



Fernando Bells, Sr.

December 5, 1968 - May 1, 2016

“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

On Sunday morning May 1, 2016, just as the moon was completing its nightly activities and preparing to exchange places with the sun, our God, who is always just and merciful, looked down from his celestial home and beckoned his son to come home.

Fernando Bells was born on December 5, 1968 to Percy Bells and Marietta Moore of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and accepted Christ at an early age. Fernando was educated in the Vicksburg Public School System and graduated from Vicksburg High School. After graduating, he enlisted with the United States Navy where he proudly served his country for 2 years and retiring in 2014 as PSI (First Class Petty Officer). While serving his country, Fernando recognized the value of having a sound education which prompted him to pursue an Associates of Applied Science in Business Management from Bryant and Stratton College (Richmond, VA), Bachelors of Science in Business Administration & Business Management from TUI University (Cypress, CA); MBE Executive Management Program from University of Richmond, Robins School of Business (Richmond, VA), and with three classes remaining, Fernando was pursuing a Masters of Arts in Human Resource Management, TUI University (Cypress, CA). He not only understood

the importance of his education, but also growing spiritually and having a church home. Therefore, he joined Mt. Enon Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained faithful until relocating to Virginia.

Fernando was affiliated and actively involved the St. Peter Masonic Lodge No.1 of Petersburg, Virginia Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, and U.S. Navy First Class Petty Officers Association.

He joined and became a faithful member of St. James Baptist Church, where he utilized his God-given gifts and talents to serve the people of God. He volunteered and served as coach of the St. James Baptist Church Christian Basketball Team and was a Board Member of the St. James Child Development Center. He also served as the Mentorship Program Coordinator for the St. Peters Masonic Lodge No.1 and Assistant Football Coach for the Hotchkiss Community Recreation Center.

Fernando fell in love and married La`Drena Davis on August 10, 2013. During the time they were married, he showered her with love and affection which was evident for everyone to see.

Fernando leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, La`Drena Davis-Bells, four daughters Dominique Bells, Taylor Jeter, Miona Bells, and Michaela Davis; two sons Joshua Davis and Fernando "Malik" Bells, Jr. Mother, Marietta Moore and Father, Percy Bells (Vicksburg, MS); Mother-in-law, Jennifer Simon (Philadelphia, PA); four sisters, Latoska Bells, Rashunda Hunter (Jeffrey), Tiffany Bells, and Tiffany Robinson; three brothers, Darfeis William (Katherine), Michael Gardner, and Wade Thomas; one brother who preceded him in death Percy DeWayne William; five aunts, Bertha Mixon (Jimmy) Vergie Hearn, Charlie Jean Walker, Elma William-Coleman (Carroll) and Stephanie Frink (Thomas); two uncles. Leon Williams and Darfeis

Williams; special fraternity brother and friend, Rev. Edmund T. Sherrill; three god- daughters, Naimah, Londyn and Logyn Moton; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

viewing

MAY 6. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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A Mason Ceremony

MAY 6. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Baptist Church
2169 New Market Road
Richmond, VA 23231

Tribute Wall



“ *Fernando Bells, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday Nando! You would be so proud of the young woman Taylor has grown up to be.*

Signed Sis in Law (your name for me)

Donna Jeter - December 05, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ *R.I.P.Fernando Love you always my friend and sweetheart. You will be missed and never forgotten hun.*



Diamond Queen - December 02, 2018 at 10:40 PM



“ *It's been a long time friend sense we seen each other I guess I will see you in that grand design in heaven my brother love you Demetric Brooks Sr*

welcome to rockos - August 30, 2016 at 07:21 PM

LG

“ We are sorry to hear about your loss and send our condolences.

*Hilda Gerald
Brinda Simmons
Sandra Smith
Latasha Gerald
The Smith Family*

Latasha Gerald - May 09, 2016 at 12:23 PM

TB

Thanks from the Bells family in Mississippi

Tiffany Bells - May 10, 2016 at 03:11 PM

AR

“ *Fernando may you R.I.P. my friend!! You left this earth too soon, but I know that God had other plans for you..... You are a true angel! You will be missed my brother!*



To the family: May you find strength and happiness during this difficult time. My prayers and sympathy are with you all.....

