



Rev. Doctor D. Frank Bell Sr.

August 29, 1932 - March 29, 2021

Reverend Doctor Dallas Frank Bell, Senior went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, at his home. Dr. D. Frank Bell was born in Toccoa, Georgia on August 29, 1932. Frank served honorably as a Corporal in the United States Air Force where he worked guarding B-36 bombers carrying nuclear weapons. He met a Tech Sergeant by the name of Una M. Gay whom he married in Puerto Rico on December 7, 1955. Dr. Bell earned degrees from North Greenville University, Carson-Newman University, University of Georgia, East Tennessee State University, and Luther Rice Seminary. He taught at Edwina, Hartford, and Cosby Schools. Rev. Bell served as pastor of Webb Baptist Church for more than 50 years. Frank is preceded in death by his wife Una M. Bell; his parents, Willis and Corine E. Smith Bell; his siblings, Rev. Alton F. Bell, Rev. Fred W. Bell, and Freda L. Bell Parker; his son Joel Fred Bell; and his daughter-in-law Vida Ivy Bell. Frank is survived by his children, Dallas Frank Bell, Jr. (Janice), John Alton Bell, Daniel Mark Bell (Sharon), Linda Coral Bell Meeks (Marty), Rebecca Grace Bell Hunter (Rex); his grandchildren, John Luke Bell, Meredith Bell, Alicia Datzman (Alex), Jenna Bell Layrock (Cedric), Kayla Bell, Trevia Berry (Larry), T.J. Meeks (Becky), Sam Meeks, Mickey Meeks, Hannah Hunter, Thomas Hunter (Elizabeth), and Carmen Hunter; and his great-grandchildren Grace Datzman; Jazlin and Chaztin Layrock; Makiland, Kourtland, and Ashland Bell; Justin, Jon, and Joanna Berry; Luke and Lydia

Meeks; Cameron, Leah, Lani, Braden, Ava, and Carter-Lee Meeks and Eric Schrimsher (Priscilla). Family and friends may drop by and sign the register book for Rev. Dr. D. Frank Bell on Friday, April 2nd starting at 2:00 PM at Manes Funeral Home Chapel with a memorial service at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Webb Baptist Church, 335 Wilton Springs Rd, Newport, TN 37821.

There will be a luncheon at Webb Baptist Church at 12:00 noon Saturday, April 3, 2021.

Per CDC please practice safe social distancing and masks are highly recommended.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Doctor D. Frank Bell Sr.*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - April 01, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *Rev. Doctor D. Frank Bell Sr.*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Preacher Bell touched my life in so many ways. He was a great man with great compassion and comfort for me in times of need. He will be greatly missed by many people. My condolences to the family.*

Margo Valentine - April 08, 2021 at 01:32 AM



“ *Preacher Bell always made me smile every time I saw him, that's because he always had a smile. I pray for God to comfort your hearts. I am so blessed to have known him*

Denise Carrell - April 03, 2021 at 05:27 PM

PP

“ My heart goes out to the family. Its hard when you lose such an important part of the family. He truly left a legacy to his family and everyone around him too. Patricia "Conard" Phillips

Patricia Phillips - April 03, 2021 at 01:03 PM

CW

“ Dr. Bell was our school teacher at Cosby High. He was fun and always smiling. He married my husband and I in 1974 and we redone our 25 th anniversary with preacher bell again. I once seen him few weeks ago and he ask me if we were going do the 50th anniversary I said if we are all here. He laughed and hugged me. Gonna miss him. He's in heaven with wife and son , thank you Lord. By carol and gay Williamson

Carol williamson - April 03, 2021 at 12:08 AM

JR

“ When I think of dear Preacher Bell,I think of someone of great character, gentle spirit,generous, loving and very Godly man.Cocke County suffered a great loss when he left here to go to his heavenly home. My family and I loved him dearly and he will never be forgotten



June Holt Russell - April 02, 2021 at 01:17 PM

MG

“ Preacher Bell was a huge part of our family. He will be missed. Our children was Baptized and Wed by him. He will be missed Prayers for the immediate families and his huge church family.

