



## Vida Ivy Bell

October 21, 1966 - August 11, 2020

Vida Ivy Bell passed to Heaven on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at her home in the Edwina community after a battle with cancer. Vida was born to Bobby Wayne Ivy and Vida Roella Ball Ivy on October 21, 1966. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior as a young girl at Webb Baptist Church after Vacation Bible School and followed her decision with baptism in the Cosby Creek. Vida Ivy Bell attended Bridgeport Elementary and Cosby High School. At sixteen years old, she began at Carson-Newman University. She earned degrees with honors from both the University of Louisville and the University of Tennessee School of Law. John Alton Bell and Vida Ivy were married at Webb Baptist Church on June 30, 1984. Vida was licensed to practice law in 1990 and enjoyed a successful law practice in Newport for 29 years. She was honored to serve as the Municipal Judge for the City of Newport from 2011 to present. James 1:17 says "Every good and perfect gift is from above." Vida's most perfect and excellent gifts and her greatest successes in life were her two children, John Luke Bell and Meredith Ivy Bell whom she loved with all her heart. Her favorite pastimes were gardening and raising flowers, time outside, cooking, house projects, and time spent with her family. Vida lived a most wonderful and blessed life. Psalm 136:1 was one of her favorite verses: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy (love) endures forever." Vida Ivy Bell was predeceased by her daddy, Bobby Wayne Ivy, grandparents, Hubert and Candas Lavada Crum Ball, grandparents, Roosevelt and Martha Ada Cody Ivy, mother-in-law, Una Merle Gay Bell, brother-in-law, Joel F. Bell, and

baby-dog, Max. She is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, John Alton Bell, and children, John Luke Bell and Meredith Ivy Bell, mama, Vida Roella Ball Ivy, sister, Waynella Ivy Large and her husband, Tommy, brother, Wayne V. Ivy, brother, Willie B. Ivy and his wife, Angie, aunt, uncle and cousins, Huberta and Garland Hannah, Stephen and Nathan, father-in-law, D. Frank Bell, brother-in-law, Dallas F. Bell and his wife, Janice, sister-in-law, Carol Bell, brother-in-law, Daniel M. Bell and his wife, Sharon, sister-in-law, Linda Bell Meeks and her husband, Marty, sister-in-law, Rebecca Bell Hunter and her husband, Rex. She is also survived by nephews, Scotty Large, Isaiah Ivy, Spencer Shaver, Thomas Hunter, TJ Meeks, Micky Meeks, Sam Meeks, and nieces, Emerald Loveday, Alicia Datzman, Trevia Berry, Jenna Layrock, Kayla Bell, Hannah Hunter, and Carmen Hunter. At Vida's request, there will be no receiving of friends or memorial service. Any donations in Vida's memory may be made to Crossroads Community Church, P.O. Box 1856, Newport, TN 37822 or charity of your choice. Cards of condolence may be mailed to The Bells, 1209 Piney Mountain Road, Newport, TN 37821. A special thank you to her medical team including Waynella Large, Roella Ivy, Rennie Fisher, Thomas Conway, and Tammy Francis.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at:  
[manesfuneralhome.com](http://manesfuneralhome.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Vida Ivy Bell*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! I got to know Vida several years ago while doing title work in Cocke County. I always thought the world of her. She is a very special lady! Keeping her family in my thoughts and prayers!!*

*Amy Hartman*

**Amy** - August 28, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Vida was like a sister to the National Bank employees. I was honored to work with Vida in many adventures in lending. I will remember her always and all the good times and problems we solved together. Prayers for the family.*

**Vickie Balch** - August 21, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *I have many fond memories of Vida, and the Ivy and Bell families as we grew up together at Webb Baptist Church. I am very sad to hear the news of her passing. I am remembering your families in my prayers.*

**Phillip Keller** - August 20, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *Sending Thoughts and Prayers  
Drew and Linda Ramsey*

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**Darlene Surrett** - August 20, 2020 at 02:41 PM

KH

“ *I will always remember the wonderful childhood which Vida and I shared. Our Grandmothers were Sisters and we were very close growing up. Being an only child it was great to be with Vida and her siblings. Beautiful memories which time cannot erase.*

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**Keela Henson** - August 20, 2020 at 08:58 AM

