

Pallbearers

Arthur Lee Wells III Terrance F. Wells Albert Wells [Honorary]
Perry Donaldson Sr. André Wells Jr. Ian Donaldson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war; and a time of peace.

Family Gratitude

The family would like to take this time to express our sincere gratitude to our family and friends and the entire Second Baptist Church Family for all the love, support, prayers and kindness shown. We appreciate you so much. Blessing to you all. The Wells Family

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Resting In Peace

Until That Great Day

Arthur Lee Wells Jr.

April 23, 1940

December 1, 2020



Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Second Baptist Church

24828 Fillmore Road • South Bend, Indiana 46619

Pastor André Wells Sr., Officiant

One Journey Ends, Another Begins

Arthur Lee Wells Jr., 80, of South Bend, Indiana was born on April 23, 1940, to the late Mattie Mae (Hymon) Wells and Arthur Lee Wells Sr. in Drew, Mississippi.

Arthur served in the United States Army, where he was honorably discharged. After working several manufacturing jobs, he decided to exercise his entrepreneurial spirit and opened a clothing store in downtown South Bend, a pool hall on the southeast side of South Bend, and bought several properties in the South Bend area, among other business ventures.

Arthur is known for his high IQ (once testing at a score of 140) and sarcastic sense of humor that would often catch people off-guard. He also had a gift for words of wisdom, quick wit, and interesting sayings. When asked how he was doing he would often say, "Fair for a square, po' for a pro!" Arthur was a fearless and courageous man with a quick temper that was balanced by his kind heart. He would often give food and money to those less fortunate and has been known to literally give the shirt off his back and the shoes off his feet.

Arthur loved music and in his younger years played bass as a member of a "garage band" that included several of his close friends. Some of his favorite recording artists included Al Green, Marvin Gaye, the Isley Brothers, Sly Stone, Parliament, and Bootsy. Arthur was legendary for being fiercely protective of the people he cared about and loved. Often going to great lengths to ensure that no harm would come to them. Any perceived threats were taken care of at once. Arthur leaves to cherish his memory, the "love of his life," Pearl, with whom he had eight children: Jannifer (William) Crittendon, Beverly (Perry) Donaldson, Arthur Lee Wells III, Terrance Wells, Andre (Allison) Wells, Debera (Marc) Hepburn, Cassandra Wells, and Tasha Wells. Children born into other relationships include Darlene (Michael) Wells-Franklin and Karla (Brian) Wells-Jackson. Also cherishing his memory are his siblings: Rosie (Virgil) Moore, Wiley Wells, Delores (Archie) Brown, and Albert Wells. Additionally, are special friends Mary Russell and Linda & Arthur "Sonny" Bell; as well as a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding him in death are his parents Arthur and Mattie; and Brothers Frank, Aaron, and Andrew. Arthur was deeply loved by his family, relatives, and friends and will be greatly missed.

The Order of Service

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 • 12:00 p.m.

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Processional.....Clergy and Family
Prayer..... Clergy

Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading Clergy
New Testament Reading Clergy
Solo Lenet Thomas
Remarks Family Members

Acknowledgments/Condolences/Resolution/The Obituary
Solo Lenet Thomas
Eulogy Pastor André Wells Sr.
RecessionalClergy, Family, and Friends

Psalms 23:6(b)

"...and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."



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