



JESSE FRANKS SR.

December 25, 1921 - December 26, 2011

Jesse Franks, Sr., 90, of Woodbridge VA, formerly of Kankakee, IL, died peacefully at his home on Monday, December 26, 2011, after a very brief illness from renal failure. Visitation will be Friday, January 6, 2012 from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary. Funeral Services will be Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. at Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church, 805 N. Evergreen, Kankakee, IL. Pastor Lori Holmes will officiate and Elder Jesse Franks Jr. will deliver the eulogy. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Jesse Franks was born in Parkins, Arkansas on December 25, 1921 to Andy and Dora Franks. He was a life-long resident of Kankakee, IL; only moving to Virginia to live with his daughter and son while successfully battling prostate cancer.

Jesse was a steadfast member of Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church where he served on the Usher Board.

Mr. Franks was married to the former Louise Cochran, who preceded him in death.

He was a World War II United States Army veteran. He previously served as a First Ward Alderman and County Board Member and was a Freemason, former boxer and coach. He retired from General Foods Corporation. His retirement was spent enjoying traveling to visit friends and relatives, fishing, gardening, hunting and enjoying friends and crossword puzzles at the Woodbridge Senior Day Program.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two sons and daughters-in-law, Jesse Jr. and leWaun Franks of San Diego, CA and Earl and Ella Franks of Woodbridge, VA; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shelia and Joseph Gulledge of Montclair, VA, Mildred and Mark Spriggs of Spotsylvania, VA and Lila Tate of Minneapolis, MN; one sister, Vanilla Hudson of Kankakee, IL; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, neighbors and community.

Comments



“ With heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one.

Elayne Coffie - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FRANKS FAMILY.

MS. CHERYL WILSON AND FAMILY - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ "They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion; which cannot be removed, but abideth forever." Psalm 125.

Mr. Jesse exemplified his trust in GOD.

May GOD bless and comfort you at this time and forever.

Benita Coclough

Mrs. Benita Coclough - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Franks' family. May God grant you peace in the coming days and weeks.

Patricia Jamison - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and condolences to the family of Bro. Jesse Franks Sr. Bro Jesse's wisdom both politically and as a Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason will not be forgotten. RIJ (Rest in Jesus.

Robert S. Ellington-Snipes - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ May the God of peace comfort and keep you now and the time to come.

Cathleen Riley Taylor - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences goes out to the family.

Terry Malone - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Fond memories of Mr. Franks includes his always willingness to help a then young man seeking to learn politics. He always was encouraging to me as a young journalist and always willing to share knowledge.

James Taylor Sr. - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the Franks family. My introduction to politics was through passing out Mr. Franks' election fliers at the age of 12.

Nickey F. Yates, Sr. - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ May God Bless, comfort & console the family of this fine man of God.

The family is always in my prayers,

Danny

Danny C. Brewster, Sr. - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm thinking of all of you and missing Mr. Jesse already. You are in my prayers.
Take Care,
Alyssa

Alyssa Wilk - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy to Jessie's family. Our friendship dates back to the 1940's. What a great man! Prayers to all.

Nick Africano - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM