



## Melba Jean Banks

October 28, 1950 - July 24, 2015

Ms. Melba Jean Banks finished her earthly journey on Friday, July 24, 2015 at the age of 64 years. She was born October 28, 1950 in Birmingham, Alabama, the daughter of Hillard and Arthurene (McMillan) Banks.

Melba was a resident of Saginaw, MI and she attended Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church. She graduated from Saginaw High School "Class of 1968" and then moved to Minneapolis, MN in 1971. After moving back to Saginaw, MI she graduated from Saginaw Business Institute in 1972 and was employed at Second National Bank until her health failed. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family and friends.

Ms. Banks leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Tracy L. Banks; her son, Hassan (Rakia) Banks; mother, Arthurene Banks of Saginaw, MI; grandchildren, Brianna Banks, DeAsia Lewis, TreVion West, DaMyah Lewis and Hassan Banks II, all of Saginaw, MI; great-grandchildren, Anthony Spencer III DeMarion Jackson and DeMari'yae Jackson; god-daughters, Karla Moran and Phyllis Henderson, all of Saginaw, MI; grandparents, Rev. Mal (Martha) McMillan, Dolphus McDonald, Ella Banks; sister, Elaine Banks; brother, Benjamin Banks; nieces, Katrina (Joshua) Dogans and Shanna Tipton; nephews, Tyrell (CaMillia) Banks, Claude J. Wills and Robert Wills; aunts, Annie McMillan, Moline McKeethen, Cucecil Banks, Annie Banks, Sararee Banks, all of Saginaw, MI, Audrey McMillan, Nashville, TN and Mary

Taggert, Lynn, MA; uncles, Harold McMillan and Joe T. Banks, both of Saginaw, MI; special cousin, Ricky Calhoun; a host of other relatives, grandchildren, cousins and friends, Connie, Sharon, Dee, Tonja, Karen and Mary; and special friends, Pam Sangster, Doris Murry and Rowena Aubrey.

Melba was preceded in death by her father, Hillard Banks; grandparents; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

The family would like to express special thanks to Covenant Medical Center-Harrison 6th floor, ICU, Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church and the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home staff.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015 at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 North 6th Street with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Desmon Daniel will officiate. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Family Hour

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
1114 North 6th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

## Funeral Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
1114 North 6th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Browne's Mortuary** - July 30, 2015 at 11:04 AM

FZ

*We are sorry to hear about your loss. we will keep you in our prayers. with love and care. albert & frances zackrie*

**frances ham zackrie** - August 03, 2015 at 11:59 PM

FZ

*We are sorry to hear about your loss. we will keep you in our prayers. with love and care. albert & frances zackrie*

**frances ham zackrie** - August 03, 2015 at 11:59 PM

WF

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family** - May 15, 2023 at 01:46 AM

CM

“ *C.J. Mason lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**C.J. Mason** - September 30, 2015 at 10:56 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - August 04, 2015 at 06:46 PM

IB

“ *Dear Family, You have my sincerest condolences, we haven't been in touch in a long time but we grew up together and we go back a long way. May God bless you with peace, faith & love in your hearts and give you strength at what seems like a very trying time. Love you ALL, Sincerely Ingrid Barkley & Family*



**Ingrid Barkley** - August 04, 2015 at 04:33 PM

YW

“ *Yvonne Weahers lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Yvonne Weahers** - August 01, 2015 at 11:40 AM

BS

“ *Our condolences to your family . Melba will truly be missed.*  
*Barnes Shakur Family*



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**Barbara Barnes Shakur** - July 31, 2015 at 08:54 AM

DM

“ *Artie and family.*  
*So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*  
*Dale and Debbie Meyer, Lamplighter Flower Shop*

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**Dale and Debbie Meyer** - July 31, 2015 at 08:35 AM

JA

“ *Joel Alston lit a candle in memory of Melba*  
*Jean Banks*



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**Joel Alston** - July 31, 2015 at 07:19 AM

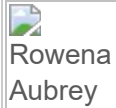
ST

“ *I love you, and please tell my daddy, I miss him. Rest my family until we meet again.*



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**Sharie Banks Thomas** - July 30, 2015 at 11:13 PM



Rowena  
Aubrey

“ *Mama Banks and Family, I just want you to know that even I am not there in person....I am with you in my heart, mind and prayers. Love you, Rowena*

Rowena Aubrey - July 30, 2015 at 07:13 PM

LE

“ *Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



Lucy Erby - July 30, 2015 at 04:54 PM

SF

“ *Hassan and family, I offer my sincere condolences during your time of sorrow. I pray for your strength and peace. Remember to always seek the Lord and you will be comforted. -LaToya Sherman and Walker Family*



