

In loving memory of

*William Robert Banks*

*"Chilly Will/Rob Boo"*

Sunrise  
July 20, 1966

Sunset  
January 29, 2025

**Monday, February 10, 2025**

**Visitation: 3:00 PM**

**Funeral Service: 5:00 PM**

**Mortuary Beekeeper Funeral & Trade Services  
543 Rockdale Ave., 2nd Floor  
Cincinnati, OH 45229  
Pastor James Ira Fitzgerald, III - Officiating**

# Obituary

## A Life Well-Lived

William Robert (a.k.a. Chilly Will, a.k.a. Rob Boo) Banks passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025, at the age of 58, following a courageous battle with lung cancer that later led to brain cancer. Born on July 20, 1966, to Aurelia Banks and William Chapman, William lived boldly, unapologetically, and always on his own terms.

William was a man who embraced life with intensity and flair. His love for money was legendary—so much so that “Money, Money, Money, Money” could have been his theme song. He took immense pride in his possessions, always eager to show off his cars, jewelry, clothes, model cars, and airplanes. His confidence and enthusiasm were unmatched, and he moved through the world with a presence that was impossible to ignore.

A natural entrepreneur, William poured his energy into his ventures. He loved riding around with his family while listening to music through his two 15-inch speakers in the trunk—boom, boom, boom. He would show us the homes he was renovating and take us to visit his car cleaning business, Domies Car Cleaning System. He absolutely loved showing his family the progress of his ventures. He had an undeniable gift of gab, captivating anyone who crossed his path. His success followed him wherever he went, a testament to his relentless drive and ambition.

Beyond business, he found joy in spending time with his loved ones. He was always up for a game of chess or Uno and eating mounds of food—yet he could never gain a pound! Oh, how he cherished the moments shared with family and friends. He also participated in the National Junior Tennis League in his younger years and carried his competitive spirit throughout his life.

P.S. He loved watching *The Flintstones* and *Sanford and Son*. We recently found a DVD of *The Flintstones*—oh, the chuckle we had.

## A Legacy of Love

William was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Aurelia Banks; his sister, Kathy Cramer; and his brother, Nathalus Eugene Hughes.

He leaves behind a family who will forever hold him in their hearts:

His son, Davon Banks;

His sisters, Evette Aurelia Banks, Laurette Tinnise Banks, Kelvina Freeman (affectionately known as Sissy), and Belinda Anderson;

His uncles, Ed and Uhuru Watson;

His aunts, Beverly Watson, Helene Kramer and Bonnie Maiden;

His girlfriend, Patricia Orr;

His cherished dog, Neno Brown;

And a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

William’s loved ones extend their deepest gratitude for the support, love, and kindness shown during this difficult time. His spirit, charm, and larger-than-life personality will live on in the memories of all who knew him.

William Banks lived life loudly, proudly, and without regrets—a legacy that will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him.

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude/Processional  
Final Parting View.....Immediate Family  
Scripture Reading.....Tonya Thompson  
2nd Corinthians  
Prayer.....Pastor James Fitzgerald, III  
Musical Selection..... "See You Again"  
Wiz Khalifa (feat. Charlie Puth)  
Obituary Reading.....Nykeba Banks  
Personal Tributes.....Family and Friends  
Musical Selection....."The Storm is Over"  
R. Kelly  
Eulogy.....Pastor James Fitzgerald, III  
Musical Selection....."I Will Always Love You"  
Whitney Houston  
Closing Prayer  
Benediction  
Recessional

## Pallbearers

James Colegate  
Tahir Watson  
Anaiah Freeman  
Nykeba Banks  
Ayana Nujuma  
Amir Freeman  
Aaron Freeman



To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (KJV)

## Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Banks family, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and kind condolences we have received during this difficult time. Your heartfelt messages, warm embraces, and shared memories of William have provided us with great comfort and strength as we navigate our loss.

Each note, call, and gesture has reminded us of the profound impact William had on so many lives. We are humbled by your kindness and are truly grateful for the community that has embraced our family with open hearts. Thank you for honoring his legacy and for helping us celebrate a life that was full of passion, humor, and unwavering authenticity.

*The family of William Robert Banks*

### "His Journey's Just Begun"

By Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away—  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets—  
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days or years.

Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today,  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.



### Arrangements Entrusted to:

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