



## Mr. Thomas Earl Bell

August 4, 1939 - May 27, 2017

BELL, Mr. Thomas E. - Age 77, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2017 at his residence.

Family hour 9:30 AM Monday, June 5, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 10:00 AM. Internment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 9:30 AM Monday. 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 10:00 AM-6:00 PM Sunday, with the family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM.

Mr. Thomas "Sonny" Earl Bell, departed this life on May 27, 2017 at his residence. He was born August 4, 1939 in Columbus, Mississippi, the son of the late Jack Bell and Rozell Hampton (Prude). He was raised in Flint, Michigan where he attended Flint Public Schools. Thomas was an active member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He served on the Trustee Board and the Usher Board #2.

Thomas served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. He worked at Chevrolet Manufacturing, a Division of General Motors Corporation, for 34 years in the Quality Control Department. Thomas was a kind and gentle man with a smile for everyone. He always said, "Pass the Positive". He loved basketball and baseball, but his passion was fishing, fishing and more fishing

with his buddies, Elmer Roberts, Joseph Peterson and Oswald Sams.

Mr. Bell, leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife and friend, Louise Bell of Mt. Morris, MI; son, Zachary (Karen) Bell of Pearland, TX; daughter, Yolonda (Jeffrey) Cross of Flushing, MI; 3 grandchildren, Jeffrey Cross Jr. of Flushing, MI, Zachary Bell, Jr. and Kristina Bell of Pearland, TX; 4 nieces, Bernadette (Calvin Sr.) Coleman, Daphne Grant, Lida Berry all of Flint and Tracey Berry of Redfort, MI; 6 nephews, Dr. Ronald (Sharon) McRipley of Dallas, PA, Michael (Brenda) McRipley of Morrisville, PA., Mark McRipley of Levittown, PA, Andre' (Veronica) Hairston, Antwan (Deondra) Hairston, both of Flint and Reginald (Phyllis) Berry of Salisbury, MD; 11 cousins, Betty Chase, Rita Gandy, William (Alice) Gandy, Donny Gandy, Vance Gandy, Ricky Gandy, all of Fort Worth, TX, George Gandy Jr. of St. Louis, MO, Joseph Craddock of Philadelphia, PA, Johnnie Ewing, Percy McGowan and Greg (Cassandra) Harris all of Flint; sisters in law, Barbara A. Berry and Lorretta Grant both of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends; Annie Mae Holland, Elmer (Dovie) Roberts, Joseph (Shirley) Peterson, Oswald (Emma) Sams, Versie (Dave) Munerlyn, Leslie (Thurman) Ross, Willie (Andrew) Grant, Dellmarie Petty, Cleve (Sharon) Harrington, Bernice Stewart, Janice Dunkling, Dorothy Hawkins, all of Flint, Dixie Smith of Flushing, MI, Jackie McKinney of Detroit, MI and Wendall (Nellie) Hazely of Southfield, MI.

Mr. Thomas Earl Bell, was preceded in death by: parents, Jack Bell and Rozell Hampton; son, Earl Bell; brother, Bernard Grant; sister, Bernadine McRipley; aunts, Ermie Johnson and Elizabeth Gandy.

The family would like to give special thanks to, the entire Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church family, the Mt. Morris Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Dr. Peran and staff; Nurses, Dee and Toni, Dr. Callaway and staff, and Hospice Nurses, Angie and Gale.



# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 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 Present

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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JUN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
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Flint, MI 48505

## Service

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JUN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *R.I.H. DADDY*



**Yolonda Cross and family** - June 08, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ *Will be Missed the Pettway Family & Late Bessie Pettway* ❤️

**pastor Gsrth** - June 04, 2017 at 08:57 PM



“ *KATIE STEWART lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



**KATIE STEWART** - June 04, 2017 at 07:35 PM

MW

“ Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell



Maggie Williams - June 04, 2017 at 03:16 PM

DM

“ David & Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell



David & Versie Munerlyn - June 04, 2017 at 10:47 AM

AH

“ Anthony And Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell



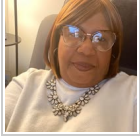
Anthony and Carol Hill - June 03, 2017 at 11:15 PM

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“ Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell



Dixie Smith - June 03, 2017 at 11:15 PM



“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



ReGina Adams - June 03, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *Tom was a quality guy, full of faith, who always may those around him feel better about themselves. Of course he never admitted he ever committed a basketball foul at the ole St. John Street Center. He will be sorely missed by all.*



Archie D Le Flore - June 03, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell.*



June 02, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *Fra Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



Fra Thomas - June 02, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ *Bertha Moses lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



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**Bertha Moses** - June 02, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *Dovie & Elmer Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



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**Dovie & Elmer Roberts** - June 02, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *Michelle Doby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



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**Michelle Doby** - June 01, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell.*



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May 31, 2017 at 03:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell.*



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May 30, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ *Deborah Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



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**Deborah Carter** - May 30, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Germaine Heller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Bell*



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**Germaine Heller** - May 29, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Praying for Mrs. Louise and the entire Bell family during this time of bereavement.*



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**Trina Stewart** - May 29, 2017 at 04:11 PM

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“ Tom and I go back to home room #214 over 60 years ago at Flint Central High school my name Ezra Artis his Thomas Bell we were placed next to each other. I was a big basketball fan & he was a great basketball fan we've been best of friends on the for real side he was also an insurance client of mine. you will truly be missed my brother. my sincere sympathy to the family everybody knows it was and error above he was a great basketball player.

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**Ezra Artis** - May 29, 2017 at 12:26 PM