



## Mr. Dana F. Banks Obituary

August 22, 1949 - January 24, 2013

Dana F. Banks, 63, of Lee County, died Thursday, January 24, 2013 at his residence.

His funeral service will be 2 PM Monday, January 28, 2013 at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Bobby Moye will officiate.

A native of Columbus, GA, Mr. Banks had lived in the Albany, Lee County area most of his life. He graduated from Dougherty High School in 1967. He worked at M & M Mars for thirty years, retiring in 2000. He was preceded in death by his wife Ginger F. Banks and his brother Tony Banks.

Mr. Banks is survived by his son: Mickey Banks (Karen), Lee County; his daughter: Sonya Banks Simon (Todd Fisher), Leesburg; his grandchildren: Taylor Simon, Caitlin Cox, Mason Simon, Jordan Banks, Colt Banks, Makenna Fisher; his mother: Audrey Banks, Albany; his sisters: Connie Pickelsmeimer, Albany, Beth Rode (Curtis), Lee County.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Sunday from 3-5 PM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *i miss you.i wish you were here.i wish this never happend.i love you.your birthday is soon going to come up.i am going to eat chees cake on your birthday.from jordanbanks.*

**jordanbanks - leesberg, GA - granddaughter** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was my manager at M&M Mars for several. Good man gone. will truly be missed*

**Tommy Rouse - Newton, GA - friend** - February 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dana, was someone you enjoyed working with. He would always greet you with a smile . He had great problem solving skills and a strong knowledge of the operations of the plant. One of my favorite storytellers . Thoughts and Prayers for the family

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**Donna Bridges - Sasser, GA - Co-Worker -Masterfoods Albany PI - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MC

“ Enjoyed working with Dana.

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**Michael J. Dye - Albany, GA - Co-worker - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ Thinking of you today.

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**Jennifer Goode - Leesburg, GA - Friend - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PM

“ In working with Dana, I discovered what a wonderful person he truly was. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time

*Paula*

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**Paula Dampier - Eldridge, MO - Co-worker at M&M/Mars - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

SF

“ Sonya, Mickey and Karen - So sorry to hear about your Dad. May you find some peace and comfort that he is once again with your Mom. We are here for you if you need anything. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Shayne

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**Shayne Kerfoot - Lesburg, GA - friend - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

JM

“ I worked with Dana for many of his years at Mars and have fond memories as he was my manager for several of them . He was easy going, fair, focused,compassionate and managed to maintain his sense of humor thru it all. He had real leadership skills, something that I don't see anymore. He has been missed since he left Mars and he will be missed now . Cherish the good memories as they will last forever. My prayers are with the family . God Bless.

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**Jeffrey H. Cornell - Albany Georgia, GA - fellow associate @ Mars - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ Mickey I am so very sorry for your loss and that of your mother also...May GOD wrap you in his GRACE and comfort you and your family in this very trying time..Our condolences on your loss..

*Melissa Wheaton  
Kaylea Layton  
Karlea Layton*

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**Melissa Wheaton - Tampa, FL - Friend - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ Thinking of you guys and praying God wraps you in his arms and holds you tight

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**Leah & Gage King - Tampa, FL - Friend of family - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ Micky, so very sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers! You were so sweet when we lost Mama and i just wanted you to know i will never forget your kindness, you are in my prayers.

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**Katie G. Rozell - Pensacola, FL - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

TF

“ Mickey, Karen and Family, I've been thinking of you all, you are in my prayers. Tim

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**Tim Parker - Hampton, GA - Friend of Family** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Sonya and Mickey,  
I just heard....I'm sooo sorry. I love you both.  
Harriett

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**Harriett Owens - Chattanooga, TN - friend** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I met Dana in June of 1983 as an 18 year old "Yankee" coming to co-op at Snackmaster. He was so kind to me and used to love to tease me about being a "city slicker" (I was from outside of Washington DC). One day he was talking about eating pig's ears. I imagined pigs as little pink things - I had only really seen pigs in petting zoos. He was appalled I had never been to a county fair and seen "real" pigs. So off we went to the Dougherty County Fair to see pigs. He proceeded to take charge of my indoctrination into all things southern. He did a great job - I've never moved further north than Atlanta since. He was a true Southern gentleman. Rest in Peace Dana.

