

A piece of our heart lives in
Heaven



A FALLEN LIMB

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls,
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.*

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PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they

comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence

of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth

over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days

of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

“DON'T”

Don't spend too much time in mourning, tears

are for the sad. He left to be with Jesus

and this should make us glad. Don't waste your hours

grieving, no need to feel distress. He was tired of life's

frustration, and he had to get some rest. Don't vex yourself

with questions, or try to reason why, life here has ended, and

he had to say good-bye. Don't lose the love He has given us,

fill it with your care, grow it with devotion, and spread

it everywhere. Don't fret because his leaving came in such a

way. We'll have another meeting, on God's Eternal Day.



Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
all the expressions of love, concern and kindness
shown to us during this sad time. May God bless
and keep each one of you.*

THE FAMILY

Grand Inspectors General Henry Banks, Sr.

GROWING UP

HENRY BANKS was born on December 9, 1931 in Quitman, GA which is the next town over from Valdosta, GA. He completed his education there and joined the Army in 1951. While in the Army, GIG Banks came home in 1955 to marry his high school sweetheart, Delores.

MILITARY HISTORY

HENRY BANKS as a demolition man in the military. There were no MOS designations as 18 series until the 1970's. He served with the first group of Blacks with the 77th Special Forces which became 7th Special Forces Group. GIG Banks was airborne qualified and became a Jumpmaster in 1959. He was deployed in the conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Panama and Grenada. He got blown up in Vietnam off a PAC. They were on a search and destroy mission because 25 marines had been killed the night before. It was their mission to get them and tag them.

EDUCATION/CAREER HISTORY

HENRY BANKS' first job after retiring in 1966 was with Central Prison on death row. This job got on his nerves because some of the redneck guards would harass and tease the inmates. His next job was with Cumberland County Sheriff's Department as a Sheriff's Deputy with Sheriff Clark. He was the 3rd Black man hired behind Bloodburn and Harold Hodges. They were a part of the CETA (comprehensive Employment and Training Act) Program where the government paid the department to hire the Blacks. He had an issue with his Patrolman supervisor and left. The pay was not that good. His next job with Fort Bragg's Outdoor Recreation Center. The lady in-charge came to him and asked when he could start. She had already filled out the application and approved it. He started as WG-6. He usually maintained temporary jobs with the Civil Service on post. He also had a job with military vehicle repair.

After retirement from the Army, Henry attended Shaw.

MARITAL STATUS AND RELIGION

HENRY and Delores have two sons, five daughters, over 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

GIG BANKS joined Elmer T. Hawkins Lodge #113 in Stuttgart, Germany in 1962 under Maryland jurisdiction. He joined Kindah Temple No. 62 in 1970. Noble Banks served as PIP Pratt's and his wife Vera's driver. He enjoyed driving for Ms. Vera. He noted that as Pratt was online in the Imperial he asked one night at a Kindah meeting who would be willing to take a position in The Imperial to gain the perks.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE PRINCES AND GIG

Bragged a little bit.