

*Celebrating
The Life
Of*

James Edward Bell

Sunrise: June 3, 1943 - Sunset: December 14, 2017



Thursday, December 21, 2017 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

James Edward Bell was born on June 3, 1943 in Columbia, Mississippi. He was born to B.B. and Lela Mae Bell. On December 14, 2017 he entered into eternal rest. Shane as he was known by most, was a man of few words, but when he spoke, we all listened.

He graduated from Lampton Vocational High School in Columbia, Mississippi.

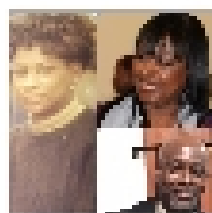
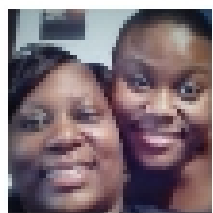
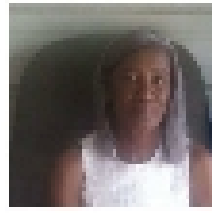
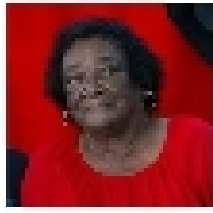
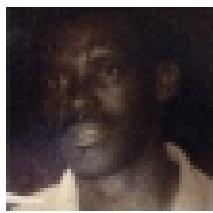
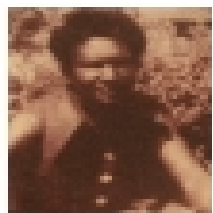
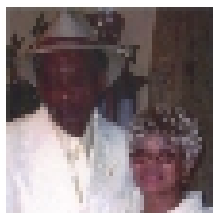
He was always a hard worker. He worked at Ben F. Grocery and Harry Taylor Building Materials prior to moving to New Jersey in 1980. He retired from Can-Field Company after twenty-five years of service.

James met the love of his life, Theresa Davis in 1978 and they were married on July 10, 1988. Many of those years were spent on Beverly Street creating memories with their neighbors and friends.

Family and fishing were special to James. His passion was fishing; all that knew him knew he LOVED to fish!

James was preceded in death by his parents, B.B. and Lela Mae Bell; one brother, Ernest Bell; three sisters: Ida Mae McLin, Daisy Nell Bell Crawford and Felicia Johnson.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Theresa "Terry" Bell; two special "sons" Vernell Crawford (Kim) of Union, NJ and William "Baldy" Watts of Columbia, MS. A devoted niece, Ernestine O'loughlin of Irvington, NJ; five beloved children: Beverly Boswell (Tony) of Milwaukee, WI; Toby Gibbs (Sonia) of Charlotte, NC, James and Richard Gibbs both of Piscataway, NJ, and Stacy Melton (Joseph) of Columbia, MS. Nine grandchildren: James, Quashawn, Zamier, Somyiah, Toby Jr., Dhakiyah, Richard, Messiah and Mariyona; four sisters: Catherine Johnson and Jean Abrams both from Columbia, MS, Betty Johnson of Hattiesburg, MS, and Pauline Bridges (Robert) of Petal, MS, one brother: Clarence Johnson, Jr. of Cleveland, OH; 2 sister-in-laws, 2 brother-in-laws all of Orlando, FL and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



INTERMENT
 Foxworth Cemetery
 Columbia, Mississippi

*Grandad, you were a gift on earth
As we think about our times
together the pain still hurts
God had a calling
and you were the one to receive
Even though you were far away
our love towards each other never changed
You put up a good fight
But God said it was time to come home
As the days continue to pass
we will continue to stay strong
Thanks for your laughter
and the things you did
We love you forever.*

Sincerely your grandkids

Honorary Pall Bearers

Toby Gibbs
Richard Gibbs
Joseph Melton, Jr.
William Watts

James Gibbs
Tony Boswell
Vernell Crawford

Active Pall Bearers

William Watts
Fred Abram
Tony Boswell
Toby Gibbs
Arthur McLin
Lionel Brown

Floral Bearers

Friends & Family

Acknowledgement

The family of **James Edward Bell** would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the kindness and love shown during the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Your prayers and presence have been great sources of support for our family. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

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