M/M Larry Gray - April 02, 2021 at 12:55 PM

KV

“ *Condolences to the Bell family and Webb Baptist Church. We love you all.*

Tony & Karen Valentine

karen valentine - April 02, 2021 at 12:09 PM

AW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Alvin Watts - April 02, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JR

“ *Sorry for your loss.He will be missed by many.Thoughts an prayers for the family!!
Love Janie Fine Rankins*



janie rankins - April 01, 2021 at 07:07 PM

AB

“ *With deepest sympathies and lots of love my prayers are with all of you. Angela*



Angela Branyon - April 01, 2021 at 04:21 PM



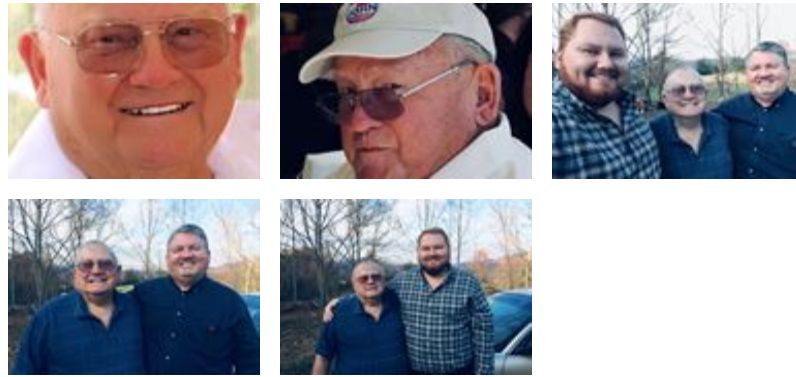
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Doctor D. Frank Bell Sr..



April 01, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ 128 files added to the album Life Tributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - April 01, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ There are no words that can take away the heartbreak when you lose someone you love. I pray that God will give you strength and comfort in each other in the upcoming days and months ahead. I am so sorry for your loss. Rest In Peace Preacher Bell. God please be with this family that we all love soooo much. 🙏💔💔💔



Susie O'Dell - April 01, 2021 at 12:02 PM

AG

“ Prayers for comfort during this time.
Gary and Angie Gentry

Angie Gentry - April 01, 2021 at 10:00 AM

TF

“ The Bush Family purchased the Serene Retreat
for the family of Rev. Doctor D. Frank Bell Sr..



The Bush Family - April 01, 2021 at 08:33 AM

PK

“ I am very sad to hear the news of Preacher Bell's passing. I will be praying for the family during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of attending church at Webb Baptist. The greatest of all was being saved in the 1974 Vacation Bible School, and later being baptized in the Cosby Creek at the Sycamore!! I am comforted to know of the reunion in Heaven with Mrs. Bell, Joel, and Vida!!

Your friend,

Phillip Keller

Phillip Keller - April 01, 2021 at 06:50 AM

CO

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Preacher Bell: as a boy he was our pastor at Union Baptist Church, as a teenager he was my Freshman English teacher, and as an adult he was a beloved family friend. In all those roles, his wonderful sense of humor, his fantastic story telling and his ability to see the good in any and everybody remained constant. He was an icon in our community and his passing leaves a hole that will never be filled.

Charles Owens

Charles Owens - March 31, 2021 at 04:31 PM

VB

“ A gentleman who was a good neighbor and friend to the Butler family. We always appreciated Dr. Bell's ministry and his willingness to serve others. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to all family and loved ones.

Larry and Vickie Butler

Vickie Butler - March 31, 2021 at 04:28 PM

RG

“ Wonderful man always enjoyed talking to him sending love and many prayers to the family



Ron and Debbie Rollins Greene - March 31, 2021 at 03:01 PM

SW

“ *Tim, Stephanie, and Carly Ann Williams*

Stephanie Williams - March 31, 2021 at 02:48 PM

JS

“ *Preacher Bell was many things to me growing up. He was my neighbor, my Preacher growing up, my teacher in high school, and later he married myself and Charles. He always teased us over the years" I guess those vows took, huh". We love Preacher Bell and will be praying for all the family.*

Joyce Slagle - March 31, 2021 at 02:08 PM

LH

“ *Prayers!*



Louise & Jimmy Hux - March 31, 2021 at 01:22 PM

RF

“ *Preacher Frank Bell was a great man and played an important role in my life. He was one of my teachers and even my boxing instructor. His children were some of my best friends growing up. But by far his most important accomplishment was his tireless work for the Kingdom of God. He was a wonderfully effective preacher in the pulpit but he worked for the Kingdom every where he went. There are a lot of people who are going to be with him in heaven because of his influence. I doubt that there is another person in Cocke County who has touched more hearts and lives than he did. He was always happy but I know that he is far happier now that he is with his Lord. His was a life well lived and an example for us all.*

Randall and Sandra Fish

RANDALL FISH - March 31, 2021 at 10:52 AM

PM

“ Always enjoyed listening to him on the radio. God bless each of you.

Pam Moore - March 31, 2021 at 08:58 AM

JD

“ I loved talking to Doctor "Preacher" Bell. He was always encouraging and excited talking about his Lord and Savior. I shall miss him.

Jimmy Dunn - March 31, 2021 at 08:12 AM

CT

“ Linda

Deepest condolences to you and your family. Sending prayers of comfort and strength at this time.

