

CELEBRATING THE *Life* OF
William Bell

January 17, 1949 - July 28, 2020

Wake: 10:00 AM

Service: 10:30 AM

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Pastor James Lukes- Eulogist

Elder Natasha Watts- Officiant

Gaines Funeral Home

5386 Lee Road. Maple Heights, OH 44137

Order of Service

The Processional

The Closing of the Bier

Opening Prayer

Pastor James Lukes

Old Testament Reading

Minister Charles Battles

New Testament Reading

Selection

Reading of Obituary

Read Silently

Resolutions & Acknowledgements

Ms. Carlotta Rhym

Selection

Elder Dave Gulley

Remarks (2 minutes)

Special Friend

Pastor Leon Robinson Sr.

Mr. Everett Bell Jr.

Eulogy

Pastor James Lukes

Recessional

Mr. William Bell, 71, of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, as a result of a long battle with heart complications. During his illness and death, he was surrounded by his family and loved ones.

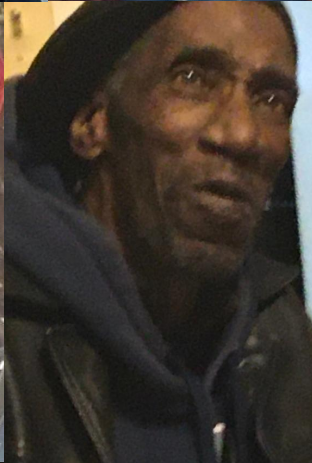
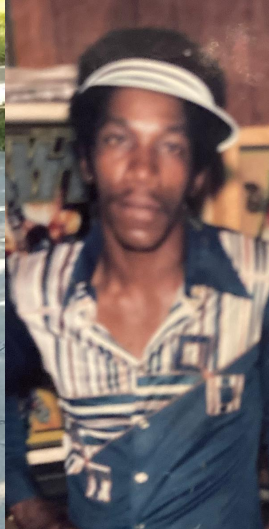
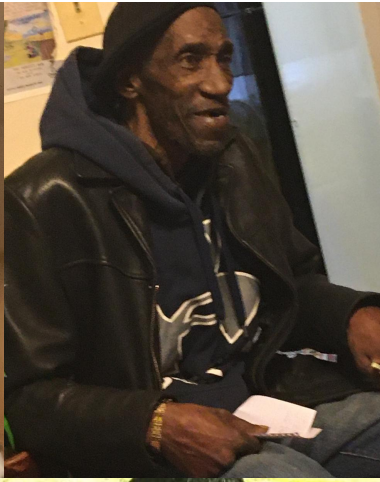
William was born on January 17, 1949, to Everett Bell Sr. and Verna Clara (Jackson) Bell, in Love, Mississippi. William was the firstborn of eleven children. He received his formal education through the Detroit Public School System, and after the completion of his formal education, William found employment in Detroit, Michigan at Bonner Supermarket and Chrysler-Dodge Automobile Manufacturers. He eventually moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and was employed with N & L Steel until his retirement.

If you knew William, you knew that he thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was favored by his loved ones because he was extremely loving, very caring, and generous-- especially to his nieces and nephews. William had a sharp memory and a keen sight for details. He was very knowledgeable of many subjects, and he would be willing to debate anyone who questioned him, especially on topics related to history and politics. William was outspoken and always wanted to have a good time--he was the true life of the party! If you sat around him long enough, you would hear him singing and humming the "Motown Sounds", amongst his favorites were songs by The Temptations and Smokey Robinson. When he wasn't doing any of those things, William could be found reading the local newspaper, watching the news or western classics, and watching and discussing sports. William was a true sports enthusiast but was especially a fanatic of baseball, basketball, and boxing. He loved watching, discussing, and debating "the greatest men to ever do it" which included George Gervin, Julius Erving, and Muhammed Ali.

In the latter years of his life, William accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord & Savior. William was blessed to be under the spiritual guidance of the late Mother Lottie M. McCoy, Senior Pastor of Sharon Pentecostal Church of God.

William is preceded in death by his father, Everett Bell Sr.; his mother, Verna Clara (Jackson) Bell; his sister, Mary Carroll; and brother, Darnell Bell. He leaves to cherish his memory, His daughter, Stacy Simpson. His siblings- Martha, Everett, Annette, Doris, Stanley, Carlotta, Kollida, and Haver "Mike". His grandchildren- Stacey Thomas, Wayne Johnson, and Armani Wheeler. His memory will also be cherished by his 2 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended relatives, and friends.

William Bell



Family



Poem

When I come to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room

Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little-but not too long

And not with your head bowed low

Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me-but let me go

For this is a journey that we all must take

And each must go alone.

It's all part of the Master's plan

A step on the road to home

When you are lonely and sick of heart

Go to the friends we know

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds

Miss me but let me go.

Special Thanks To:

Pastor James Lukes & God's Will Church

Elder Natasha R. Watts

Elder Dave Gulley

Minister Charles Battles

Dr. Vijay Rastogi & Cleveland Clinic Staff

Suburban Healthcare & Rehab

Gaines Funeral Home

Acknowledgements

As we mourn the loss of our dear beloved Father, Brother, Uncle, Cousin and Friend, our hearts are heavy with many emotions. Sorrow in missing him, joy in knowing his suffering has ended, gratitude for the time we were blessed to have him in our lives, and hope in knowing we will one day see him again.

We will miss his infectious smile and laughter, the holidays, birthdays, and all the special moments spent with him.

To all extended family and friends we love you dearly and appreciate you for all your love, support and kind heartfelt expressions of sympathy, and for the comfort they bring.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 8:7

Honorary Pallbearers

Everett Bell Jr.

Andre Bell

Jerry (Kool) Carroll

Haver (Mike) Rhym

John Paul Robinson

Leon Robinson Sr.

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Interment

Highland Park Cemetery

21400 Chagrin Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44122

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

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