



Mr. Raymond Louis Banks Jr.

August 25, 1953 - April 10, 2024

Raymond Louis Banks, Jr., fondly called “ Little Raymond,” was born August 25, 1953, in Washington D.C., to the late Raymond Louis Banks, Sr. and Lucille Farastine Banks. Little Raymond is known for his loving smile and infectious personality. He was kind to his core, extending himself to everyone, and never met a stranger.

Little Raymond left Washington, D.C., with his parents and moved to Caroline County, VA, where he was raised, working on the family’s Hog Farm. Among his many chores, he was responsible for the care of Dick, the most enormous hog on the farm, which he sometimes rode with his nephew Tyrone. He cared for the chickens and hogs, cleaned the home, picked vegetables, and gardened. The highlight of the day was picking blueberries with his niece Melanie, and they looked forward to having them in the evening’s dessert.

Little Raymond graduated from Spotsylvania High School and was a stellar athlete, as a member of the football, basketball, and track teams. In addition to his athletic abilities, Little Raymond had a gift for music. He played the big bass in school and would sing all the time. Often, he was found listening to his favorite artist, Barry White, and sang each of his songs with great passion.

After graduation, he worked for Mayflower Moving Company for over 15 years. At the end of his Mayflower career, which landed him in many places

across the USA, Little Raymond settled in Baltimore, Maryland. He worked security at Terra Café in Baltimore, MD, for over 15 years and was close friends with proprietor Terrence Dixon. Around the same time, he worked many years for Tina Robinson as a laborer. In his spirit of servanthood, he volunteered at Hope House and many of the churches of Baltimore. There was nothing that you could ask him to do that he could not or would not do. Little Raymond was a Master of so many things and enjoyed helping in any capacity that he could. No job was too big or small, and it was completed in an excellent fashion. He helped many family and friends with home repairs, gardening, cleaning up, cleaning out, painting, and his specialty moving.

Little Raymond had a heart for God and loved his family dearly. He never hesitated to show you how much he loved you. He ended every call by saying I love you. He adored his sister, Delores Boyd, and brother-in-law, Leonard Boyd, who preceded him in death. Little Raymond spent countless times visiting with them at their home, creating a lifetime of great memories. He also participated in the Thursday night Family Prayer Call and enjoyed reading scripture. During the call, he blessed everyone with his testimonial song, How Great Thou Art, and his closing song, Jesus the Light Of the World. After some years, he moved to Chesapeake, VA, to live with his brother Raymond and Sister-in-Law Anita. During that time, he became a member of First Baptist Church of South Hill in Chesapeake, VA. He was a member of the Security Team and a dedicated volunteer for the church's Food Pantry Ministry, Sunday School, and Men's Ministry. People loved him no matter where he went. Fellow parishioners would pick him up early in the morning to do God's work, knowing he was ready to serve with his heart and soul.

In later years, Little Raymond's health declined following a number of health issues. He kept the faith and always fought the good fight until the Lord called him home.

Little Raymond leaves to cherish his memory and his contagious laugh;

Sisters Jaqueline Golden and Patricia Roy; Brother Raymond Golden Sr. (Anita); Nieces Melanie Bryant, Lenne' Boyd White, Dominique Witten, and Tracy Hanks; Nephews Tyrone Bryant(Janyce), Anthony Golden Sr., Rodrek Golden(Robin) and Raymond Golden Jr.(Allison); Great nieces Nicole(Eddie), Shannon(John); Great nephews Tyrone Jr., Tyrell, and Robert III; Special Lady Rachel, best friend Terence Dickson and Ms. Tina Robinson, his good friend and extraordinary confidant. His many relatives and friends will truly miss him. His parents preceded him in death.

“May the works I’ve done speak for me.”

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Third Baptist Church
917 Princess Street
Alexandria, VA 22314