



Joe L. Bell

July 19, 1940 - February 22, 2016

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Life, Love, legacy

Whereby God His infinite widow has called one of His children home, we the family graciously accept. "Forecast for today, 85 degrees and sunny

Joe "Poppy, Dada" Louis Bell, son of the late Thomas and Rosa Lee Bell. Was born on October 6, 1941, in Rocky Mountain, North Carolina. He departed this life on February 24, 2016 after a brief illness.

Joe was educated in Baltimore City Public School system. After attending Morgan State University for several years and employment at Sparrows Point and at Job Corps, he chose and pursued self - employment. As a self - employed businessman, Joe owned and operated several successful grocery store businesses and his own taxi cab, among other businesses, More recently, after retiring, he worked as a transportation Supervisor for the Crisco Rey Jesuit High School, a job he absolutely loved

A fun loving family man, Joe loved to travel with his wife, whom he affectionately referred to as Jeano. He would frequently leave the city without

telling anyone. Often on these occasions, their children would call each other asking “has anyone seen those old people,” only to realize that they were off on another one of their fun adventures. Before Google Maps and MapQuest, there was Joe Bell, the original navigator. He could direct you anywhere you wanted to go, no turn by turn directions or satellite was needed. Joe loved his Jeano to the moon and back. He will be waiting for his wife at heaven's Gate.

Joe touched numerous lives and became a father figure and role model to many. He often showed his love and affection by calling his friends and loved ones just to tell them how much he loved them. His favorite saying was, “I love you and there's nothing you can do about it” This he would regularly. Though expectantly, sing yo youngest brother, Robert Mack Bell. One of his proudest moments was participating in the swearing in ceremony when Mack was appointed to the Maryland Court of Appeals and his later designation as Chief Judge of that Court.

Poppy loved to cook and bake and he was always ready to pitch in and take charge of the house. He would say, “Dog Gone it!! a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do!” He was a sharp dresser, who loved to wear hats, When Poppy got dressed he turned heads.

Dada loving having conversations with his grandsons and, while enjoying their favorite Krispy Kreme donuts, teaching them about life and what it is to be man. This would often happen during their walks around Lake Montebello.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Jean Napoleon Bell, his loving children Denise Bagwell (Glenroy), Tozuni Fields, Scharbett Clark, JoAnn Harrison (James), Robin M. Bell, Robert Fields (Nina), Glenn Wright (Inez), his loving brother Robert Mack Bell, 17 grandchildren: Jahanne, Devin, LaKebra, Derrick, Luther, Asaad (Elina), Jessicia, Dione (Letitia) Darel,

Darius, Antonio, Amber, Robert, Laila, Joshua, Glenn II, Zonnie, 14 great-grandchildren: Tychelle, Jahanne Jr., Madeson, Mikayla, Deniyah, Devynn, Lauryn, Derrick Jr, Toni, Antonio, Dione Jr., Braelyn, Myla, Aliyah, sisters in law: Eveline Crittenden (William), Vanessa Douglas, Teela Merritt (late Herman),
brothers in law: Sylvanius Napoleon,

David Napoleon and Daryl Napoleon, countless nieces, nephew, and many family members and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his oldest brother, Ellison Bell his first wife Louise Bell and his mother in law Evelyn Napoleon.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works sand give glory to our Father who is in heaven”

Matthew 4:14-16

Dada would say, “its 85 degrees and sunny, don't worry about me. I'm okay.”

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 1. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAR 2. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

New Life Church
300 S. Highland Street
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joe L. Bell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Joe at Dunbar. I would run into him at Lexington market on occasion. I enjoyed knowing him. He was a gentleman.*

Marian Hopkins Parker

Marian Hopkins Parker - March 03, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ *Hello! Bell's. I. would like to express my condolences. to you all.losing a dear love one breaks the circle of Life.One thing is for sure our heavenly cares so much for you all and will some do something about it as the bible says at Rev 21:3-4. My the days ahead. Be filled. With the many cherish times to gather.*

lillian crosby - March 02, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ *My God bless the Bell Family, Mr.Joe was a great man, he was always friendly to me and always had a kind word to say to me and my family. He will truly be missed.*

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joyce vazquez - March 01, 2016 at 04:55 PM

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“ *May god bless the Bell Family, Uncle Joe was a good person to me and my daughter Bree.*

Pudden and family.

joyce vazquez - March 01, 2016 at 04:46 PM

MW

“ *Help is on the way, Mr. Bell was a great friend we will miss him truly. God has a place in his heart for the family and i send my deepest prayers to you all. You are truly blessed. Mr. & Mrs. Michael C. White Sr.*

Michael C white - February 29, 2016 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise in the Bible, to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.*

Greene Family - February 29, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *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 - February 29, 2016 at 10:21 AM