

10-23-1974 Kern Co CA - Charles Banning - SO PSD Recovery Canal

Kern County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Charles J. Banning



Search and Rescue Volunteer Charles J. Banning drowned October 23, 1974 while engaged as a diver recovering a vehicle and drowning victim from a canal in the Delano area. Banning had recovered a victim from a submerged vehicle and had gone back to attach tow hooks to the vehicle. When he surfaced he indicated it was OK to remove the vehicle. He was seen to submerge and witnesses reported seeing no bubbles. He was recovered by a team member. Cause of death was a possible heart attack.

Charles J. Banning

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Birth: Apr. 19, 1937
Arkansas, USA

Death: Oct. 23, 1974
Kern County
California, USA

Kern County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Charles J. Banning drowned while a member of the dive team. He was attempting to recover a vehicle and another drowning victim from a canal in the Delano area.

He is honored at the California State Peace Officer Memorial in Sacramento, CA, and the National Peace Officer Memorial in Washington, D.C., Panel E-5, Line 42.

Burial:
Unknown
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Reserve Deputy Sheriff

Charles J. Banning

Kern County Sheriff's Department, California

End of Watch: Wednesday, October 23, 1974

Bio & Incident Details

Age: 37

Tour: Not available

Badge # Not available

Cause: Drowned

Reserve Deputy Charles Banning drowned attempting to recover a vehicle from a canal. He had recovered a body from the submerged vehicle and returned to the car to attach a tow hook. After surfacing an called to those on the bank to retrieve the car he suddenly went under again and failed to surface.

Two detectives immediately dove into the canal but could not locate him. His body was pulled from the canal by a special deputy a short time later.