-Angela Robinson-

Angela Robinson - May 08, 2016 at 09:51 AM

TB

*Thanks
The Bells Family in MS*

Tiffany Bells - May 10, 2016 at 03:12 PM

MG

“ To Elma and family, Fernando (we called Nan) was such a wonderful and outgoing Gentleman! I knew him for so many years and he will be deeply missed. My prayers and blessings go out to Elma and Fernando's family to see them through the loss of Fernando. God Bless the Family!! Love Marcia Johnson Grim and Joseph Coleman



Marcia Johnson Grim - May 06, 2016 at 08:37 PM

TB

Thanks
The Bells Family in MS

Tiffany Bells - May 10, 2016 at 03:13 PM

LC

“ As friends of Fernando's aunt Elma, we are truly sadden, and send our heartfelt condolences to the family. May The Most High God comfort and sustain you all as you throw your burdens upon him during this difficult time. (Psalms 55:22



Lester and Frances Collier - May 06, 2016 at 11:56 AM

TB

Thanks
The Bells Family in MS

Tiffany Bells - May 10, 2016 at 03:13 PM

FD

“ From all your friends during your Roosevelt days purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Fernando Bells, Sr..



From all your friends during your Roosevelt days - May 06, 2016 at 01:38 AM

KH

“ Every single memory of Fernando is with him smiling and lighting up even the darkest of days on our deployments with the TR. He had such a beautiful heart and soul which I will always treasure. I will never be able to look at a coffee cup again without thinking of this great man! Heaven has truly gained a wonderful angel!

Kim Hoskins-Byram

Kim Hoskins-Byram - May 06, 2016 at 12:29 AM

TB

*Amen
Thanks
The Bells Family in MS*

Tiffany Bells - May 10, 2016 at 03:15 PM

SM

“ Sonji Morton lit a candle in memory of Fernando Bells, Sr.



Sonji Morton - May 06, 2016 at 12:12 AM

SM

“ Fernando made my days in Virginia Union a lot easier especially being away from home. He will always hold a special place in my heart. It's so hard to believe that he's gone but the good times that we shared will never be forgotten. May your soul and spirit rest in peace forever

Sonji Morton - May 06, 2016 at 12:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Fernando Bells, Sr..



May 05, 2016 at 04:44 PM

JR

“ My condolences to the family. Fernando was always acting like my big brother even though I am older. Appreciate all the times he watched out for me onboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt. He will truly be missed. Rest well my brother, your work was not in vain. To his wife, be encouraged and know it's okay to cry. Blessings! Judy Blue.



Jamaica Reid - May 05, 2016 at 03:52 PM

RN

“ Rachel Noel lit a candle in memory of Fernando Bells, Sr.



Rachel noel - May 05, 2016 at 11:32 AM

MM

“ To the family! I keep you in prayer.
To Bro. Fernando Bell, Sr. I will always keep you in Memory
Sis, Mary Martin Queen Martha Chapter #1

Mary Martin - May 05, 2016 at 10:55 AM

AJ

“ My condolences to the family, I will never forget how when I sent that SOS out for someone to dig my my out of the snow, within minutes he was asking for her address and working it out. I have never met such a kind and caring person other than his wife. Please count on me to help you in the future Ladrena and fam, Fernando is a beautifully spirited angel that will watch over you forever. Adriene Hall Johnson

Adriene Hall Johnson - May 05, 2016 at 10:04 AM

SW

“ SIS Gloria Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fernando Bells, Sr..



SIS Gloria Williams - May 05, 2016 at 09:53 AM

ST

“ Met Fernando in September of 2014. The icing on the cake was meeting his very sweet wife. He will certainly be missed. We weren't more than Facebook friends after the MBE class but him and his wife left an imprint in my life.



Shalawn Tucker - May 04, 2016 at 08:57 PM

RF

“ To the Bell family, God will restore. I was graced to get to know him at church and he was such a blessing for me. Do not worry about the little things, or if you will remember all the words he spoke to you. Remember the growth and wisdom that he imparted to you. And when you are unsure of where to go, and what to think meditate on this. Do your best to not feel guilty or shameful. James 1:5-6 -With Love

Rita Fields - May 04, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Fernando Bells, Sr..



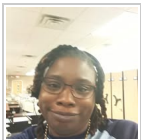
May 04, 2016 at 01:29 PM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Continue to look to the hills from whence cometh all our help.



Bradie and Lucy Frink - May 04, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ My brother in arms was a good man with a heart of gold. He kept our office laughing. A genuine gentleman. I will miss you big brother. Rest in peace and to your beautiful wife, The Theodore Roosevelt admin family is here for you.

Wanda Palmer - May 04, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - May 03, 2016 at 04:03 PM