graveside service at Living Word Church Jasper.

The family finds comfort in knowing that Sam's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the generations of family he loved so dearly.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
info@northsidechapel.com

Graveside Service

JUN 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Reception

JUN 16. 3:30 PM (ET)

Living word Church Jasper
215 Pioneer Industrial Blvd.
Jasper, GA 30143

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Bell & Sowinski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.*

The Bell & Sowinski Family - June 16 at 10:40 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sam Edward Banks.*



June 16 at 08:04 AM

JF

“ *Our condolences to Joann and the rest of the family. Sam was blessed to be surrounded by a wonderful family and friends. Joe & Donna Filipkowski*

Joe & Donna Filipkowski - June 15 at 05:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sam Edward Banks.*



June 15 at 01:11 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Davis purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Sam Edward Banks.*



Kathy Davis - June 15 at 01:01 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.*

Kathy Davis - June 15 at 01:01 PM

MM

“ *Merribeth M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.*

Merribeth M. - June 14 at 07:08 PM

MM

“ *I can remember spending many weekends camping at VFW campouts and building Christmas parades. I probably spent as much time at the Banks house as I did mine in my younger days. Sadly life takes us in different directions and I have not seen the family in some time. My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. From the Yates family to yours loving memories. Merribeth Yates Manning*

Merribeth Manning - June 14 at 07:05 PM

PC

“ Patricia Webb and Al Cooper purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Patricia Webb and Al Cooper - June 13 at 07:43 PM

HF

“ Harrell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.

Harrell Family - June 13 at 12:59 PM

DS

“ David Sexton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



David Sexton - June 10 at 12:41 PM

GL

“ I first met Sam Banks back in 1972...He was a real Family Man and a real asset to the community of Martin County Florida. We became great friends over the years, playing golf together, going to breakfast Hundreds of times, coffee shops, Gambling trips, manhunts, fundraisers and of course a lot of time spent at the Martin County Fair. Even though Sam moved to Georgia, he never lost track of his friends in Stuart Fl. I was lucky to have seen Sam last month in Live Oak. We shared a lot of stories during my visit and i knew at that time, as he did, time was closing in. I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Banks family and let them know that Sam was always a great man, not only to his family, but the entire Martin County community. That also includes the Martin County Sheriff's Office as his service to the Sheriff's Posse. May he rest in peace.

Captain Glenn Lockwood, Retired, MCSO

Glenn Lockwood - June 09 at 07:43 PM

SA

“ Sheri A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.

Sheri A. - June 09 at 06:56 PM

MP

“ Martin County Sherriff Possy purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Martin County Sherriff Possy - June 09 at 02:55 PM

OS

“ Onsyte and Banks Septic purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Onsyte and Banks Septic - June 09 at 09:33 AM

OS

“ Onsyte and Banks Septic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.

Onsyte and Banks Septic - June 09 at 09:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



June 09 at 06:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sam Edward Banks.

June 09 at 06:06 AM

KJ

“ Ken and Leslie Jordan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Ken and Leslie Jordan - June 09 at 01:55 AM

DS

“ One of the best men I ever knew. Good friend, family man and colleague. You will be forever in our hearts

david sexton - June 08 at 09:58 PM

WB

“ William & Brenda Banks purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



William & Brenda Banks - June 08 at 09:41 PM

BP

“ Billy & Courtney, Caleb, Nate Pilcher purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Billy & Courtney, Caleb, Nate Pilcher - June 08 at 08:51 PM

PM

“ Paul McBrayer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Paul McBrayer - June 08 at 08:45 PM

PM

“ Paul McBrayer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.

Paul McBrayer - June 08 at 08:45 PM

BK

“ 1 file added to the album Visiting PA



Brenda K - June 08 at 07:25 PM

ST

“ Stephanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.

Stephanie - June 08 at 07:11 PM

ST

“ Stephanie purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Stephanie - June 08 at 07:11 PM

GF

“ Gravitt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sam Edward Banks.

Gravitt Family - June 08 at 07:08 PM

GF

“ Gravitt Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Sam Edward Banks.



Gravitt Family - June 08 at 07:08 PM