



## Mr. John Crues Bell III

September 25, 1956 - April 21, 2024

John Crues Bell III, born September 25, 1956, in Spartanburg, SC, to John Crues Bell, Jr. and Doris Bird Bell, died peacefully and went to his heavenly home on Sunday morning, April 21, 2024.

Crues was the husband of Renee Calcutt Bell for 45 years and is survived by their three children, John Crues Bell IV (Paige), Catherine Bell Smith (Blake), Bryant Calcutt “Cally” Bell (Katy), and his most precious grandchildren who called him “Poppy”; Harrison Blake Smith, Rawlinson Crues Smith, and Stella Elizabeth Lynch. He is also survived by his sisters, Julia Bell Oliphant (Albert) and Cindy Bell Deschamps (Green), and many dear nieces and nephews.

Crues was raised in Bishopville and was a 1975 graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy, where he excelled in all sports. Golf continued to be his passion in work and play. Crues attended Francis Marion College in 1975 and was a member of the FMC Golf Team. He cherished his lifelong friendships from his college days.

Crues transferred to Horry Georgetown Tech to study Groundskeeping. He worked at many golf courses along the way, but his love & dedication was Bishopville Country Club. The memories and friends he made there were forever in his heart.

Crues established Bell Landscaping 13 years ago, which enabled him to continue his love for the outdoors. In the last few years he was thankful to have Cally join him.

He was a lifelong member of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, where he served as Deacon & Elder, and his faith was very strong in the LORD.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at Bishopville Presbyterian Church (215 S. Main St., Bishopville, SC). The Rev. Chris Parnell will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the graveside committal.

Serving as Pallbearers will be Pete Player, Tommy Randall, Keith Stubbs, Bob Ellen, Collins Gardner, Perry McCutchen, Don Watson, and Perrin Babb.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers will be William Watkins, Ray Arrants, Anthony "Amp" Hickman, Timmy Babb, Tom Kerr, Rae McDaniel, Wes Brand, Paul Fata, Joe Kennedy, Travis Windham, and Bill Hopkins Jr.

Memorials may be made in his honor to Bishopville Presbyterian Church, POB 66, Bishopville, SC 29010-0066.

The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery

215 South Main Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bishopville Presbyterian Church  
215 S. Main Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010

## Reception

APR 24. 12:30 PM (ET)

Bishopville Presbyterian Church  
215 S. Main Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



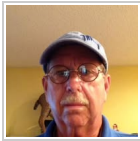
Rebecca Skinner - April 28, 2024 at 09:40 PM

RH

“ *Ronnie And Bridget Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Ronnie and Bridget Hall - April 23, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, worked with Crues at the can plant always keep us entertained*  
Charles Lee



Charles Lee - April 22, 2024 at 07:02 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Lawhon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Kathy Lawhon - April 22, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ *I haven't seen him in a few years and always considered him a good friend. Prayers to the family.* ”

James Butch Mckenzie - April 22, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *Curt & Cindy Grggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III* ”



Curt & Cindy Grggs - April 22, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Mike & Julia Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III* ”



Mike & Julia Banks - April 22, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers for comfort to all.. I loved Crues' wit and his love for all his kids, including mine..He will be greatly missed. Good bye for now, my Clemson Friend.* ”

Terri Northcutt Woodham - April 22, 2024 at 10:03 AM

MB

“ *Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



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**Matt and Betsy Bramlett** - April 21, 2024 at 06:58 PM