Sherman and Walker family - July 30, 2015 at 04:01 PM

LJ

“ *Love Victor Banks Sr., Lovada & Victor Jr. purchased the Garden To Go Basket for the family of Melba Jean Banks.*



Love Victor Banks Sr., Lovada & Victor Jr. - July 30, 2015 at 03:19 PM

RM

“ To mama Artie, Hasan, Tracie and the entire Banks Family. Weeping may endure for a night but Joy comes in the morning. Melba is safe in the arms of GOD. the confort is in knowing that!!!  
Love you all much  
Ruby Murphy



Ruby Murphy - July 30, 2015 at 01:02 PM

RM

“ Ruby Murphy sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Ruby Murphy - July 30, 2015 at 12:21 PM

BP

“ Tracy, Hassan, Ms Artie and the Grands, My heart is so heavy right now. Melba and I worked at Second National/Citizens Bank together. My soap opera buddy All My Children we would watch on our break. She and I connected and eating lunch, I remember us eating at Jacobson. After I relocated we would talk briefly when I would come to town. It has been awhile but we when we talked we would do it for hours. I am was thinking of you the other day my friend and I know you resting in God's loving arms. I was so blessed to have you as a friend. I am praying for the Banks family. Always know there is special angel watching over you.



Barbara Payton - July 30, 2015 at 12:13 PM

KI

“ *Melba was always a bright sunshine when she would come into my office. She loved showing me pictures of her grandson who she loved dearly. I'm so going to miss you.*

*Kim Phillips*

Kim - July 30, 2015 at 10:17 AM



SH

“ *Sharon lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*

sharon - July 30, 2015 at 10:04 AM



SH

“ *Melba was a great person, and a very strong influence in my life. She was a wonderful sister, friend & aunt to us. Sharon & Pierre*

sharon - July 30, 2015 at 09:13 AM

RD

“ *To Hassan, Tracy, and the entire Banks family. We are praying for all of you and may God be with you in your time of sorrow. Love Marc, Rosie, Lynn, Ron and Sherry*

Rosie L Diggs - July 30, 2015 at 08:29 AM



RD

“ Rosie L Diggs lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Rosie L Diggs - July 30, 2015 at 08:09 AM

WS

“ W. Gregory Smith lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



W. Gregory Smith - July 30, 2015 at 07:25 AM

HB

“ Thank you to all of you who signed, sent gifts, lit candles, prayed, called or just thought of us! My mother was an awesome person who will be greatly missed! Please continue to pray for our family. We love you all!  
Artie, Ben, Tracy, Hassan and the Grands

Hassan Banks - July 30, 2015 at 06:26 AM

GL

“ To Hassan and family. I'm very sorry to learn about the passing of your mother. You have my deepest sympathy.

G-Style



Glendorah Lawrence - July 30, 2015 at 04:46 AM

HB

*Thank you so much G Style! Keep us in your prayers.*

**Hassan Banks** - July 30, 2015 at 05:47 AM

LW

“ *Lillie Williams lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Lillie Williams** - July 30, 2015 at 04:10 AM

RA

“ *Rowena Aubrey lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Rowena Aubrey** - July 29, 2015 at 11:18 PM

JO

“ *Joyce (Deany) O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Joyce (Deany) O'Daniels** - July 29, 2015 at 10:18 PM

JO

*Ms. Artie, I will keep you and the entire family in my prayers. Hold your head up high which cometh your health....God heals all wounds. I know God will keep his loving arms around you and the family during this difficult time.*

**Joyce (Deany) O'Daniels** - July 29, 2015 at 10:21 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Deborah Williams** - July 29, 2015 at 09:07 PM

LT

“ *Lionell And Dorothy Terrell lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**lionell and dorothy terrell** - July 29, 2015 at 06:26 PM

SH

“ *Melba, a beautiful and kind lady. I'm so glad I met you. God Bless the Banks family.*



*Sharon Hudson*

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**Sharon Hudson** - July 29, 2015 at 05:39 PM

HB

*Yes she was Sharon. Thank you for your kind words. God bless!*

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**Hassan Banks** - July 30, 2015 at 05:50 AM

CN

“ *Cucecil, Marc And Nicki lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**cucecil, marc and nicki** - July 29, 2015 at 05:10 PM

CN

*love cucecil, marc and nick*

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**cucecil, marc and nicki** - July 29, 2015 at 05:10 PM

LF

“ *Lois Fairris lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Lois Fairris** - July 29, 2015 at 05:03 PM

SF

“ *Sheilda Braddock & Family lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Sheilda Braddock & Family** - July 29, 2015 at 04:03 PM

JR

“ We are sorry for your loss. We will continue to keep you in our prayers. Joyce & DeMychael Robinson



Joyce Robinson - July 29, 2015 at 02:21 PM

HB

Thank you Joyce! We appreciate your prayers and support! God bless.

