



Robert Morton Bell Jr.

July 31, 1956 - March 24, 2017

Robert “Bobby” Morton Bell, Jr. was born on July 31, 1956 at St. Phillip Hospital to the late Louise Taylor Bell and Robert Morton, Sr. He was called home to the pearly gates of heaven on March 24, 2017.

He received his former education in the Richmond Public Schools. He excelled in football at Armstrong High School receiving a full scholarship to Wake Forest University. There he majored in Art History, from which grew a lifetime career of numerous paintings, many of which were displayed through the City of Richmond.

Robert was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 10 at Mount Olive Baptist Church in South Richmond, Virginia, where he was a faithful member of the Youth Choir, Vacation Bible School and Boys Scouts of America. He was united in marriage to Ella Mae James on June 30, 1990. He worked with the Department of Corrections and with the Richmond Sheriff Department. He and his father started a trucking company, “Robert M. Bell Hauling” which later led to a career in long distance truck driving. In order to spend more time with his family, Robert left his career on the road and started a restaurant with his wife. He enjoyed decorating and designing speciality cakes. He also had a passion for fishing and teaching his children how to drive.

The Civil War ERA intrigued him and he was a very loyal Redskin's fan. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, George Carrington III. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Ella J. Bell; three daughters, Virnita B. Carrington, Michelle James-Norman (John) and Pamela Adams; son, Timothy Eaton; three grandchildren, Virshon Carrington, Rochella and Tiana Smith; one great-grandson, George Carrington, IV; sister, Louetta Bell Martin; sisters-in-law, Emma Allen, Laverne Willis, Mable Dickerson and Renay James; brother-in-law, Jimmie James; a host of nieces, two devoted, Cherrie Martin and Tamra Martin; nephews, cousins, and extended family, Marcus Bell and Jovonne Wiggins; devoted friends, Elbert Grinnell, Michael Morgan, Lavon Ivy, and many other friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAR 30. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reuben A Turner lit a candle in memory of Robert Morton Bell Jr.* ”



Reuben A Turner - October 12, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ *Robert Morton Bell Jr.* ”

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JS

“ To the entire Robert Bell family, you have my love and prayers. I met Bobby through my cousin Elbert Grinnell. Bobby was genuine, funny and positive during our talks. He could be stubborn when I suggested ideas that would alleviate some of his discomfort. He was polite and listened because I was just as stubborn (smile) before our visits ended.



He did not want to ask for help when he needed it or be an inconvenience and he was the patient! I would let him know, you are not a problem, you are trying to get better to be discharged. His courage was unyielding through it all, he was a champion.

I visited and spoke with him numerous times during his health challenges and he endured to the end with grace. God knows what is best for all and called Bobby to rest. May you all continue in unity, love and God's strength. God Bless Your memory, Bobby.

Love,
Jackie

Jacqueline T Snow - April 02, 2017 at 10:40 PM

JT

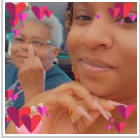
“ TO A FELLOW REDSKINS FAN.WE HAD GOOD TIMES IN THE SHERIFF DEPT WORKING AND OFF TIMES.HE WAS A FUNNY GUY.HE WILL BE MISSED.I HAVENT SEEN BIG MAN IN LOTS OF YEARS,BUT SEEM IT HASNT BEEN THAT LONG WITH A FRIEND SHIP HE ALWAYS HAD.GOD BE WITH THE FAMILY WITH COMFORT.

JOHN THOMAS - March 31, 2017 at 11:07 AM

AT

“ To The Family of Our Classmate Mr Robert Bell: Continue to trust in the Lord and he will guide your steps for days to come we will miss our classmate. Armstrong class of 1975

Alvin C Trent - March 31, 2017 at 05:26 AM



“ We had a great time in Baraboo! You will be missed!

Renay James - March 29, 2017 at 04:29 PM

BC

“ Robert jr. will be missed. Watch him grow .
Use to tease him and run, he never could catch me.

Basie Saunders (first cousin) - March 29, 2017 at 09:35 AM

KH

“ Mr. Bobby was a great neighbor and a funny person. I will miss our porch conversations!

Keisha R. Harris - March 28, 2017 at 06:13 PM

LJ

“ I have so many memories with Bobby I can not even began,ALL GOOD.We first met over 20 years ago in tractor trailer school in richmond then we went to dayton ohio for week in training.That was one of the best weeks of my life, never forget,we roomed together.stayed up all night watching tv,then fell asleep in class. Iloved him as a brother always in my heart.I CALLED HIM BIG GUY,BIG DEAL, AND THE NEXT BIG THING.His truck handle was HORSEFLY and i was LITTLE KING.Rest in PEACE MY BROTHER YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART,LOVE YA. Lafayette Green JR,LITTLE KING.I am praying for you all ELLA, WE HAD SOMEONE SPECIAL.

Lafayette GREEN, Jr - March 28, 2017 at 03:45 PM

JB

“ Bell will be missed by us. James Boyd and Janet Boyd. We pray God's peace upon you all. We love you and praying for you all. James & Janet

James Boyd - March 27, 2017 at 05:54 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 - March 27, 2017 at 01:05 PM

RT

I was deeply sadden to hear about the loss of my friend and teammate Bobby Bell. Unfortunately, we lost contact with each other over the years. Robert "Bobby" Bell was one of the most talented and gifted people to bless us with his presence. Bobby was an accomplished singer, dancer, and artist. God truly blessed Bob with superior athletic skill and natural talent. As member and lead singer of Bobby Bell and the Triple Option, he could sing and perform every type of music. Bobby was a talented athlete while in college. If the coaches had given him half of a chance, Bob could have been a superstar during his stint at Wake Forest. Bob continues to live through his artwork in Huffman Dorm at Wake Forest University. Bobby you will be Missed but never forgotten...Peace and Blessings...My Brother. R.A.T

REUBEN TURNER - May 01, 2019 at 09:21 AM

RT

Gone but never forgotten...!

Reuben A Turner - October 12, 2025 at 03:21 PM