LH

“ *Prayers!*



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**Louise & Jimmy Hux** - August 19, 2020 at 08:54 PM

KL

“ *Truly genuine person, and pillar of the community. God bless and rest in peace*

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**Keith Large** - August 17, 2020 at 04:21 PM

TD

“ I had the distinct honor of being sworn in as Mayor of Newport by Judge Bell. She not only performed her official duty of the swearing In, she took the time to later pull me aside in a private moment and offer me words of encouragement and congratulations. Even since that day when we have occasionally crossed paths in our official duties she has never failed to tell me how good of a job she thought I was doing. I will always be grateful to Judge Vida for her kind and considerate nature, and thoughtfulness for others. My prayers and condolences go out to the family. 🙏



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**Trey Dykes** - August 15, 2020 at 07:53 PM

RM

“ Sorry for your loss Mr. John Bell.

*Richard & Lois Meadows, and LuAnn Carrell*

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**Richard Meadows** - August 15, 2020 at 06:26 PM

MT

“ John and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Vida had a great heart and cared about all esp her family. Prayers that God surrounds you and your family in this trying time. Love you all.



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**Mae Testerman** - August 15, 2020 at 05:22 PM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss Vida was a special lady  
prayers for family and friends



Cookie Ramsey - August 15, 2020 at 12:34 PM

NS

“ Roella and entire family, I am so sorry for your loss. I can remember  
your little girl Vida when she would get on the school bus so quiet  
and well mannered. I can't imagine what you're going thru losing  
her. But I do know that God can and will comfort you as only He  
can. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Nancy Lafond  
Swanger

Nancy Swanger - August 15, 2020 at 09:16 AM

MW

“ Missy And Mike Wood lit a candle in memory  
of Vida Ivy Bell



Missy and Mike Wood - August 15, 2020 at 08:38 AM

VS

“ Vickie Sauceman lit a candle in memory of  
Vida Ivy Bell



Vickie Sauceman - August 14, 2020 at 03:11 PM

CL

“ Dear Bells & all Vida's family,  
She will forever hold a special place in our hearts. She was  
superlative by every scale as you know well.  
We send our love and deepest sympathy.  
Bill & Charlotte Leibrock

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**Charlotte Leibrock** - August 14, 2020 at 12:47 PM

PF

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. vida was a  
special person. I feel honored to have known  
her.

*patty Francis*

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**patty francis** - August 14, 2020 at 11:50 AM



MP

“ I was blessed to partner with Vida as a  
service provider for her office equipment. Vida  
was strong, driven and and complete with  
integrity. She was a blessing to know and will  
be missed. May she rest in complete peace  
with the Lord.

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**Michael W Penner** - August 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM



LG

“ *Vida was a good person. I worked with her thru the bank and was pleased with her ability to complete what we needed. John , this is a tough situation for you. I know how you feel and know God is with you and family. I lost my wife two years ago. You need to keep going and take care of yourself. If you need to talk, I am available at 608-6513.*

**L C Gregg** - August 14, 2020 at 10:31 AM

KW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Vida's passing. Kenneth will always remember the confidence she had in him when they would come to the old Newport Hardware and ask him if he would step over to the office and witness/sign a document they needed signed. God bless you all during this time. Kenneth and Darlene Wilson.*

**Kenneth and Darlene Wilson** - August 14, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 14, 2020 at 08:20 AM

VW

“ *Thank you so much for always being there for my Daughter, Ruby Smith and granddaughter Taylor Holt. I know they both loved you and your family very much. May you always rest in peace because you have earned it.*  
*My prayers of peace and comfort are with your family and friends.*

**Velma Wills** - August 14, 2020 at 08:16 AM

EN

“ So sorry for your loss we will be praying for your family

*The Naillon family*

Eric Naillon - August 14, 2020 at 06:51 AM

TL

“ Luke ; Meredith; so sorry to hear about your mother . My thoughts are with you and your Family.

Tura Lawson - August 13, 2020 at 10:55 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you all



Marty Coakley - August 13, 2020 at 09:36 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss! She was a very kind thoughtful and loving person. To Luke & Meridith, think only good thoughts of your mom and to the whole family, remember where she is now! Love you all , Debbie Franklin....

