



Robert Marshall Bell IV

January 5, 2022

Robert Marshall Bell IV. was called home to be with his Heavenly Father on January 5, 2022, at 10:48 a.m. at the age of 48 in New Orleans, LA. Robert was born in Houston, TX, and moved to New Orleans as a young child. Robert was the former Principal and Assistant Principal of Lake Forest Charter School and the former Assistant Principal of Lafayette Academy Charter School. Robert was the CEO of Bell Legacy Company and provided Education Consulting in fellowship with New Schools New Orleans. He was a member of the Division of Education and Counseling Advisory Board at Xavier University, John F. Kennedy Alumni Board, and the Founder and Director of H.O.N.O.R Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on improving the quality of life in Eastern New Orleans. Robert established the #WECARE cleaning campaign dedicated to removing litter and beautifying the community of New Orleans East.

Robert leaves his legacy to his loving and devoted wife of 20 years, Nicole Curtis Bell, his beautiful children Travis Anthony, Ashley Amelia, and Zoe Amelia. Robert was the loving son of Barbara Bibbins Bell and Robert Marshall Bell III. He is survived by his siblings-Robin Chaney of Houston, TX, Reuben Bell (Taira) of Doylestown, PA, Rory Bell (Tiffany) of Montgomery, AL, Rodney Bell, and Ranae Murph (Akeem). Sister-in-law, Shanta D. Martin, and Brother-in-law, Joseph O. Curtis. An uncle, Ernest Toussant of Patterson, NY, and his great aunt, Bessie Lafayette of Baton Rouge, LA. His godparents:

Judge Arthur Hunter Jr. and Ernestine Milo of Arlington, TX, and his godchildren: Robriane Larry, Jemel Jones, Jr., Isaiah Bell, and Blair Connerly, Jr. Robert is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends of the family.

Relatives and friends of the family, the pastor, officers and members of New Salem Baptist Church, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, and all neighboring churches; administration and staff of Xavier University of Louisiana, New Schools New Orleans, Lake Forest Charter School, Lafayette Academy Charter School, Benjamin Franklin High School and Martin Luther King Charter School; The Alliance for Diversity and Excellence (ADE), the Executive Education Experience (E3) Fellowship, The Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, The Class of 1991 of John F. Kennedy High School, the employees of Humana, Inc and Amazon are invited to attend the homegoing services at New Salem Baptist Church, 1530 Alvar St. New Orleans, LA 70117 at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Visitation is from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Interment: Mount Olivet Mausoleum 4000 Norman Mayer Ave, New Orleans, LA 70122.

Duplain W. Rhodes Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guest book.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Salem Baptist Church
1530 Alvar St.
New Orleans, LA

Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (cst)

New Salem Baptist Church
1530 Alvar St.
New Orleans, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bell was our principal, we all miss him very much. He helped me so much and made our school a better and healthier community. God Bless.*

D - April 13, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for all. I didn't know your love one. But, after seeing his name on the sign by the LF School on my daily, I wanted to know more of him. Well, I was touched by his life, the lives he touched, and his legacy. Young, blessed, gifted, and giving. I've been touched. May God continue to bless and keep you all in His loving care. Eileen Spears
New Orleans, LA*

Eileen Spears - February 02, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Many prayers sent to you and your family. Lean on God for strength. May God continue to bless and keep you doing theses times.*

From: Ollie and Adolph Vincent and Family in Clovis CA

Ollie Vincent - January 16, 2022 at 08:23 PM

CW

“ Sending prayers, love and support to the family. Mr Bell’s service and sacrifice will be remembered and appreciated for ever more. May knowing he made a difference in the lives of many comfort you —his living was not in vain.May God continue to giving you peace.

Christy Williams - January 15, 2022 at 11:36 AM

SH

“ Enjoy your time in paradise Mr. Bell. Thank you for believing in me as a young educator. My prayers and condolences to your family 🙏

Sharika Hagan - January 15, 2022 at 11:24 AM

RB

“ Nikki and family our prayers, love, and deepest condolences to you. We love you all. Roz, and Corbett

Roz Bowens - January 15, 2022 at 11:16 AM

AB

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss of Robert. We are praying for your strength. Lean and trust God, for your FAITH will strength you. Cherish the memories you have of Robert. God will give you understanding and peace.
Love Alton and Jacquelyn “Jackie” Bates

Alton and Jackie Bates, - January 15, 2022 at 08:15 AM

TW

“ Robert was a gentleman at heart. Always warm and pleasant with everyone he encountered. He will be greatly missed. Praying for the entire Bell family, especially his mother, wife and children 🙏

Tiffany Williams - January 15, 2022 at 08:09 AM



Adrienne Dowden

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my colleague and friend Robert Bell. It is never easy to find the words to express our feelings when there are no words that can fully capture the depth of what we’re feeling. I pray that you are able to find comfort in the support of friends and loved ones during these difficult days. Adrienne Dowden

Adrienne Dowden - January 14, 2022 at 09:32 PM



JR

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Many prayers sent to you and your family. Lean on your FAITH for strength.

