



Benjamin A Banning

August 15, 1928 - April 7, 2024

Benjamin A. "Ben" Banning, 95 of Pana, Illinois passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at his home in Pana surrounded by loving family. A Funeral Mass will be offered Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Pana with Father Joseph Havrilka officiating. Visitation will also be held Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home, Pana, Illinois. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Pana Township, Illinois. Memorials in honor of Ben Banning may be made to White House Retreat.

Benjamin A. "Ben" Banning was born Wednesday, August 15, 1928 in Taylorville, Illinois the son of Benjamin A. and Catherine Elizabeth (maiden name Durbin) Banning of Tower Hill, Illinois. He graduated from Tower Hill High School in 1946. Benjamin served in the United States Air Force in the Philippines and was Honorably Discharged in 1949. He married Florence "Jake" Jacob of Arcola at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Taylorville, IL on April 15, 1950. They were just shy of their 74th wedding anniversary. Ben worked for Peabody Coal Company for 41 years and retired as Mine Examiner in 1990 at age 62. Ben enjoyed his retirement and loved to fish. He enjoyed billiards, bike riding, sitting on his deck with a cup of coffee, crossword puzzles, visiting with family, circus peanuts, blue M&Ms, listening to Johnny Cash, and playing cards.

Ben and wife Florence (“Jake”) had 9 Children, 20 Grandchildren, and 24 Great-Grandchildren. Ben is survived by his wife “Jake” and Children: Judith Banning of Pana, Kenneth (Mary) Banning of Pana, Phil Banning (Cheryl Taylor) of Pana, Julia (Art) Thorpe of Pana, William Banning, Janet Walk of St. Louis, MO, and Richard (Lyn) Banning of Taylorville and Sisters: Ruth Kirkpatrick of Pana, and Margaret Hines of Washington, MO. He is preceded in death by Sons: Michael and Joseph Banning, Sons-in-Law: Roger C. Durbin and Karl R. Walk, Brother: John E. Banning (Miami, FL), and five Sisters: Geraldine Haines (Taylorville, IL), Karren Stanley (Los Angeles, CA), Rosemary Clayton (Dugger, IN), Teresa Purdue (Chippewa Falls, WI), and Joann Murphy (Beach Grove, IN).

Ben was a devoted member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church of Pana. He was an active member of the community and belonged to several organizations including the Moose, American Legion, and Knights of Columbus. He was a 4th degree Knight and served as a past Grand Knight for the Pana Council #896. Ben was awarded an honor for attending 50 years at White House Retreat in St. Louis. He had fond memories of trips to the Holy Land and Hawaii with his wife, Jake, and many fishing trips including to Ontario, Canada.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery, Pana

2207 W Rt 16
Pana, IL 62557

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kennedy & Sons, Funeral Directors
401 S. Locust Street
Pana, IL 62557
(217) 562-3959
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Mass of Christian Burial

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
301 S Locust Street
Pana, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors PC created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin A Banning



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - April 11, 2024 at 03:50 PM

MC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Mary Ann (Stein) Cilley - April 24, 2024 at 12:59 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.



Jerry and Chris Cothorn - April 21, 2024 at 06:56 AM

RR

“ Ken, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family

Roger Roth - April 12, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MR

“ On behalf of the Hadowsky Family, please accept our deepest sympathy.



Mary Hadowsky Rhodes - April 12, 2024 at 08:04 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - April 11, 2024 at 03:36 PM

SD

“ Our sympathies to the Banning family.
Tony & Susan (Beeson) Drockton



Susan Drockton - April 11, 2024 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ The Brown Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benjamin A Banning.



The Brown Family - April 10, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JD

“ *Condolences to the Banning Family*



James Denton - April 10, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin A Banning.*



April 10, 2024 at 10:03 AM

SD

“ *Sabrina & your team at Heartland Dental planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin A Banning.*

Sabrina & your team at Heartland Dental - April 10, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Benjamin A Banning.*



April 09, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Benjamin A Banning.*



April 09, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this..Sending condolences & prayer for his family..*



Marsha Hrabak - April 09, 2024 at 07:17 PM



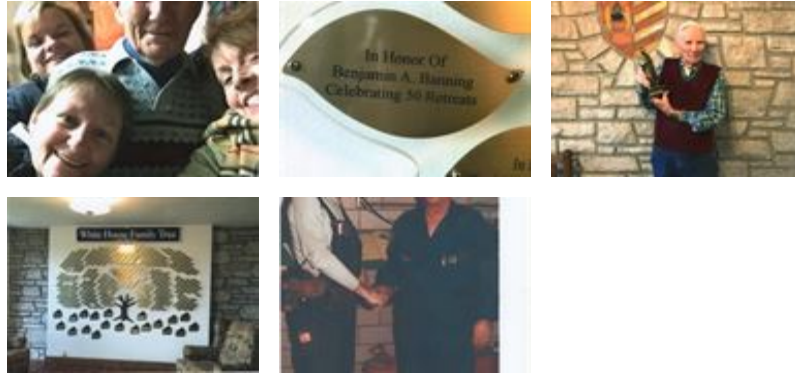
“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin A Banning.*



April 09, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - April 09, 2024 at 03:42 PM

SP

“ Steve & Gladys Purdeu purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Benjamin A Banning.



Steve & Gladys Purdeu - April 09, 2024 at 01:04 PM

SP

“ Steve & Gladys Purdeu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin A Banning.

Steve & Gladys Purdeu - April 09, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin A Banning.*



April 09, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Georgia, Hollie, Dawn, Minami, Karen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin A Banning.*

Georgia, Hollie, Dawn, Minami, Karen - April 09, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Michael Havrilka lit a candle in memory of Benjamin A Banning*



Michael Havrilka - April 09, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Chris French lit a candle in memory of Benjamin A Banning*



Chris French - April 09, 2024 at 09:00 AM

PS

“ *Pete Scherzer & Diane Scherzer lit a candle in memory of Benjamin A Banning*



Pete Scherzer & Diane Scherzer - April 08, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin A Banning.*



April 08, 2024 at 08:48 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Herbord lit a candle in memory of Benjamin A Banning*



Debbie Herbord - April 08, 2024 at 07:28 PM

MB

“ *Mindi B. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Benjamin A Banning.*



Mindi B. - April 08, 2024 at 06:38 PM