Debbie Franklin - August 13, 2020 at 08:29 PM

BC

“ *John, Luke, Meredith, Roella and family. We are so very sorry for the loss of your precious wife, mother and daughter. Vida was a really bright light in this world and she will be greatly missed. Sending prayers and love at this most difficult time.*

*Herbert and Barbara Cureton*

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**Barbara James Cureton** - August 13, 2020 at 05:44 PM

SB

“ *Sorry for your loss. John, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers*

*Steve and Enola Bryant*

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**steve Bryant** - August 13, 2020 at 05:24 PM

LW

*So sorry for your loss! Prayers for the families.*

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**Lana & Charlie Williamson** - August 14, 2020 at 07:14 AM

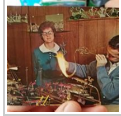
BA

“ *This truly breaks our heart. Vida was a true Southern Bell with such a great personality and warm heart. I have enjoyed working with her over the years and she always made me feel smarter than I really was. You will be missed. We are praying for the family in this time of need. God Bless you All. Burlin*



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**Burlin Allen** - August 13, 2020 at 05:03 PM



*I am blessed to have known Vida. She had the kindest heart and spirit. I'm so sorry for your family's loss and will be praying for your healing.*

**Julie Myrick** - August 16, 2020 at 11:40 PM

SP

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. She will be missed by so many people. She touched so many lives. We shall see her in heaven! AMEN!*



**Shari Perryman** - August 13, 2020 at 04:23 PM

TS

*“ I am sorry for your lost. You have my deepest condolences. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Vida was not only an amazing legal professional, but more importantly she was a fantastic wife and mother.*

**Tracy Shelton** - August 13, 2020 at 03:20 PM

GF

*“ Ginger Franklin lit a candle in memory of Vida Ivy Bell*



**Ginger Franklin** - August 13, 2020 at 03:06 PM

GM

*“ Our deepest condolences for your loss to all the Bell Family. You all are in our prayers. Gail and Paul Metcalf.*

**gail metcalf** - August 13, 2020 at 02:47 PM

TW

“ *Sending prayers for family and friends.*

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**Taylor Wallin** - August 13, 2020 at 11:57 AM

JF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss . Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all*

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**Jerry and Rita Ford and Family** - August 13, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MB

“ *We're so sorry.  
Freddie and Norma Myers*

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**Melissia R. Ball** - August 13, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Vida was always a very sweet and kind person . Prayers for the family. Waynella I'm here for you if you need anything.  
Janie Green Campbell*



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**Janie Campbell** - August 13, 2020 at 11:19 AM

BW

“ *John, Luke, Meridith, we are so sorry for your and our family`s loss. Our prayers have been and will be with you. We love you.  
Barbara Williamson and family*

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**Barbara williamson** - August 13, 2020 at 11:18 AM

AD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Vida"s passing. Love and prayers for the family.

*David & Amy Dorsey*

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**Amy S Dorsey** - August 13, 2020 at 10:51 AM

PT

“ In our prayers, so sorry for your loss she is at peace.

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**Pat&Patricia Mathis Taylot** - August 13, 2020 at 09:09 AM

DG

“ John, so sorry for your loss.

*Donna & Cecil Gilland*

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**Donna Gilland** - August 13, 2020 at 09:04 AM

GH

“ John, Luke, and Meredith, I am so sorry for your loss. You all are very special to all of our family. The Hendersons, Jerry, Glenda, Love, Brandon, Talea, Caden, and Zaelyn. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and we love you.



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**Glenda Henderson** - August 13, 2020 at 08:50 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for your family in the continued days and months ahead. I cherished working with Vida the past several years. I am thankful that we have eternal hope through our Father. I love you Vida and will see you again some day. I am so very thankful for our friendship.

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**Bryan Schimming** - August 13, 2020 at 08:43 AM

BS

“ Praying for your family. I loved Vida and cherished the opportunity to work with her over the past several years. I am going to truly miss. Praise God that we have eternal hope in Him. Love you Vida and I will see you again one day. Thank you for your friendship!

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**Bryan Schimming** - August 13, 2020 at 08:36 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends during this time of loss.

