



Mr. James Russell Bell

August 14, 1936 - May 22, 2026

James Russell Bell was born in Martin County, NC on August 14, 1936. He was the 2nd child of the late Pollie and Jessie Bell. He was known to family as Russell and to the grandkids as Papa.

In 1959, he met Mazine Wright Bell and married on August 8, 1964, in Washington DC. To this union was the blessing of one son, Alexander.

James worked on a farm in North Carolina and drove a county school bus. After leaving North Carolina, he worked at Georgetown University as a cook and waiter, and later on Capitol Hill as an elevator operator. He then attended trade school and became a boiler mechanic at Pepco, where he retired in May 1998 after 30 years of service.

He volunteered his time to the Lamond Riggs Community, with different Mayor campaigns for Washington DC, and continued to help with community activities. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, casinos, horse racing, attending church, and spending time with family.

He leaves behind one son, Alexander Bell and daughter-in-law Jennifer Bell. Two grandkids, Quinton Bell and Miles Bell, and 4 sisters, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

1300 Bladensburg Road, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
320 21st Stret, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *Mr. Bell we just spoke 2 Saturdays ago when I was at the house never thought that would be the last time. Rest well*

Melanie Johnson - June 03 at 02:47 PM

JJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers extend to all of you who are faced with the displeasure of losing a loved one to our worst enemy called Death. However, ITS stated in GODS word the bible that the very first humans were created to live only on this earth, and created perfect with the ability to live forever without any pain or sickness or death. but because mankind made that decision to disobey GODS Laws their perfect life and all those born after them would be cut short. However, or loving heavenly father and his son decided to make changes according to 2PETER 3/13 and PSALM 37/10/11 it states that soon only righteous people including all those that have passed away will be given the opportunity to live forever on a restored paradise earth. My hope is to be there and i hope you all will be there also, thanks.*

Joseph Jones - June 01 at 02:46 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - May 27 at 08:36 AM