



## Rev. Willie Clarence Banks

April 1, 1921 - July 14, 2024

Willie Clarence Banks was born April 1, 1921, to Mr. Sammie Banks and Mattie Mae Lackey Banks. He was the fourth of eleven children. He was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings. He transitioned to the arms of Jesus on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Willie Clarence did not like farm life, and he knew in order for him to get a good paying job he would need an education.

He enlisted in the United States Army, where he was educated. During his military stay, he met Mildred Franklin, and his first child, Willie Mae, was the result of this relationship.

Willie Clarence married Eula Bell Lett on December 24, 1960, and they became parents of two daughters, Carla Banks and Robin Banks Camp. He retired from the Army as a Korean and WWII veteran. He became a postal worker and retired in 1986.

He joined the Bald Rock Baptist Church at an early age and faithfully served as a deacon and usher under the leadership of Reverend Robert Shaw. He sang in the Rockdale Male Choir which was later named the Bald Rock Male Chorus. In 1988, he was ordained as a minister. He served as a faithful member until his health failed.

Precious memories of Willie Clarence will live on and be cherished by his daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mae Wells of Roswell, GA, Ms. Carla Banks of Villa Rica, GA, and Ms.

Robin Banks Camp of Conyers, GA; two granddaughters, Helen Banks and Tatiana Camp; one grandson, Armand Banks; several great-grandchildren; one sister, Elizabeth

“Queen Liz” Robinson of Conyers, GA; two brothers, Willie B. Banks of Covington, GA, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Banks of Lithonia, GA; devoted niece and caregiver, Deacon Ronald

and Glenda Reynolds of Conley, GA; two sisters-in-law, Ms. Betty Lett and Ms. Juanita Lett of Conyers, GA; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends of the

Needmore Street Community and various churches including Macedonia, Rock Springs, and Knox Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Springs Baptist church

2730 Old Mill Road  
Rutledge, GA 30663-2308

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **19**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home - Rockdale Location  
1999 Highway 138 Southeast  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Celebration of Life

JUL **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Bald Rock Baptist Church  
2284 Old Covington Road Northeast  
Conyers, GA 30013-1532

# Tribute Wall

BB

“*Condolences to the family for the passing of cousin Willie Clarence. My son and I share in your loss. Even though we know he lived a full and God filled life. I remember the family reunions and how close he was to my grandmother Carrie Bell and great grandmother Mattie Ola and how much he loved family. May God give you comfort and peace.*

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**Betty Blackman** - July 27, 2024 at 03:34 PM

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“*Mr. Clarence, as the children of Needmore Street affectionately called him. To me, Mr. Clarence is a Legend, Role Model and life to model your life after. Everyone that I come in contact with, I share my stories about the people that I grew up around on Needmore Street. And yes, these stories often talked about Mrs. Cora, Mrs. Liz, Sis and you know definitely about Mr. Clarence and his longevity. And I also talked about my playmates. You know that: Genesis 6:3 say, "So the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days shall be 120 years." So, Mr. Clarence you have walked the walk, talked the talk and lived the life. Blessed, Highly Favored and with the Lord!*

*I often share with people that I can honestly say, I never seen Mr. Clarence or Sis ever angry. Those are definitely testimonies and role models to strive for. They were both genuine people to know and have in your life. I recently found out that Mr. Clarence is a relative of mine. I feel very Blessed to say that I have cousins like this in the world we live in that is so confused about life. Carla and Robin, you were Blessed and highly favored to have had parent like Mr. Clarence and Sis. And even more so, to have had them during your adulthood. May God continue to Bless and keep you all.*

*Peace & Blessings*  
*Pat Martin Webster & sons*

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**Patricia Martin Webster** - July 20, 2024 at 10:58 AM

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“ Thanking God for a life well lived. Rev. Willie Clarence was always a light in the life of our family (cousins) my grandmother, Carrie Hamilton and great grandmother Mattie Ola Murphy. I will always remember his visits to Knoxville TN, during my younger years, when he was on leave from the military. Peace and Blessings. Sylvia (Donald) Hamilton Hemphill

Sylvia Hemphill - July 19, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ Red Rose And Lily Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Willie Clarence Banks.



July 19, 2024 at 12:04 PM

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“ Clear Springs Missionary Baptist Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Willie Clarence Banks.

Clear Springs Missionary Baptist Church - July 19, 2024 at 12:04 PM