*Sarah Hartsell  
Linda Hartsell  
Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman*

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**Mary Chrisman** - August 13, 2020 at 08:28 AM

SD

“ In deepest sympathy for your loss, your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sherrie Dillard** - August 13, 2020 at 08:14 AM

PH

“ So sorry for the loss of your precious wife and mother. I loved her dearly. I first met her when Luke was a baby and she was always so kind and sweet. I've really prayed for her and will Continue to pray for all of you. Peggy ahall



Peggy Hall - August 13, 2020 at 12:45 AM

VC

Prayers for all.

VANA COAKLEY - August 13, 2020 at 11:39 AM

RR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about precious Vida's passing. Your family has always been so precious to me and so kind. May God be with you guys during this very trying time. John please take care and lots of prayers for all of you. Love you guys 🙏❤️

Rhonda Campbell Rice - August 13, 2020 at 12:11 AM

BA

“ So sorry to hear about Vida. Sending love and prayers for the family.

Belinda Alley - August 13, 2020 at 12:02 AM

TG

Praying for all of the family. Vida was such an incredible woman. The community will feel the loss of Vida but she left her mark on the hearts of al who knew her. Grieving her loss.....

Tracy Green - August 13, 2020 at 12:50 PM

BH

“ Dearest John, Luke, Meredith, Roella and family  
We love you  
We hurt with you  
We thank our Jesus for His gift of Vida

Rex and Becky

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**becky hunter** - August 12, 2020 at 11:25 PM

CC

“ Wishing the family strength and peace during this hard time. I feel so blessed to have known such a wonderful lady.  
Christy Cates

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**Christy Cates** - August 12, 2020 at 11:00 PM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss

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**Melanie Strickler** - August 12, 2020 at 09:59 PM

CW

“ I've always remembered Vida as one of the nicest people I've ever met, with such a kind nature, soft reassuring voice, and sweet smile. All through high school, she always seemed to have it all together. While the rest of us were acting a fool, she was always the voice of reason and tried to keep us in line. She was always trying to help others. She was a wonderful person and will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Prayers for her family.

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**Cindy Williamson** - August 12, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MS

“ John, Luke, and Meredith. Such a lovely family and Vida was such a lovely person. I cherish our soccer days and all the memories. Vida was so dedicated to getting Meredith where she needed to be in soccer at that time traveling quite a distance every week. I enjoyed our weekend soccer trips. Vida was always a joy to be around. I am so sad to hear of her passing.

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**Mary Satterfield** - August 12, 2020 at 09:41 PM

TR

“ We share the community's sorrow at the passing of our friend Vida tempered only that one day we will reunite in a better life. Our sympathies to the Bell family at this difficult time.

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**Tom and Linda Rosberg** - August 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM

DW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thought will be with your family. Praying God will give you the strength and comfort through this difficult time.

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**Denise Williams** - August 12, 2020 at 08:53 PM

LC

“ My heart hurts for such a lovely family. She was such a great person and going miss her . My thoughts and prayers are with you

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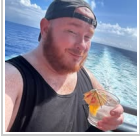
**Leonard & Phyllis Combs** - August 12, 2020 at 08:20 PM

DT

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Vida. So many things, just doesn't seem possible. Take comfort in knowing she's in Heaven. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

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**Darlene Dockery Thornburg** - August 12, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Vida during this most difficult time.*

Spencer Ivy - August 12, 2020 at 06:23 PM

LB

“ *We are praying that you find peace. She was such a lovely person and we are blessed to have known her. Larry and Jamie Brown*

Larry & Jamie Brown - August 12, 2020 at 06:09 PM

CP

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Vida's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Larry and Cindy Pace*



Cindy Pace - August 12, 2020 at 05:52 PM

CB

“ *Prayers & thoughts are with all the family. Vida was a special lady & will be missed by all.* ❤️🙏

Connie & Marsha Ball - August 12, 2020 at 05:36 PM

JW

“ *My sincere condolences to John, Meredith and John Luke. May God grant you healing in this time of sorrow. Although I did not know Vida, I do know how the love of God is expressed by her wonderful family. Time is the sword and the healer. I pray your hurting will bring forth flowers in the spring and beautiful mountain snow in the winter. May God Bless You. -jk williams*

jk williams - August 12, 2020 at 05:11 PM

LW

“ *My prayers are with you John, Merideth, and Luke in the loss of your very special wife and mother.*

