



Arthur Alexander "Otto" Banks

November 16, 1926 - December 11, 2020

Arthur Alexander Banks, son of the late William M. Banks and the late Mary Fannie (Taylor) Banks, was born Tuesday, November 16, 1926, in Harrisburg, PA.

Known as "Otto" by family and friends, he graduated from the former William Penn High School and studied business at Penn State University. Otto served honorably in the United States Navy during World War II and retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in a supervisory position. He was an entrepreneur who owned three establishments called Otto's Atmosphere in Harrisburg from 1970-1984.

Otto had a special interest in politics. He loved driving Cadillacs, traveling, Philadelphia 76er basketball, dancing, listening to music, especially Frank Sinatra, and spending time with his family and friends.

On Friday, December 11, 2020, at the blessed age of ninety-four, Arthur Alexander Banks departed this life. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, W. Eura Scott, Emma L. Givens, and brothers, Vanderbilt, Abraham, Chauncy and Simon Banks. He leaves to cherish and honor his legacy: one son, Otto Von Banks of Harrisburg; stepson, Rychie Taylor of Reading, PA; his companion of thirty years, Delores Taylor of Reading; two stepdaughters, Gina Taylor, Toni Palmer; ten grandchildren, nieces, nephews

and a host of other relatives and friends.

SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE FAMILY.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

Tribute Wall

SZ

“ I met Otto in the early 80's at his bar down from Bill Baker's Exxon on the corner of 3rd and Reilly. Good memories and so sorry to his family and friends for their loss. He was a great man!

sean zeiders - November 06, 2022 at 11:13 AM

EF

“ East Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur Alexander "Otto" Banks



East Family - December 21, 2020 at 04:49 PM

CA

“ My condolences to the Banks family. May God give you confort & peace during your time of sorrow.



Crystal alli - December 21, 2020 at 02:57 PM

GF

“ Gary Flood lit a candle in memory of Arthur Alexander "Otto" Banks



Gary Flood - December 20, 2020 at 03:01 PM

 Brenda Hensel

“ *Banks family,*

You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father.. I only met Mr. Banks a few times, But I remember him a kind person to his customers, and patrons... They day I turned 21, my friend took me to The Otto's Atmosphere on N.3rd St in Harrisburg... I had a great time.. And I remember seeing Mr. Banks driving around in his (I believe it was Pink.. Cadillac..) He will be greatly missed..

Brenda Hensel - December 20, 2020 at 11:51 AM

WW

“ *My Condolences to All the Family R. I.P.*

Wayne E Wallace - December 19, 2020 at 04:45 AM

RG

“ *Otto was a great man and special person. My daughter was Ottos niece and we'd eat ice cream and watch the 76ers together. He was full of knowledge and wisdom and didn't mind sharing it. He was well traveled in the military and loved his family. An all around good guy. He meant alot to Hbg. because he cared.*

Richard Green - December 18, 2020 at 10:22 AM

DC

“ *Rest In Peace, Otto. I will never forget all the fun we had at Otto's Atmosphere, No. 1. Those were some good days. 😊🙏🙏🙏*

Debbie Jones Christian - December 17, 2020 at 07:01 PM

RP

“ To the family of OTTO BANKS,
My prayers of comfort and condolences are
with you. There are many good memories that
we can share that will make us smile. Visiting
my mother at the JEWISH HOME and seeing
you with that smile that brought comfort to everyone. May you rest
in Heavenly peace.



Rosemary Payne

Rosemary Payne - December 17, 2020 at 10:30 AM

EH

Otto Banks I really liked, 1977 Otto banks gave me advice on liquor
licenses. At the time I owned the rights to the liquor license of the
former Times hotel. Unfortunately, i was only 19 and was gunho and
not as experienced as i should of been, cause the agreement to the
the rights of this liquor was only 6 months. I thought i could pull it off.
However the regulations, zoning and all the requirements.
Would take a lot longer for me to overcome! At that Otto did give me
some information on how to get it done. I should of asked Otto to
become my partner or consultant, because i was overwhelmed as to
how to get it done within the time i was?alloted. Yes i had a jewish
investor Mike jacobs. It was a great learning experience! I was always
appreciative for mr. Otto banks taking me so seriously.

Ernest Harper - December 20, 2020 at 11:43 AM

DB

“ MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY ...
I'LL NEVER FORGET ELDOR-OTTO
CORNER.. R.I.P. OTTO.



Deborah Ballard - December 17, 2020 at 08:21 AM

BB

“ Otto was a person who shared his unconditional love through helping people. Otto introduced the music of Frank Sinatra to many of us who did not know that music era. I still listen to that era of music today. Otto you earned your Wings. Rest now .
"ATMOSPHERE."



Beverly Burhanan-Blackstone - December 16, 2020 at 06:19 PM

CJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Calobe Jackie Jackson - December 16, 2020 at 02:37 PM

GT

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Taylor - December 16, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *I would like to send my condolences and prayers to the family of Otto Banks* ”



Robert Collier - December 16, 2020 at 06:19 AM



“ *Kim Barnes lit a candle in memory of Arthur Alexander "Otto" Banks* ”



Kim Barnes - December 15, 2020 at 11:53 PM