Chesy Thomas

Chesy Thomas - March 31, 2021 at 07:41 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Teresa Stephenson - March 30, 2021 at 04:42 PM

CB

“ Our condolences to the family of Frank Bell. Prayers

Connie & Marsha Ball - March 30, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Doctor D. Frank Bell Sr..*



March 30, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *Fondly remembering Preacher Bell, a delightful man with a joyful, soaring sprit. He was so loved and respected. Prayers for the family today and the difficult days ahead.*
Nancy Raines

Dale and Nancy Raines - March 30, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Deepest Sympathy*

Billy & Wilma Webb - March 30, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Linda,*

i am sorry to hear about your father i know that you love him very much but God love him the most you and your family are in my prayers and if you need anything i am here for you.
love you,
Wanda Patrick



wanda - March 30, 2021 at 11:50 AM

RW

“ Linda

My deepest sympathies to you and your family. May God bless you and give you peace during this difficult time.

Renita White



Renita White - March 30, 2021 at 11:42 AM

SW

“ Linda,

I am deeply saddened by the news of your loss. I pray that God will grant you the strength. My most sincere condolences to you and family.

Sincerely,

Sophia Williams

Sophia Williams - March 30, 2021 at 11:37 AM

KR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Linda. Your family is my thoughts.*
With love,
Kristen Bartholomew

Kristen - March 30, 2021 at 11:35 AM

SW

“ Linda,

I am deeply saddened by the news of your loss. I pray that God will grant you the strength. My most sincere condolences to you and family.

Sincerely,

Sophia Williams

Sophia Williams - March 30, 2021 at 11:33 AM

DS

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear this news. Someone said this to me recently, so I will share with you in my own words.... I know that you are surrounded by family and friends during this difficult time, supporting you through this, and giving you peace.

Please know that I have you in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Debbie Smith - March 30, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JB

“ Linda ---What an honor for him to be called to Glory on a day when we praise the King! I know you will miss your father dearly, but we cling to the faith in the Father to reunite you once again. A tear trickles down my cheek as I write this, I lost my father 5 years ago, and there are still so many memories that make me grieve his absence on this earth. Sending prayers out to you and your family as you go through the days without his shoulder nearby. But I have a feeling he instilled a strength in all of you that will help you endure.
-Jan Barrentine.

Jan Barrentine - March 30, 2021 at 11:21 AM

AT

“ Dear Linda Meeks

I am sending my deepest condolences to you and your family during this tough time. Please always remember ALL of the awesome memories you shared with your father and he will indeed live on.

Your co-worker and friend

Adrian Tyler

Adrian Tyler - March 30, 2021 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ Linda,

I am saddened to hear of your father's passing. You and your family are in my prayers. Your father sounds like he was a wonderful & remarkable person. May God give you peace and comfort.



Debra Slaughter - March 30, 2021 at 11:14 AM

LF

“ Preacher Bell was the most God loving Christian man I have ever known. His whole life was a living testament to the God he served. His goodness and the love and care he showed everyone he came in contact with was evident in everything he did. He is reaping his rewards now. We are all better for knowing him and he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.



Loretta Fendley - March 30, 2021 at 11:08 AM

CL

“ He had a single priority... lifting up Jesus whom he loved dearly and caused others to love Him too. One of his favorite phrases was "Isn't He wonderful". RIP my pastor and friend.

C. Lowery - March 30, 2021 at 11:06 AM

GH

“ Rev Frank Bell was an outstanding person. He will be missed by many. To know him was to love him.



Glenda Henderson - March 30, 2021 at 10:37 AM

JS

“ Our families were very close and we made many memories but one that is special is of all of us at my grandmother's house making apple cider at her old press. Preacher told all us kids to throw in wormy parts and all because all they had eaten was apples. We thought it great but our mom's were mortified. He laughed hysterically! I loved him SO! He was a great friend of my father's. Great preacher, school teacher and example!

Joy Hall Stokely - March 30, 2021 at 10:29 AM

RS

“ There was always that Smile! What a wonderful Person he was, As a fellow Pastor We shared some wonderful Times together, R.I.P. Thy good and faithful servant. Our loss is Heavens Gain. prayers and Blessings to all the Family

Rev. Adam Sanders - March 30, 2021 at 10:21 AM

TF

“ May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this difficult time of loss.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matt 4:4
With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis

Tammy Francis - March 30, 2021 at 10:07 AM

WT

Sorry for your loss Mrs Linda.

Willie Turner - March 30, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DT

Sorry for your loss he was a great neighbor and a God loving man .

Dorothy Tharp - March 31, 2021 at 12:32 PM

DG

May you find consolation in knowing that all the lives he touched and brought to our Savior care, and share in your sorrow in the loss of your loved one. Wishing you God's peace. Dr.McDonald & Jenean Gray

Dr. McDonald & Jenean Gray - April 14, 2021 at 07:02 AM