*Linda Whitson*

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**Linda Whitson** - August 12, 2020 at 04:42 PM

NH

“ *The memories I have of Vida are something I will always treasure. I'd be working on some small IT issue for her and wind up in some of the kindest, most heart-felt, deeply intelligent conversations full of wisdom and love, regardless of the subject matter. Her genuine spirit had a way of drawing out the same authenticity from everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. I'm looking forward to having a seat somewhere nearby while she and Jesus are making small talk throughout eternity. Love you guys, so sorry for your loss.*

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**Nick Holt** - August 12, 2020 at 04:14 PM

AG

“ *I am so very sorry. My prayers are with you all.*

*Love,  
Bettye Hux*

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**Angie Gentry** - August 12, 2020 at 04:14 PM

AG

“ *Vida was such a talented, giving, and special lady. I remember her showing me the cookbooks that she had made; those are such a treasured keepsake. I have a recipe booklet which she made for a Christmas event held at LABC and I still use it, thinking of her every time. It is evident that she loved her Savior and her family with all of her heart. My prayers are with all of you in the days ahead. I pray that God surrounds you with his love, comfort, and peace. John 14: 27: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. It is comforting to know that there will be a glad reunion day.*

*Love you all,  
Angie*

*Gary and Angie Gentry*

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**Angie Gentry** - August 12, 2020 at 04:12 PM



*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Betty Harrison** - August 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM

AW

“ *What a beautiful obituary. It paints a true and clear picture of the woman she was. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Alexis Willis** - August 12, 2020 at 04:12 PM

DF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for family. Vida was a special person and will be missed by many.*

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**Dottie Ford** - August 12, 2020 at 03:45 PM

CF

“ John, when I worked with you both, I always admired Vida's intelligence, her cooking skills, her organizational skills, and her love for her family. She was amazing! It was evident that you two adore each other and that was such an inspiration to me and a great example for your children. May you all be comforted by the many warm thoughts of those who care. With Deepest Sympathy,  
Randall and Connie Frisbee

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**Connie Frisbee** - August 12, 2020 at 03:21 PM

KC

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Vida.

John 3:16

Tracy , Kim and Bryce Click

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**Kimberly Click** - August 12, 2020 at 03:10 PM

PE

I am so sorry to hear this news. Fletcher thought so much of Vida and spoke so well of her. I am praying for the family to find comfort in good memories.

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**Penny Ervin** - August 12, 2020 at 07:48 PM

TD

“ My prayers are with your family. I am so sorry for your loss. I feel honored to have known Vida. She was such a special lady.

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**Terri Denton** - August 12, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BT

“ Prayers for the Bell family. So very sorry for your loss.

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**Brittany Toliver** - August 12, 2020 at 02:11 PM

JS


*Much love to all. "But He knoweth the way that I take and when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold"*

Joy Hall Stokely - August 12, 2020 at 07:31 PM

JS

*Much love to all! "He knoweth the way that I take and when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."*

Joy Hall Stokely - August 12, 2020 at 07:35 PM

 Terri N  
Scotty  
McClure

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Vidas passing. I graduated high school with her and hadn't seen her in many years but always considered her a good friend! I will be praying for the family during this difficult time. She is living with the lord now and no more sickness.*

Terri N Scotty McClure - August 12, 2020 at 01:56 PM

KA

“ *I am so so sorry!! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Love y'all,  
Kathy*



Kathy - August 12, 2020 at 12:56 PM

LB

“ *John and family so sorry to hear of your loss. .  
You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Louise Brown - August 12, 2020 at 12:28 PM

LR

“ *LINDA RAMSEY lit a candle in memory of Vida Ivy Bell*



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**LINDA RAMSEY** - August 12, 2020 at 12:22 PM

JR

“ *June Holt Russell lit a candle in memory of Vida Ivy Bell*



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**June Holt Russell** - August 12, 2020 at 11:57 AM

BE

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the family during the time of loss. Her brother-in-law, Joel, was my health teacher at CCHS in the 90s. I worked with John a few times when I subbed at Cosby High School. I also graduated with her nephew Scotty; I've known him since seventh grade.*

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**Benjamin Evans** - August 12, 2020 at 11:43 AM