



Jim E. Bell

May 23, 1949 - May 4, 2018

Services for Jim E. Bell, 68, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Stake Center, Bullard, Texas with Bishop Sam Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Jim passed away suddenly on Friday, May 4, 2018 at his residence. He was born May 23, 1949 in Columbus, Ohio to Bill and Dorothy Virginia Anderson Bell.

Jim was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was a Gold Star Father, participated with the Copperhead Row Car Club, and was active in genealogy research. He loved helping others and giving service. Jim spent his working years as business manager for KNUE and other radio stations, then transitioned to Broadcast Works, and finished his career at East Texas Communities Foundation. However, his favorite job was being "Pappy" at Pappy's Pumpkin Patch; he loved sharing the farm with others. His family deemed him the "official" Blue Bell Ice Cream Taste-Tester (vanilla only!).

Jim was preceded in death by his daughter, Regina Ruth Bell; his son, 1SG Russell Ryan Bell; and his grandson, Naythan Matthew Bell. He is survived by his loving family, including wife, Elizabeth "Liz" Bell; children, Matthew (Emily) Bell, LaToya Bell, Mike (Cindy) Bell, Andrea (Greg) Baird; and 11

grandchildren. Jim was part of a large family, including siblings Barb (Doug) Bradley, Sharon (Richard deceased) Gleason, Bill (Rhonda) Bell, Lee (Patty) Bell, Joyce (Art) Thureau, Marilyn (Bob) Foos, and Bob (Geneva) Bell, and countless friends that were considered family.

Jim will be greatly missed; his joy and laughter touched so many. As a child, he overcame his battle with polio, and was able to do so much with just one arm. He was a great example to others, and his legacy will continue to live on in the lives of those that knew him.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Children's Park of Tyler through their website: www.childrensparktyler.com or by mail: 5380 Old Bullard Road, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
23000 CR 145
Bullard, TX 75757

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I only met Jim a few times at family gatherings, but he welcomed me as if I was part of the family. His sister, Barbara, has included me into her clan for the past 30 years and I feel so blessed to be treated as part of her family. Jim was the sweetest person and I will miss talking with him at these family parties. My love and sympathy goes out to the entire family.

Karen Peters - May 12, 2018 at 05:15 AM

RB

“ My cousin who I loved with all my heart, gonna miss the "crazy" post on Facebook. Yesterday I received so many hints on Ancestry regarding the Bell family, did you have anything to do with that Jim ? Who will I go to now for expert advice. I send my condolences to all family and friends. My heart is broken.

Ruth E. Bell-Wicks - May 11, 2018 at 03:03 PM

TB

“ My Uncle Jim was a great man. He was funny, outgoing and always there to support you when you needed it. You will be dearly missed but I know the family took you home to heaven for some reason we all won't have the answer for, until we are all reunited together.

Travis Bell - May 10, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JT

“ My brother Jim was a positive person with a kindness most people don't have the privilege of experiencing. His smile was catching and you couldn't help smiling back when around him. I had so much fun as a child with him as we ran around the neighborhood seeking adventures. There are so many Bell stories that we have shared over the years with friends and family that they were requested at most family gatherings.

I miss my brother already. I pray that our heavenly father Yahweh blesses and helps each family member through the grieving process.

Joyce

Joyce Thurau - May 08, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Jim E. Bell.



May 07, 2018 at 10:35 AM

SP

“ Liz and family, I only knew Jim briefly, but I know how hard it is to lose a family member, father, and loved one. I wish you peace and comfort at this time. I know our loved ones are not far away, we may not touch or see them, but you can feel their presence as they watch over you from heaven. So sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathy and love sent your way.

Sheri Perkins - May 06, 2018 at 12:38 PM