

*Victory Celebration*



*Cecil Banks*

Service

*Monday, May 1, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.*

**SOUL SAVING STATION**

302 W. 124th Street • New York, NY  
*Bishop Robert I. Winley, Officiating*

# Obituary

*Sunrise: October 18, 1947 - Sunset: April 21, 2017*

**Cecil Banks** was born on October 18, 1947 to the late Cornelius and Pauline Bailey Banks in Harlem Hospital, New York City. He was the third of five children.

Cecil was educated in the New York City School System and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School.

Cecil served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1973.

Cecil worked for Burns Security for over twenty years. He was a faithful worker.

He had one daughter, Catawba Jennings who preceded him in death.

Cecil accepted Christ as his personal Savior and joined the Soul Saving Station in September 1994. It was at the Soul Saving Station where he met his "beloved honey" Doretha and they were married on May 25, 1996.

He was a faithful Usher for many years. He was always on his post at the back door until his health began failing. He also sang with the Men's Choir.

Cecil had a great sense of humor, he loved to laugh and make people laugh. He loved Gospel music, the Temptations and the Four Tops, he also loved bowling.

He departed this life on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his loving and devoted wife, Doretha Pryor-Banks; one step-son, Avery K. Pryor (Monique); one sister, Cornelia Henley; two brothers, Deacon John Banks (Pauline) and Daniel Banks (Pandora); six grandchildren, Daquaya, Quanajah, Khameek, Raven Nivens, Kiara Black and Avery Pryor, Jr.; two "special adopted daughters", Audrey Pollard and Shenequa Mack; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and his wonderful church family at the Soul Saving Station.

Lovingly Submitted  
The Family

# Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Presiding.....Rev. Maurice Winley

Invocation

Hymn

Scripture

Old Testament.....Rev. Jayroe Thomas

New Testament.....Deacon Dean Nesbitt

Remarks

Selection.....Creative Arts Ministry

Cards & Condolences.....Evangelist Dawn Heyward

Obituary.....Rev. Sharon Pickett

Selection..... Creative Arts Ministry

Eulogy.....Bishop Robert I. Winley

Pastor, Soul Saving Station Headquarters

Funeral Director.....Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.

2352 8th Avenue, New York, NY

## Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York*

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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