Hassan Banks - July 30, 2015 at 05:52 AM

MJ

“ Praying for the Banks family, Melba was a good friend of mines & our Family, God will walk with you all, Mother Arthurine, keep the faith in our Lord. Lady Pastor M. Jackson.



Mattie M. Jackson - July 29, 2015 at 02:03 PM

HB

Thank you Pastor Jackson! God bless.

Hassan Banks - July 30, 2015 at 05:53 AM

SP

“ Shelaine Parrish lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Shelaine Parrish - July 29, 2015 at 12:39 PM

AT

“ *Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Annette Turner** - July 29, 2015 at 09:27 AM

KC

“ *Kimberly Culbert lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Kimberly Culbert** - July 29, 2015 at 08:48 AM

BS

“ *Billy & Karen Cork & Sons lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Billy & Karen Cork & Sons** - July 28, 2015 at 10:08 PM

PS

“ *Pamela Sangster lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Pamela Sangster** - July 28, 2015 at 09:51 PM

PS

*To the Banks Family and My Friends I'm so sad and hurt my friend left so soon but God knew the pain was getting to much for her. The laughs we shared the smile she gave will never be forgotten. so family stay strong. you had a Great Mom, a Wonderful Daughter, and a Great sister and a Nice Auntie and a True Friend to me I will Miss her so much.Love you All  
Pamela Sangster*

**Pamela Sangster** - July 28, 2015 at 10:02 PM

ML

“ *Mr. Mrs. John Michael Lewis lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Mr. Mrs. John Michael Lewis** - July 28, 2015 at 08:41 PM

ML

“ *Mr. Carl Lewis lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Mr. Carl Lewis** - July 28, 2015 at 08:41 PM

ML

“ *Mrs. Dorothy Salone-Campbell Lewis lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Mrs. Dorothy Salone-Campbell Lewis** - July 28, 2015 at 08:40 PM

GR

“ *Rest in peace, dear cousin.*



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**Glenda Rockett** - July 28, 2015 at 03:35 PM

CW

*You will truly be missed*

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**Connie Williams** - July 28, 2015 at 06:02 PM

HB

*Missing mamma already! Thanks for the prayers, support and love!*

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**Hassan Banks** - July 30, 2015 at 05:59 AM

WH

“ *Walter Dorothy Harris*



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**walter Dorothy Harris** - July 28, 2015 at 01:32 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle  
in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - July 28, 2015 at 01:06 PM

DJ

“ *Praying for comfort in your time of sadness.*

*Dorothy William Jones*

**Dorothy Jones** - July 28, 2015 at 11:41 AM

HB

*Thank you Dorothy!*

**Hassan Banks** - July 30, 2015 at 06:10 AM

BM

“ *To Aunt Artie, Ben, Hasan and Tracie, Please know that I am so saddened by the loss of Melba. A sweet and kind spirt has gone to be with the lord. I hope that you will find the comfort and support of friends and loved ones near and far. RIH Melba, no more pain and suffering. Much love to all the Banks family and keep the memories in your heart. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

**Betty Mitchell-Calhoun** - July 28, 2015 at 11:24 AM

HB

*Thank you Betty for those kind words. I'm missing my momma already but I know God has her. Love you!*

**Hassan Banks** - July 30, 2015 at 05:57 AM

VJ

“ *Vanessa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



**Vanessa Johnson** - July 28, 2015 at 10:41 AM

JL

“ *Jenise M. Lewis & Wayne B. Lewis*



jenise lewis - July 28, 2015 at 10:25 AM

RT

“ *Raymond Tucker lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



Raymond Tucker - July 28, 2015 at 07:39 AM

D(

“ *Deborah Menefee (Williams) lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



Deborah Menefee (Williams) - July 27, 2015 at 11:18 PM

D(

*My prayers are with you Bitty, her children and the rest of the family. Melba is now in a better place with our Heavenly Father. She is in no more pain.*

Deborah Menefee (Williams) - July 27, 2015 at 11:40 PM

OW

*Dear Artie  
My prayers are with you and the family. I will miss Melba. Please know that you are loved. Tweekie*

Olivia A. Williams - July 28, 2015 at 12:05 PM

JY

“ *Janeen Youngblood-Weems lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Janeen Youngblood-Weems** - July 27, 2015 at 10:29 PM

OB

“ *Our Dear Melba. Will miss her voice, and trying to figure my voice from my Sister Ruby. We had big fun whenever were together with Family. Love to your Mom and Children. She is at Peace now.*  
*Olivia Baldwin*  
*Cousin*

