

## **ED BANNING Pioneer, Entrepreneur, led a life of faith and service.**



TIA loses one of its founding members, James Edward Banning, formerly of Federalsburg, passed away on October 9, 2019 at Milford Hospice at the age of 81. Mr. Banning was born on Sept. 7, 1938 in Easton, MD, the son of the late Gilbert Alton Banning and Nora Mae Hastings Banning.

He was a graduate of Federalsburg High School, Class of 1956, and earned a business degree at Wesley College. He served in the Coast Guard and was an entrepreneur as he created many businesses, including Trinity Transport, now known as Trinity Logistics.

Ed and his wife, Deana, started Trinity in 1979. As a businessman, Ed drew his management style from the Bible. He treated others as he would want to be treated, including customers, carriers and team members. With a heart and focus on people and community, Ed started with two employees in 1979. Now, 40 years later, Trinity Logistics, which has consistently ranked in the Top 20 in Transport Topics has a nationwide presence with 9 Regional Service Centers and a network of over 100 Agents. The team attributes their amazing culture and success to the principles laid out by their founder Ed Banning.

Not only did Ed launch Trinity Logistics, he was also instrumental in starting Delmarva Teen Challenge in Seaford, a faith-based addiction facility which now has facilities for both men and women recovering from addiction. As well, he was involved with Love, INC which supports the homeless and neighbors in need in Sussex County, and gave the first seed money to start Delaware Family Policy Council. Ed's continued to support and mentoring of all these ministries and their leaders throughout the years. These are just a few organizations that you may recognize, but certainly not all the organizations Ed and Deana have made impacts on in their surrounding communities and to the Trinity family through the years.

Ed will be missed by his Trinity family and the TIA staff and membership. The impact Ed has made in both transportation and in his community will live forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew him.