



Dr. Herbert Garfield Bell, Jr.

July 12, 1943 - January 24, 2026

The family of Dr. Herbert Garfield Bell, Jr., age 82, wishes to announce his passing on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the Durham VA Medical Center. He was born July 12, 1943, in Broward County, Florida.

Dr. Herbert Garfield Bell, Jr. served our country in the United States Army. We honor him for his service and dedication.

He leaves to cherish his memory one son, Todd Butler; three daughters, Derra Montgomery, Jacquelyn McCleod and Sharon Brown; one brother, Willie Bell; one sister, Lester Mae Sheppard; 14 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and other loved ones.

Funeral services will take place at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 404 Dowd Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701; viewing from 11:30 a.m. until 11:55 a.m. and the service beginning at 12:00 noon.

Burial will take place in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

200 W. Copans Road
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 4. 11:30 AM - 11:55 AM (ET)

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church
404 Dowd St
27701
Durham, NC
<http://www.mtgileadbaptist.org/>

Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VT

“ *I'm just finding out. You have been dead for 2 months. I'm so sorry. We owe you so much for your dedication, hard work and sincere devotion you initiated as V.P. Of the Durham NAACP. It's too late for recognition but rest assured, your work and that of Mrs Ruthie, was not in vain. With all sincerity, Vivian Timlic, Exec Dir emeritus Durham NAACP.*

Vivian Timlic - March 25 at 08:23 PM

RL

“ *Rev. Pebbles Lucas lit a candle in memory of Dr. Herbert Garfield Bell, Jr.*



rev. pebbles lucas - March 10 at 09:56 PM

RL

Rest in Peace Dr. Bell. Your family will continue to be in our prayers. Rev. Pebbles Lucas, First Chronicles

rev. pebbles lucas - March 10 at 09:57 PM

SC

“ *Condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Dr. Herbert Bell. He was truly God's servant and exemplified the love of God. He loved God and he loved people. He was very kindhearted, and boy, what a sense of humor. I'm going to miss my friend, he is truly one of God's soldiers, that He called home to rest. Rest, my dear friend, you are now safe in the Master's arms.*



Sheilah Chambers - February 04 at 05:57 PM

RM

“ Giving leaves an imprint that endures forever—African Proverb. Although your time with us seems all too brief, GOD wanted you now and he set you free. It is important for you to know that you truly made a difference here. You reached out to others warmly and generously. The Kea family is thankful for your kindness over the years. We know that you are following the path GOD led for you and could not stay another day to laugh, to work or play. Your parting has left a void, but we will fill it with memories of Dr. Herbert Bell, Jr. joy!

Cathy D. Kea, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita of Special Education

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North Carolina A&T State University

2020 Felix S. Barker Special Education Leadership Award

2019 University of Kansas Special Education Field Leadership Award

Greensboro, NC 27411

Ease is a greater threat to progress than hardship.---Denzel Washington, 2017

If you are afraid to use your voice, give up your seat at the table.---Michelle Obama

Ron Mangum - February 02 at 02:26 PM

BN

“ I was Dr Minister Herbert Bell Meals on Wheels delivery driver for a few years and I had to call him when I was on the way and he would say GM how are you and I would say I'm Fine and He would Say You Sure Are/ and that made me laugh and I said Thank You 😊 I Will keep The Family in my Prayers for Your Loss 🙏❤️❤️

Bettie Nelson - February 02 at 02:56 AM

AH

“ *Ashleigh Harris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Herbert Garfield Bell, Jr.*



Ashleigh Harris - February 01 at 07:48 PM

RB

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Bell family. May God give you strength during your time of bereavement.*



Rev. Otis G Byrd - January 31 at 12:21 AM

DH

“ *I will miss my dear friend and our lunch dates. “Bell”, was so much more than that. He was like family because of the relationship with his cousin and my best friend, Sylvia. I’ll miss our conversations about life, the bible, and family. I know that you’re with Ruthie now and at peace. Love always, Deborah Hunter*

Deborah Hunter - January 30 at 09:52 AM

FD

“ *To the family of Dr. Herbert G. Bell, Jr., I send my sincere condolences. My prayer is that God will surround you all with His love, peace and comfort both now and in the days to come.*



Floretta L Walls, Mt. Sinai MBC, Durham - January 29 at 04:46 PM

MG

“ Sincere condolences in the passing of Dr Bell.
We met while he was ministering in the
Pittsboro, NC area.

Rev. Johnny and Mary A. Gilmore



Mary A. Gilmore - January 29 at 12:05 PM

RK

“ Condolences to the Bell family and friends. Rev. James R. Kent.

Rev. James Robert Kent - January 29 at 09:40 AM

DS

“ Deacon Michael Mcknight Sr lit a candle in
memory of Dr. Herbert Garfield Bell, Jr.



Deacon Michael Mcknight Sr - January 28 at 09:33 PM

RI

“ Prayers and condolences extended to the Bell family upon the
passing of Rev. Dr. Bell! Grace and Peace!

Rev. James Isaac, III - January 28 at 07:22 PM

TD

“ Thaddeus L Daniels lit a candle in memory of
Dr. Herbert Garfield Bell, Jr.



Thaddeus L Daniels - January 27 at 09:27 AM

RK

My condolences to Rev. Dr. Bell family and friends. His friendship meant the world to me. We shared at Mt. Gilead, Apex School of Theology and Gerofi, Veterans Benifit for Justice. I will cherish the memories rest on my brother. My prayers to your family and friends.

Rev. James Robert Kent - January 27 at 09:46 AM

MW

My Deepest condolences to the Family. He was a Dear friend to me and my late husband. Rev. Bell always a person who was caring and concerned about people. He worked in his church and in the community to make it better place to live. My God be with you in this difficult times.

Rev. Bell will always be remembered for his many acts of kindness that was shown to me

Mother Gwendolyn Wicker - January 28 at 02:47 AM

DB

🕊️ Rest in Peace Grandad💔

Derica Braghton - January 28 at 07:51 AM

JT

My condolences to the Rev. Dr. Bell family and friends.. He was a wonderful man of God and a dear friend. I enjoyed talking with him on many occasions.

Jacqueline Nylander-Thompson Raleigh, NC

Jacqueline Thompson - January 29 at 11:14 PM