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**Olivia Baldwin** - July 27, 2015 at 09:54 PM

HB

*Thank you Olivia! Momma will be missed dearly!*

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**Hassan Banks** - July 30, 2015 at 06:13 AM

HL

“ *Helen Ann Lewis lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Helen Ann Lewis** - July 27, 2015 at 09:50 PM

RW

“ *Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



Rita Williams - July 27, 2015 at 09:23 PM

RU

“ *All sorrow and sighing has fled away! All things made new Much love Ruby*



Ruby - July 27, 2015 at 09:13 PM

HB

*Thank you Ruby!*

Hassan Banks - July 30, 2015 at 06:15 AM

RF

“ *Rita M. Williams & Donavon Flemings sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



Rita M. Williams & Donavon Flemings - July 27, 2015 at 09:06 PM

D6

“ Doris Jones C/o 68 sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Doris Jones c/o 68** - July 27, 2015 at 08:29 PM

NH

“ Noland Heath lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Noland Heath** - July 27, 2015 at 08:01 PM

WB

“ WALSEZETTA BENNETT sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**WALSEZETTA BENNETT** - July 27, 2015 at 07:32 PM

G1

“ Gloria Blackmon Class Of 1968 lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Gloria Blackmon class of 1968** - July 27, 2015 at 07:19 PM

GB

“ Gloria Blackmon sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Melba Jean Banks



Gloria Blackmon - July 27, 2015 at 07:18 PM

GP

“ My deepest condolences



Geraldine Parris - July 27, 2015 at 06:32 PM

HB

Thank you!

Hassan Banks - July 30, 2015 at 06:18 AM

AT

“ My deepest condolences



Atlanta Thompson - July 27, 2015 at 06:29 PM

HB

Thank you Atlanta!

Hassan Banks - July 30, 2015 at 06:16 AM



“ *Arthur Williams lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Arthur Williams** - July 27, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ *Edith Lewis lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Edith Lewis** - July 27, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ *We know the day will come but death always leaves us with grief. May God give you the comfort and peace you seek and may the soul of your loved one REST IN PEACE.*



*My deepest condolences, LaJoyce Jones*

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**LaJoyce Jones** - July 27, 2015 at 05:36 PM



*Thank you so much!*

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**Hassan Banks** - July 30, 2015 at 06:20 AM

MS

“ Sis. Arthurene praying for you and your family for God's amazing grace. May the Lord continue to strengthen you day by day. With love, Mary Ann Stewart

Mary Ann Stewart - July 27, 2015 at 03:52 PM

HB

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers!

Hassan Banks - July 30, 2015 at 06:22 AM

MS

“ Mary Ann Stewart lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Mary Ann Stewart - July 27, 2015 at 03:50 PM

LT

“ Lucinda And Lane Taylor lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Lucinda and Lane Taylor - July 27, 2015 at 03:09 PM

PW

“ Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Patricia Williams - July 27, 2015 at 02:50 PM

AH

“ *Aretha Hairston lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Aretha Hairston** - July 27, 2015 at 01:18 PM

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“ *Aretha Hairston*



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**Aretha Hairston** - July 27, 2015 at 01:16 PM

IF

“ *Ida Helton And Family lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Ida Helton and family** - July 27, 2015 at 12:30 PM

CJ

“ *Chris&Wayne Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks*



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**Chris&Wayne Jernigan** - July 27, 2015 at 11:56 AM

PC

“ Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Peter Cooper - July 27, 2015 at 10:49 AM

PC

Cousin Melba, you will be missed by family & friends. I'm sending my thoughts & prayers to my family from Atlanta, GA. Know Melba resting in the arms of a loving God no more pain or suffering debt paid in full. From life to reward!

Peter Cooper - July 27, 2015 at 10:53 AM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Dona Austin-Bigby - July 27, 2015 at 10:38 AM

CM

“ Chris & Cheryl Morris lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



Chris & Cheryl Morris - July 27, 2015 at 10:09 AM

PM

“ Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Pamela Monroe** - July 27, 2015 at 10:08 AM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Sam and Deborah Mack** - July 27, 2015 at 10:08 AM

SM

*Artie & family, our prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

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**Sam and Deborah Mack** - July 27, 2015 at 10:10 AM

KM

“ Karen Martin-Brodnex lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Karen Martin-Brodnex** - July 27, 2015 at 10:07 AM

SC

“ Save The Zion Commîtee sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Save The Zion Commîtee** - July 27, 2015 at 09:26 AM

MF

“ Ms. Ann Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Ms. Ann Ford** - July 27, 2015 at 09:19 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Banks



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**Valerie Foster-Baker** - July 27, 2015 at 09:07 AM