Jacquelyn P. Riley

Jacquelyn P. Riley - January 14, 2022 at 08:12 PM



KE

“ Mr. Bell was a true gentleman and scholar. It was a pleasure working with him at Lafayette Academy in service of the students there. My prayers for him and his family.

Kevin - January 14, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ Margaret Darby lit a candle in memory of Robert Marshall Bell IV



Margaret Darby - January 14, 2022 at 02:05 PM

ME

“ Monique Egana purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.



Monique Egana - January 14, 2022 at 01:25 PM

CA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers of comfort and strength to the family.
To my Mildred Osborne and Livingston classmate and work colleague in recent years, may you rest in heavenly peace.

Christy Albert-Watson - January 14, 2022 at 10:08 AM

BB

“ To Mrs. Bell and the entire family, My deepest and sincere condolences. I am praying for your strength in this very difficult hour. I meet Mr. Bell at Lake Forest Charter and He was Just a very Sweet Spirit. My Grandkids Loved him and I knew that He loved them and all of the Children that he dealt with on a daily basis. . May Your Soul Rest in Heaven Mr. Robert M. Bell IV, until we meet again. May the Peace of God encompass you all in the days and weeks to come.



Ms. Barbara Bender

Barbara Bender - January 14, 2022 at 09:59 AM

CA

“ *Christy Albert-Watson lit a candle in memory of Robert Marshall Bell IV*



Christy Albert-Watson - January 14, 2022 at 09:54 AM

JB

“ *Robert was always the best and most welcoming whenever our paths crossed. RIP to a great, great man.*

Jonathan Barnes - January 14, 2022 at 01:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.*



January 13, 2022 at 07:24 PM

MB

“ *Rest on dear Robert. From Mary Brock and Family.*



Mary Brock - January 13, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.*



January 13, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *We are sending our deepest sympathies. We are praying that God gives everyone the strength needed to bear this loss.*



Bibbins Family of Mansura,La - January 13, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.*



January 12, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Nikki my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Lean on the Lord, He is a comforter and and He will provide you with all the strength you need from day to day. Hold those beautiful memories of Robert close to your heart and your family even closer.*

Dina Perkins - January 12, 2022 at 11:48 AM

ME

“ Senior year, Mr Packs’ physics class, Toki, you and I. There were many fun times in that room. I’m so glad we got the opportunity to connect again during the reunion last year. Still the great guy you were in high school, but matured to greatness. Robert Bell will forever be etched in the minds and ❤️❤️ Of those who connected with you. 🙏 Praying for God’s strength in this difficult time for family and friends. Rest well, my friend 😊

Monique Egana - January 12, 2022 at 09:24 AM

SF

Mr.Bell I can still hear and envision you whistling and walking the halls of Lake Forest. You rapping with the kids to Champion. What I hear the most is when asked how you were doing your answer was always”I’m Good, I woke up”. I often told you how I loved to hear you say that. You acknowledged God with no shame in your game. The first thought that came to mind when I heard of your passing was he didn’t wake up but quickly realized you still woke up . You woke up in the Master’s arms. To the Bell family and all who loved him continue to hold on to faith and love of God that Mr. Bell exemplified to all.
Sabrina Gable Freeman

Sabrina Freeman - January 15, 2022 at 08:31 PM

ED

“ Erik,McKinzi,Brielle Simonsen and Diana purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.



Erik,McKinzi,Brielle Simonsen and Diana - January 12, 2022 at 08:40 AM

MS

“ My favorite memory of Robert is when we were in a store and there were two young children trying to purchase something and didn't have enough money. Without hesitation, he opened his wallet and paid for the entire purchase. However small this moment in time, it truly speaks to who he was. I will never forget that genuine goodness and carry it forth in his name. I am gonna miss dancing in the streets with you.

McKinzi Simonsen - January 12, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.



January 12, 2022 at 08:23 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.



January 11, 2022 at 11:01 PM

DW

“ My prayers are with the family. Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal. I'm praying for your Peace and Strength. We were childhood friends. Robin Bell I hold you close to my heart.

Debbie Wilson - January 11, 2022 at 07:26 PM

PF

My heart go out to Mr. Bell's family. I pray for their strength in time of sorrow. He was such a great man to all he encountered. God has definitely gained an angel.

Pryer Family - January 11, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.*



January 11, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.*



January 11, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.*



January 11, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Marshall Bell IV.*



January 11, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *Nicole , so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers*



Anna Hall - January 11, 2022 at 04:18 PM