



Thomas Edward Bell, Sr.

July 3, 1936 - November 3, 2013

Thomas Edward Bell, Sr. left us peacefully to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at Bradford Oaks Physical Rehabilitation Facility. He was born on July 3, 1936 to Ruth N. Owens in High Point, NC. Thomas attended and graduated from William Penn High School in High Point NC. After which he joined, and served honorably in the US Army. Thomas continued his education at Johnson C. Smith University where he received his B. A. in journalism. He also met love of his life, Delcenia "Del" Davison. He went on to earn his master's degree at the University of Michigan also in journalism. After school, Thomas served as a Social Science Program Manager OJJDP in the U.S. Department of Justice. He worked for the Federal Government for over 33 years before his retirement in 2000. He was a lifetime member of the Prince Hall Masons, ultimately achieving Shriner. He was also an active life member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Thomas was a deacon and served on the advisory council at New Hope Baptist Church of Prince George's County, Maryland. Thomas and Del were together for over 45 years, and were married for 41 years prior to her passing in 2003. Thomas' life's passions were to love and to provide for his wife, son and twin daughters. His greatest joy was spending time with his granddaughter, Taylor, especially the time spent together during their "sleepovers." Thomas is survived by his son, Thomas "Eddie" Bell, Jr.; daughter, Tania Yvonne Bell (Jacquelyn); brother, Daniel Clarence Bell, Jr. (Nellie) of Jamestown, NC; granddaughter, Taylor Yvonne DiNovo-Bell (Vostina DiNovo, mother); sisters-

in-law, Della Sullins of Tuskegee of AL and Dorothy Johnson of Auburn, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close family friends. Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Delcenia; daughter, Sania Bell-Childress; and sister, Beverly Boyd.

Tribute Wall

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“ AZALEA PLANT - When in season was sent by Frank L. Joe, Jr., Asst. Treasurer. The Brothers of the 1906 Investment Club will miss your leadership and dedicated service as President. May God bless and Keep your family during this time of their greef.
Brothers: A. Allen, F. Joe, J. Melton, and J. Smith

Frank L. Joe Jr - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ Eddie, May God provide you and your family enough strength to face this difficult time. Although no words can really help ease the loss you bear, just know that you and your Dad are very close in my thoughts and prayers.

Louise Lucas - January 23 at 02:48 PM

JJ

“ Bell Family,

We extend to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of Tommy. He will be missed by all,

Jim and Annie Jett
High Point, NC

Jim and Annie Jett - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ Tommy was a very loving and proud father and I am sad to know of his passing. We have not seen each other since one the Pointers reunions, I did speak with him after the passing of one of my best friends, Beverly during her passing. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Brenda Robbins and family.

BRENDA ROBBINS - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ Eddie, I was so sorry to hear about the lost of your father and I will always remember him as being kind, a gentle giant, and very family oriented. During my many years of working with him at the Department of Justice, we tackled many issues, solved some problems, and made a dent in improving the operation of the criminal justice system.

Since I have relocated to Alabama, I was sorry that I was not able to attend his service, but I am sure that it was wonderful and fitting for the kind of person Tom was in life. Weep not for him; I know he has a new home with peace in heaven.

May God continue to comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time.

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“ *To my Uncle,
May you rest in eternal peace with our loved ones in Heaven. Now
you can rejoice with all of the other's that have gone on before you.
Although we were in different cities, you were well loved by all of
your family here in North Carolina. Peace and Blessings!*

Love,

Michelle D. Alston & Family (Daughter of Beverly A. Bell)

Michelle D. Alston - January 23 at 02:48 PM