



George Arthur Banks

January 24, 1932 - October 15, 2011

George A. Banks 79, of Jupiter, Florida passed away peacefully and with dignity on Saturday, October 15, 2011 surrounded by his loving care givers at The Courtyard Gardens Rehabilitation Center, Jupiter, Florida.

Born in Detroit Michigan on January 24, 1932 he grew up in Muskegon, Michigan graduating class valedictorian in 1950 from St.Mary's High School. He attended the University of Notre Dame where he majored in aeronautical engineering.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1954 he moved to Connecticut and was employed as an engineer for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. He was instrumental in the design and fabrication of the first Boeing 747. In 1983 he relocated to Jupiter, Florida. He was a devoted member of St. Peters Catholic Church.

Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his second wife Lorraine Manning Banks and his son Timothy Banks. He leaves his two daughters Suellen Banks of Sebastian, Florida and Kathleen Banta and her husband Donald and their two children Ashley and Matthew of Unionville,Ct.

George's family would like to extend their sincere thank you and appreciation to the staff at the Courtyard Gardens and The Hospice Red Team of Jupiter for their passionate care and compassion. The family would also like to thank Marnie Poncy for being his guardian angel. Upon his request funeral services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ George Arthur Banks

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ George was my Step Father. He was a very big part of our lives for many years. He married my mother in 1985 and they relocated to Jupiter taking my sister Debra, 14 with them. They lived in the most beautiful house and my brother Jim and I loved to visit. Those were very happy times. After my mother, Lorraine, died of breast cancer in 1997, we lost touch with George. We never stopped thinking about him and made several visits to try to reconnect with him. I think Lorraine's death was a real life changing experience for him - not for the better, unfortunately. George also leaves a daughter, Jennifer Rodgers of Coventry CT. She was born in 1977 to Lorraine and George but was given up for adoption due to extenuating circumstances. They were reunited with her in 1996, one year before Lorraine passed away.

We just learned of George's passing this week (week before Christmas) when our Christmas card was returned by the Post Office. Kathy was nice enough to return my call to let me know George passed away. We will remember him this holiday as George was always our favorite "Grinch" who loved to exclaim "ba-humbug" at anything Christmas!

We will miss him but know he is in a better place and with his loving wife Lorraine.

Michele Manning Holt - East Granby, CT - step-daughter - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We always knew him as Art at St. Marys High School. A very bright student, but also remember him as being shy. It was great to see him at our St. Marys 50th class reunion. Our Symphany to his loved ones.

Jim and Joyce Muston

Joyce (Schmitt) Muston - Twin Lake, MI - Class Mate - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Art was a quiet, intelligent, likeable classmate.

Nancy A (Brainard) Bozell - Muskegon, MI - Former classmate at St. Mary's - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ George was my closest friend in high school; later my classmate and roommate in college at Notre Dame. We shared many interests...sports and studies. He loved aviation; after getting his Bachelor's in Aeronautical Engineering at Notre Dame he got his Master's at RPI while he was working at Pratt and Whitney. He spent most of his working life doing jet engine turbine testing.

He was a fine friend...very intelligent but still down to earth...my life is much better for having known him and his friendship.

Dick Ehr - Milwaukee, WI - classmate - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM