



## Thomas S. Banks

May 15, 1954 - May 31, 2019

Lt. Thomas S Banks, age 65. A 26 yr. veteran of the Chicago Fire Dept. died Fri. May 31 at Rush Medical Center of COPD. The Banks family business was firefighting. His father was retired Battalion Chief James Banks as was his brother Lt James Banks. Raised on Chicago's Northside he attended Gordon Tech High School where he was a lineman on the football team. Tom was an avid diver and sports fan. Tom started his career painting at Carson Pirie Scott and took that skill to California where he painted for Universal Studios. He returned from California to join the Chicago Fire Dept. in 1980. Tom spent his career at Squad 2, one of the busiest companies in the city. He also spent a year teaching at the Fire Academy. He retired from Squad 2 as a Lieutenant, lasting longer on the Squad than most firemen. Many said he was the best fireman they ever worked with, having been nominated for the Lambert Tree Award several times. He is preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Erickson Stoll; his father James; his brother Jimmy and brother Craig; and he is the fond brother of Laura and Richard. Tommy was a kind, generous [to a fault] soul who loved animals and the Cubs. He will be sorely missed by innumerable people but especially by bartenders and waiters who always received Tom's generosity. There will be a Celebration of Tom's Wild and Wacky Life at the Double Bubble, 6036 N Broadway, Chicago 2-5 on Sat. June 8. Bring all your warm and wonderful stories about Tommy.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

The Double Bubble  
6036 N. Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60660

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas S. Banks*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Tom,  
Remember fun times at the QFA and after parties! Never a dull moment! RIP!  
Cheri T*

**Cheri T** - June 08, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Tom was a great friend who always had my back. Thanks for the friendship and all the good times. Will never forget some of our spur of the moment trips( like jumping on plane with only the clothes on our backs and maybe \$60 to share) Tom miss you and i'll miss being cornered in a round room. Love you forever*

**larry swoboda** - June 08, 2019 at 08:06 AM



“ *My favorite memories of you was when you'd come by our house when I was a kid with your dog and you always wanted to order an XL pizza for us! We always laughed so much when you were around! Thanks for being a great friend to my dad! You'll be dearly missed by our family.*

*~ Emily Roche*

**Emily Roche** - June 06, 2019 at 01:41 PM

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“ When I see your picture, so many memories come flooding back-- crazy fun times at the Bubble, my sister Cathi, Tom Tentler and all that hung out during that time. Rest peacefully T. Banks.

*Patti Mackey*

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**Patricia Kelly** - June 06, 2019 at 11:16 AM

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“ Generous to a fault hits the nail on the head. Tommy was a Great guy. He will be missed by all his friends.

*Jim Frainey*

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**jim Frainey** - June 05, 2019 at 09:58 AM