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**Joanie Fisher Gross - Atlanta, GA - Worked at M&M/Mars together** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Aunt Audrey, Mickey, Sonya & the rest of the family... You are all in my thoughts & prayers. My heart aches from the flood of emotions I'm filled with. Thank goodness for all the wonderful memories shared & all the laughter that filled the air every time we got together. The times spent at family reunions at the pool or at the little, white, church, playing & cutting up & Aunt Audrey's & the times we spent at your Mom & Dad's house... I will cherish them & you always.

Love you, Starr

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**Starr - Columbus, GA - Cousin** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dana Banks, one of my first and better supervisors while at Mars, Albany. Always respectful and a man of integrity. Mentored me to excellent beyond the norm. Dana will surely be missed

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**Booker Harper - Albany, GA - Former co-worker** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sorry to hear that Dana passed away. I have a lot of memories of the fun we had at work and away from work.

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**Charles Hall - atlanta, GA - friend** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so sad at Dana's passing. We hope you'll find peace knowing he's with GOD and Ginger.

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**Joe & Cheryl Spaur - IN - family** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dana was my first supervisor at MARS. He was fantastic when it came to showing workers that while he was there to make sure the work was done he was also there to listen if you had a problem. I'm truly sorry for the family lose. An the world is a sadder place for losing him

George Anderson - Byron, GA - Co-worker - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Sonya and Mickey. We were so sorry to hear of the loss of you Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Ronnie and Carol Mixon - Warne, NC - Family friend and Todd's parents - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I worked with Dana for 9 years at M&M/MARS Albany. Our jobs required working closely together to develop plans and schedules for the plant. Dana was always helpful. He balanced the needs of the business with the needs of the associates working under his supervision. He was a great co-worker, a good friend, and an outstanding human being.

Charles Clark - Greenville, MS - co-worker - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ We both knew and worked with/for Dana for many years. He was a good man with high standards for himself and others. We are proud to have known him. He made life a lot better for a lot of people. We are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that your father was so highly thought of by so many. God Bless!

Wayne and Wanda Chason - Republic of Panama - friend and co-worker - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dana was my supervisor several times during my tenure at Mars and i have to say he was probably the most helpful to me during my early years on the Shell Line.He always took the time to answer my questions(most of the time with a story behind it)and didn't act like i was stupid for asking it.He will truly be missed by many and my condolences go out to his family.GOD BLESS

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**martin russell - pelham, GA - co-worker** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Worked with Dana many years at MARS and he was one of those special people that always made everything look easy..even though it never was. He was always there to help another me or another associate... no matter what the issue was, and no matter how dumb a question I would ask him !!!

*Dana was greatly admired for his knowledge, work ethic and overall integrity...*

*He was a great role model for me.....I will never forget Dana Banks*

*Greg Suess  
Albany Ga*

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**Greg Suess - Albany, GA - Co-worker** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Worked with Dana for many years. He was one of the most likeable and knowledgeable people I have ever known. This was such a shock for all of us. We will all miss him greatly. May God give the family comfort during this time of sorrow.

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**Frank Duke - Albany, GA - coworker at M&M/Mars** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My heart goes out to the family of Dana. Dana was one of the best supervisors I had at Mars. He was a good man. If you had a question he took time to answer or help with a problem. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Pamela Barfield - Leesburg, GA - Co-worker** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Dana. Dana was such a joy to work with! He was so passionate, caring, had so much knowledge, and treated everyone with respect. I miss Dana's stories! He is probably the best storytellers I have ever known! No matter how bad the day was going, Dana could tell one of his funny stories and make a room full of people smile.

*My thoughts and prayers are with Mickey, Sonya and the entire family.*

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**Carlton Edwards - Albany, GA - M&M/Mars coworker** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dana was one of my first bosses when hired at Snackmaster in 1982. He always impressed me with his knowledge of the plant and his no-nonsense approach to managing. My sympathies go out to his family.

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**Calvin Sterling - Albany, GA** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ The time we shared was too brief on this earth.. You will be greatly missed..Our condolences to Mickey and the rest of the family

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**John Rohrs - Albany, GA - Friend** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Dana's passing. He was such a great supervisor and a joy to work with. We will be praying for you all.*

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**Paul and Eddie Dunbar - Albany, GA - Former Co-workers** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM