



## Fontaine Banks

May 20, 1929 - November 22, 2013

Frankfort - Fontaine Banks Jr., 84, passed away Friday, November 22, 2013, in Lexington.

A native of Pike County, Kentucky, he was born May 20, 1929, to Fontaine Banks Sr. and Annis Crager Banks. Mr. Banks was a graduate of Belfry High School, Berea College and did graduate studies at University of Kentucky, University of Alabama, University of Tennessee and Cornell University. He was a retired Colonel in the United States Marine Corp Reserves and served in the United States Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict. During his 55 plus year professional career, his focus was in both public and private sector of Health Care Administration and Human Services. Mr. Banks was well known for his passion and drive in Kentucky politics always striving for the betterment of his fellow Kentuckians.

Mr. Banks is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara A. Williamson Banks; two sons, Fontaine Banks III and wife, Anne and Robert P. Banks and wife, Stacey; granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Banks; grandsons, Patrick Fontaine Banks, Daniel Robert Banks and Chase Forester. He is also survived by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, James R. and Patty Williamson and nephew, Justin Williamson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and a nephew.

A Celebration of Life Service will be 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 25, 2013, at Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church with Rev. Todd Lester officiating. Visitation will be at the church Monday from 1:00 p.m. until the service at 3:00 p.m. A private committal service will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate expressions of sympathy in his memory to Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church Building Fund, 495 Duckers Road, Midway, KY 40347.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Fontaine Banks

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ It was my privilege to serve in the 61st Rifle Company, USMCR, then Major Banks commanding. We were both Berea College graduates and he was more than a commander. He was a mentor. I kept in contact with him as my military career progress. He was always willing to take the time to give me good advice! I am sad to read of his passing, but I celebrate his wonderful life of service!!!

Don Hirschman - February 28, 2015 at 01:10 PM



“ Nov. 22, 2013  
Marine “Col. USMCR (Ret). “ Fontaine Banks Jr,  
Thank you for your service to God, the USA and USMC during the Korean Conflict. The Marines of Ky-ana Det. #729 wishes to extend to your family our most sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved family member. Take Comfort in knowing that your Marine has taken leave from his earthly home to fulfill the ranks of Heaven's Detachment. Once a Marine always a Marine, Semper Fidelis. Billy G. Gividen, Chaplain #729

Chaplain Billy G. Gividen - November 24, 2013 at 09:42 AM



“ We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family for your loss and pray for God's comfort.

Lori Dutton & Joyce Moorman - November 23, 2013 at 08:28 PM

FJ

“ Barbara, so many years of fond memories, our best to you as you go thru this loss of a very special person. You were in our conversation with some friends on Thursday. And then this surprise as we viewed the Lexington paper today.

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**Francis Todd Judy** - November 23, 2013 at 05:15 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts, prayers, and love to all the family. What an awesome full life! I had his book out just Thu evening re-reading a section to see if he mentioned JFK's visit to Lexington in Oct 1960. Very fitting that the day of his passing was the same as JFK's. Love, David & Lisa

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**David & Lisa Hendricks** - November 23, 2013 at 02:34 PM

SA

“ I was deeply saddened by Fontaine's passing and offer my sincerest sympathy to the family. Having known him since the mid-1970's has been a great privilege and I feel he blessed me with a love and appreciation of Kentucky when I transferred here to complete my military service. He also shared his love of pound cake with me as well while we were working together in Washington, DC

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**Steve Adams** - November 23, 2013 at 01:04 PM

MG

“ Thoughts and Prayers.He was a great friend and I will miss him greatly.We have lost a walking history of our political arena and a mind as sharp as a razors edge.I pray for his wife and family to have peace and know how blessed they were to have been a part of this great mans life.Rest in Gods loving arms my friend.

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**Michael L. Gevedon** - November 23, 2013 at 10:33 AM

LJ

“ My condolences to the Banks family.  
I enjoyed my meetings with Fontaine, at the Capital Annex, while I spent some time in Frankfort, between jobs, before heading back to Houston, TX. Fontaine was a "people person", he especially loved to tell me stories about his personal life, experiences in the military and especially his experiences in politics. He will be missed. May God's blessing be with the Banks family.

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**Lorenzo D. Eads, Jr.** - November 22, 2013 at 10:12 PM

CJ

“ Barbara, Johnny and I are so sorry to hear of Fontaine's passing. He certainly accomplished a lot and we friends from Pond Creek were always so proud of him. Please accept our sincere sympathy and we will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Charlene Blackburn Jones** - November 22, 2013 at 09:30 PM

LV

“ Dear Barbara & Family, We offer our condolences to you and family during this sad time. We'll hold on to our good times and memories of Fontaine.

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**Larry & Dimple Varney** - November 22, 2013 at 02:56 PM