



Mr. Kenneth Bell

March 21, 1925 - December 23, 2021

BELL, Mr. Kenneth - Age 96, passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021 at his residence. Family 10:30 AM Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Saints of God Church, 2200 Forrest Hill, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Alfred Harris Sr., officiating. Interment Friday, December 31, 2021 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Dr., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Thursday. Mr. Bell will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday. Mr. Kenneth Bell was born March 21, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Otis and Marie (Kelly) Bell. Kenneth had 4 brothers and 1 sister. His family moved to Belleville, Michigan when he was young. The 6 Bell children were educated in a one room schoolhouse in Sumpter, MI. Mr. Bell and his siblings attended Pleasant Valley AME Church, a church that his mother founded in their home and later housed in it's current location. In 1943, Kenneth joined the United State Army. He was trained and eventually sent to Germany. Kenneth Bell's military qualification was Rifle Marksman, but he was only allowed to carry a stick because of his color. Mr. Bell was given orders to bulldoze the dead bodies of the Holocaust Victims. He followed the orders because of the threat of being shot and left to die in the concentration camp also. "All those people got killed for nothing", daddy said with tears in his eyes. Although Mr. Bell's discharge papers state that he was awarded the Bronze Star, which is given to soldiers for heroic acts in a combat zone. He never received it. After the

war Mr. Bell worked at the Paragon Steel Plant in Wayne, MI where he retired in 1980. In 1991, he moved to Flint, Michigan to be closer to his children. Although he retired he did not sit down and fold his hands. He worked at Marion Crouse Instructional Center, North Star Baptist Church Security and delivered news papers. Dad often says, "you can't just sit around with your hands folded, you either use it or lose it." In 2015, Kenneth received the Outstanding Senior Award for his work with physically and mentally challenged children at Marion Crouse Instructional Center. Mr. Bell's secrets to living a long life are, 1. Don't smoke, 2. Try to eat right, 3. Don't worry yourself to death. He says "my kid's don't worry me, I worry them!" His children say they admire their father's work ethic, his sense of humor and his ability to adapt to change. On August 4, 2013 at the age of 87, Mr. Bell confessed Christ and joined Saints of God Church. On November 3, 2013 he was baptized by Pastor Alfred L. Harris Sr. and his son-in-law, Elder Ples Wyatt Jr. "I couldn't remember if I accepted the Lord when I was a kid, or if I was just going to church because my mother told me to. I had to really make sure. When I am sitting here at church I feel like the Lord is sitting right here with me. I love church, I hate to miss a Sunday." Mr. Bell was the oldest serving Foster Grandparent in Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. He had a very positive impact on the lives of many disabled children and their families for 29 years. On Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the age of 96, Grandpa Kenny transitioned to his heavenly home. Mr. Kenneth Bell leaves to cherish his memory: 4 daughters, Janice (Terry) Welsh, Tressa Bell Burton, LaDonna (Elder Ples) Wyatt and Ruth-Ann J. Thompson; 2 sons, Nathan (Susan) Bell and Andre (Angela) Bell; grandchildren, Tina, Dwhyte, Danielle, Anthony, Jai, Jade, Sharena, Isadore Lee, Nathan, Athea, Ples III, Austin and Alexandria; great-grandchildren, Mariah, Brooklynn, Pierce, Reece, Aniyah, Alailah, Andre, Ava, Amir, Aden, Dwhyte Jr., Doreon, Corey and Jazmine; great-great-grandson, Michael Gabriel; special friend, Mary. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Mr. Bell was preceded in death by his son, Isadore Bell; grandson, Brandon Williams; parents, Otis and Marie Bell; and siblings,

Evelyn Duncan, Chester Bell Sr., Theodore Bell, Edward Bell and Otis Bell Jr.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

DEC **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints of God Church
2200 Forest Hill Avenue
Flint, MI

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kenneth Bell*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Condolences to Ken's family and friends for their loss. I was Mr. Bell's caregiver for two years and will always cherish the memory of seeing his smiling face when I came to get him up out of bed in the morning.*

"Am I glad to see you!" He would say every time. Then I would ask if he was ready to get up.

"Past ready," he would say. It was our morning ritual.

Josh Gonzalez - February 28, 2022 at 10:54 PM

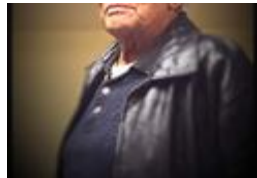
JA

Thank you for being his caregiver

Jade - December 07, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *70 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 31, 2021 at 11:24 AM

RB

“ Deepest sympathy to the Bell family. Janice, Tina, and Danielle my sympathies to you. Peace to you all.

Rhonda B - December 29, 2021 at 11:11 PM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Jeweline Crochran and Family - December 29, 2021 at 08:58 PM

EL

“ I remember Mr. Bell as our security at North Star Church he was so kindhearted. I loved to listen to his stories about his life and his children. Bell And Wyatt family you have our prayers and deepest sympathy



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - December 29, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Bell.



December 29, 2021 at 02:11 PM

GD

“ Grandma Dorothy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell



Grandma Dorothy - December 29, 2021 at 01:11 PM

TD

“ Sending my dearest condolences to Mr. Kenneth Bell family. It was a joy working for and with your father and family. May God bring you peace and understanding at this time. It was a honor to serve such a kind and wonderful man.

Timesee E. Deloach-Dixon - December 29, 2021 at 08:06 AM

KG

“ Kenyetta Golson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell



Kenyetta Golson - December 28, 2021 at 07:30 PM

TF

“ The Tavares/Edward Bell Family purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kenneth Bell.



The Tavares/Edward Bell Family - December 28, 2021 at 06:42 PM

CT

“ *My Uncle Kenneth is the last of my father, Edward Bell to survive to 96 years young. He was a renaissance man who loved life. We loved visiting with him when he lived in Canada and going on his pontoon boat. He holds a special place with our family because he stayed in touch and checked in on my mother after my father died. He will be missed by all the Bells - near and far.*

Charleta B. Tavares



Charleta B. Tavares - December 28, 2021 at 06:36 PM

CJ

“ *Cynthia Y. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell*



Cynthia Y. Jones - December 28, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Kenneth Bell.*



December 27, 2021 at 08:12 PM

RT

“ *Rose Topps lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell*



Rose Topps - December 27, 2021 at 04:43 PM

LA

“ *Our prayers are with you all*



Lynn Anderson - December 27, 2021 at 12:47 PM

LH

“ *Lee/Mary Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell*



Lee/Mary Hampton - December 26, 2021 at 06:19 PM

SO

“ *We all at MCIC loved our Grandpa Ken! He was a grandpa to many students and staff for many years. May he Rest In Peace in the hands of the lord.*
Susan O'Brien



Susan O'brien - December 26, 2021 at 01:48 PM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell*



Mary & Diane Williams - December 25, 2021 at 12:18 AM

RP

“ *REV PJACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell*



REV PJACKSON - December 24, 2021 at 07:54 AM

RP

“ *REV PJACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bell*



REV PJACKSON - December 24, 2021 at 07:53 AM