



## Terasa Esperanza Banks

June 19, 1970 - July 5, 2021

Terasa Esperanza Banks affectionately known as "Tesa" 51 went home with the Lord on Monday July 5, 2021. A native of Gainesville, she was a graduate of Buchholz High School she received her BS degree from the University of Florida and a MS degree from Chamberlin University Chicago, IL. She was a former member of Springhill Baptist Church before moving to Jacksonville, FL While living in Jacksonville, she joined Harmony Church of Jacksonville, where she worked with: The Media Ministry, Wellness Ministry, Dance Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Pastoral Care. She had served in the University of Fla. Gospel Choir, and New Covenant Gospel Choir. Tesa was also a member of Florida 1st Coast Nurses Assoc.and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,Inc. Tesa was an instructor at Keiser University, she was preceded in death by her sister Tiffany Banks, and father Rev. John Banks Her memory will live on in the hearts of: daughter; Talia Banks, Jacksonville, FL., Mother Susie Walton Banks, Stepmother Carol Banks, both of Gainesville, FL., Sister Lavon Williams,(Ernest) Orlando, FL. Brothers John J.Banks,and Jonathan Banks both of Gainesville, FL., Travis Frazier, Clarksville, TN., Joshua Banks, Lehigh Acres, FL. . Funeral Services for Ms. Banks will be held at Graveside Saturday July 10,2021 at 10:00 AM Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Rev. James A. Walton officiating. Visitation Friday July 9,2021 2:00-7:00 PM Chestnut Memorial Chapel, and on Sat at graveside one hour before the service. Family members are asked to meet at graveside at 9:30 am.



# Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



**Chestnut Funeral Home** - March 14, 2024 at 10:40 AM

KA

“ *To Terasa's family. Terasa brought joy and laughter and so much of herself to her students and co-workers. I miss her every day. I miss her line dancing and singing; I miss her hugs and her stories; I miss the wise family sayings she would quote; I miss her "you need to stop right where you are" look. I miss her silly jokes. I miss her abiding faith, her kindness and generosity, and her deep compassion. I am glad Terasa is getting to be with her daddy whom she sorely missed. And I am so, so sorry for your loss. I pray that you find peace. Katherine Frederick*

**Katherine** - July 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *To the family of Terasa Banks, you have my sincere condolences on the loss of such a special person. May you find comfort in knowing that she was loved by so many people. Rest well my friend! Job well done! 🙏🙏 Charlotte McMiller-Green*

**Charlotte McMiller-Green** - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *RIP Cousin Tessa, you will truly be missed by all. Rest easy. Job well done. Fred and Connie Doby*

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**Connie Doby** - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With heartfelt condolences. From Your Keiser University Family.*

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**Tribute Store** - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Teresa made impact in the lives of many students. I would often get her students as the matriculated through the nursing school and their hearts would be full of good experiences and confidence, Thank you Teresa. You can only pour out what is within. ~Chelsa*



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**Chelsa Fore** - July 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *So sad. The AGH/Shands family. God bless the family*

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**Marsha Davis** - July 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ So sad to hear this news. God bless and strengthen the family. I worked with Terasa both at AGH and Shands. She was always a pleasant God fearing woman. She enjoyed church and life. She was a great sister and aunt. She often spoke of her family and the love she has for them. She was a great co-worker. Never a harsh word. She always had a smile and positive words. I can still remember her send off work party when she first moved to Jacksonville. She had such joy and love for life. Myself along with the many coworkers on former 4E(AGH)and current 6w send our love and condolences to the family.



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**Marsha Davis** - July 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Dr. Mary Kathleen Ebener lit a candle in memory of Terasa Esperanza Banks



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**Dr. Mary Kathleen Ebener** - July 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers

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**Megan Fleming** - July 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Tribute Store** - July 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ It is with a sad heart that I learned of the passing of my friend and intake sister Terasa Banks. God is to wise to make a mistake to just to be unkind. I will miss thanks for that last memory that we shared at the poetry reading with your aunt Felicia Walton. I will never forget. Thanks for opening your home to us for the night and then going to church on Sunday morning all these things I was honored to do with uou and Felicia. Until we meet again rest on my sister soror I love you but God loves 💕you best

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**Pamela Snead** - July 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I only knew Professor Banks for 7 weeks but that was long enough to know how kind of a heart she had. She was quiet but funny. Loved to dance. The last thing she said to me was "Have confidence in yourself." I will never forget those words. I can tell via the other comments how much she was loved. My deepest sympathy to her friends and family.



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**Erin Kelly** - July 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Blessed is the one who perseveres under trials because having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised even in death to those who love Him. James 1:12. Thank you Father for the opportunity of knowing Teresa.

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**Camille Johnson** - July 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Pamela Snead lit a candle in memory of Terasa Esperanza Banks



Pamela Snead - July 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Shirley Johnson Blessed is the one who perseveres under trials; because having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised even in death to those who love Him. James 1:12. Thank you Father for the opportunity of knowing Teresa.

Camille Johnson - July 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. From your Orange County Community Action Family

Tribute Store - July 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Professor Banks was always a cheerful person. Loving her family and showed the upmost care for her students. Every time we had class she would always start by playing some music and dancing around a little bit. She instantly became one of my favorite Professors. I will never forget her. Allan Williams F.C.B.N.A.



Allan Williams - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Terasa was one of the sweetest people I have known. Her kindness and fairness to others always stood out. Her meticulous attention to detail was admirable. I thank God for allowing me the time I had with her. I have many pictures of us attending the national NBNA conferences over the past several years. She will be missed so so much!

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**Vathrice Hartwell** - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Terasa was a kind, caring, and loving nurse and teacher, coworker, and friend. I feel blessed to have worked by her side for the past two years at Keiser University and feel like I've lost a dear friend. She will forever be an angel watching over everyone. I am so very sorry for your loss. Her family meant everything to her and she spoke so admirably about her family members. Find peace in knowing she is resting with other angels. - Lorrie Dooley

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**Lorrie** - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Teresa My Darling, my heart is absolutely broken to hear of your passing... I realize that the Lord picks the most beautiful flowers for his garden in heaven and you now get to continue to bloom in his arms. You will always be our First Coast Black Nurses Association sister, and you'll be forever in our hearts. I love you and I'll miss your sweet spirit.

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**Sheena Alexander-Hicks** - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *With deepest sympathy. To know her was to love her. A beautiful and loving spirit. Evelyn Gaines Harris*



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**Evelyn Gaines Harris** - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Carol Neil lit a candle in memory of Terasa Esperanza Banks*



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**Carol Neil** - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM