



CPT (Ret) Don Banks

January 22, 1932 - July 12, 2011

Capt. Don Banks, USMC (Ret) of Waynesville, Missouri passed from this earth on July 12, 2011. He was 79. He was residing at the Rolla Manor Care Center while he was battling cancer.

Don Banks was born on January 22, 1932 in Fairfield, Connecticut. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dixie Lee, from Hooker, Missouri; three sons: William, his wife Lora, their children Cody and Leslie, and grandson Anthony; son Christopher, his wife Denise and their children, Christopher, Jr. and Nicole; son Michael and his wife Laura and their children, Ashley, Sydney and Matthew.

Don is the oldest of nine children of William and Theresa Banks who have preceded him in death as well as one sister. He leaves behind two brothers, five sisters, several nieces and nephews who also mourn his passing.

Captain Don Banks enlisted into the Marine Corps in 1950. He is a Korean War and Vietnam veterans receiving several medals to include the Navy Achievement Medal with V-device and the Combat Action Badge. He worked his way through the enlisted ranks attaining the rank of Master Sergeant and received a commission while serving with valor and distinction on his tour in Vietnam. "There is no honor greater than to be called 'Mustang'. You have long epitomized the warrior virtues of courage, devotion to duty, sacrifice, and

imaginative leadership.” He retired in 1970 after 20 years of dedicated service having attained the rank of Captain.

After retirement from the military he worked a short term for AAFES and then locally for Miller Insurance and Realty, retiring once again from Bassett Insurance of St. Robert, Missouri. He leaves many friends and family that will miss him dearly.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain (CPT) Douglas Kay officiating. The songs “Somebody Touched Me”, “Operator (Royal Telephone)” and “He Touched Me” were played. Serving as escorts were William, Christopher, Michael, and Cody Banks, Christopher Banks, Jr, and Bill, Bobby and Jerry Miller.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Ft. Leonard Wood. Military honors were provided by the United States Marines of Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Don Banks and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ CPT (Ret) Don Banks

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ ILOVEYOU GRANDPA!!! we miss you soo much##imported-begin##leslie banks##imported-end##

December 05, 2011 at 08:19 PM



“ Wowza, problem solved like it never hpaenped.##imported-begin##Allayna##imported-end##

September 19, 2011 at 08:10 AM



“ We sure will miss you. You were the best Dad and Grandfather a person could ask for...We love you Don Banks
Chris, Denise, Nicole and Christopher Jr.##imported-begin##Chris and Denise Banks##imported-end##

July 16, 2011 at 10:30 PM



“ I was on vacation but my thoughts were with you all the time. Having known Don for many years brings fond memories which I will cherish. Good friend, kind gentleman, fun to work with for 18 years. May God comfort you and family in the coming weeks my good friend##imported-begin##Annette Troutt##imported-end##

July 16, 2011 at 08:33 AM



“ Bill, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I spent many a Saturday mornings visiting with him back when he was at the Miller Agency. He was the best insurance agent I ever had!###imported-begin###Ruben Brill###imported-end##

July 15, 2011 at 07:22 PM



“ Dixie and Family: when I told mother that Don had passed, she said: "He always made work such fun." What better eulogy? You are in our thoughts. Mary Rollins and Becky Rollins Nickens###imported-begin###Rebecca Rollins Nickens###imported-end##

July 15, 2011 at 06:31 PM



“ Dear Dixie Lee and family,

Our sincerest condolences to you Dixie and to all of your children and family! May our Heavenly Father grant each of you His peace and continued healing and guidance at this difficult time. As we cannot be there with you, just know that you are in our constant prayers. If we can help in some manner, just give us a call at 307-672-6925.

Your Wyoming Cousins, Ed & Joy###imported-begin###Ed & Joy Miller###imported-end##

July 15, 2011 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Aunt Dixie,

So sorry to hear of Uncle Don's passing.

I do remember you both from many years ago.

Regards,

*Pam, Tom, Mat, Jes & Viv##imported-begin##Pamela Sebastian
(maiden name-Mola)##imported-end##*

July 15, 2011 at 01:10 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Only wish that we could have been closer. Growing up Don was a wonderful brother. In 1950, Don enlisted in the U.S Marines; and in 1956 I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. It seems as though those many years and miles apart did not help Don and my closeness.##imported-begin##John William Banks, Sr.##imported-end##*

July 15, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ Dixie,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this hard time. May the memories that you have stay close in your heart. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. God Bless##imported-begin##Brian and Tammie Black##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 10:57 PM



“ *Dixie and Boys,
Sorry to hear of your loss... What a great man. Keeping you guys in
my thoughts and prayers.
Sarah Southwick Campo##imported-begin##Sarah Southwick
Campo##imported-end##*

July 14, 2011 at 07:20 PM



“ *I wish things could have been better.I really do love you and will and
have missed you.##imported-begin##Beverly Banks
Wynne##imported-end##*

July 14, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ *Dear Don,*

*I remember your beautiful smile, laughter and how tall you stood.
Although so many years have gone by, too many to speak of, there
were times when looking at my son Jeffrey I would see your face.
His curly hair, smile and the sparkle in his eyes would summon
memories of you.*

*Auf Wiedersehen
(until we meet again)
Your sister, Maria##imported-begin##Maria Fredericka
Banks##imported-end##*

July 14, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Don Banks was a wonderful man. He was always ready to sit with me and chat awhile. Always made me feel welcome. He will be missed by so many people.##imported-begin##Patti Black##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ Dixie, so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Men like Don are few and far between and we will miss his quick wit and charming smile. Read from Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." The Bible promises no more tears or pain in Heaven.##imported-begin##JB/Cheryl King##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Dixie and family. So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you during this time.##imported-begin##Tom Julian##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 10:44 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Dixie. Don was a great man we will be missed.##imported-begin##SUE COVERT##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 08:34 AM



“ We were soul mates for 51 years and I miss you dearly, now you will rest in peace no more pain no more chemo, or radiation, Go to God MY MARINE, love from your wife I will love you forever SEMPER FI##imported-begin##Dixie Lee Banks##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 07:45 AM



“ To the Family of Don Banks, so sorry to hear of the passing of Don. We will remember him our prayers and I know the Lord will bring you peace in this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Marge and Gordon Scott##imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 11:18 PM



“ We'll miss you pop!!!! Love You!!!!##imported-begin##Bill Banks##imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 06:04 PM



“ dixie and boys so sorry to hear of your dad passing. he was a good man. our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss.##imported-begin##LOIS AND LEROY LOFTON##imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 04:30 PM