



Mr. Walter "Mike" Bell

January 17, 1950 - August 14, 2018

Walter Michael "Mike" Bell, 68, of Columbia, went home to be with the Lord on August, 13, 2018. His memorial service will be held Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Gateway Baptist Church, 1651 Dutch Fork Road, Irmo, SC 29063. The Reverend Don Brock will officiate. The family will receive friends in the Sanctuary following the service.

Born in Darlington, SC on January 17, 1950, Mike was the son of the late Walter Malcolm Bell, Jr. and Jeanette Hite Bell. Mike was a graduate of Hartsville High School ('68), Wingate College ('70), and the University of South Carolina ('73).

Mike spent his career in sales traveling for John Deere, Shakespeare, and Silstar before finishing his career with the SBDC/Winthrop University. His work took him all over the world.

Throughout his life, Mike loved to spend time outdoors hunting, fishing, fixing things, and having fun with his family and friends. He was a masterful storyteller and he loved to have a good time.

Surviving is his loving wife of 47 years, Deborah L. "Debbie" Bell; daughters, Leanne B. Sheik (Justin) of Lexington and Blair B. Nelson (Jacob) of Gilbert; sister, Cynthia Johnson (Johnny) of Chapin; grandchildren, Blakeley, Carlyn,


and Avery Sheik, Annabell and Hadley Nelson; as well as devoted family dogs, Izzie and Jack. Those who preceded him in death were his parents.

The family would like to express sincere appreciation for Dr. James Wells and the caring staff of Lexington Oncology.

In lieu of flowers, the Bell family asked that memorials be made to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (alexslemonade.org), 111 Presidential Blvd., Suite 203 Bala Cynwyd, and PA 29004 USA to fund childhood cancer research or Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services (www.paals.org), 221 North Grampian Hills Rd., Columbia, SC 29223.

Courtesy of Brown-Pennington-Atkins.

Tribute Wall



Andy
Shirley

“ JUST HEARD ABOUT MIKE THIS MORNING!! MIKE AND I WERE OLD FRIENDS BOTH BORN AND RAISED IN THE COUNTRY, NOT FOR FROM EACH OTHER! IN HIGH SCHOOL MIKE WAS RATED ONE OF THE BEST HIGH HURDLERS IN THE STATE AROUND 1968. WE BOTH WERE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TOGETHER IN THE EARLY 70'S. MIKE MET THE LOVE OF HIS LIVE, DEBBIE AT WINGATE COLLEGE BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO USC ! MIKE HAD THE BEST PERSONALITY ANY ONE COULD ASK FOR, ALWAYS LAUGHING & JOKING! OLD FRIEND RIP SIR THE REST OF US ARE HEADED THAT WAY SOON ! SEE YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE MIKE !!

Andy Shirley - August 24, 2018 at 10:28 AM



JM

“ Debbie, Cynthia and family. Mike was one of the nicest people I have ever known. I did'nt meet Mike until he joined our BSA troop 512 and we were put in the same patrol. It was instant friendship. We spent a lot of time together at the beach. It was on one of these beach trips that Mike and I saw this guy do something really stupid. He was ok, but after that Mike and I had a name that we only called each other. From one Coolie to another Coolie, so long old friend. My thoughts and prayers, John McKinnon, Sarasota, Fl.

John McKinnon - August 22, 2018 at 05:53 PM

JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter "Mike" Bell*



Jewel Walters Gibson - August 21, 2018 at 10:17 AM

BG

“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He always had a smile and was fun to be around. RIP*

Bess Hungerpiller Gore - August 18, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ *Mike was a close friend of mine throughout Hartsville High School. He will be missed by so many people that will remember him as I do, a really nice guy. Rest in peace, Mike.*



Faye Newsome - August 18, 2018 at 12:25 PM

GB

“ *Cynthia, my husband, Frank, and I send our condolences to you and your family.*

gloria beckham butler - August 18, 2018 at 11:08 AM

JB

“ Jeff & Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter "Mike" Bell



jeff & carol bryant - August 17, 2018 at 07:10 PM

JB

Cynthia: Jeff & I send our sympathy and love to you in the loss of Mike. Please know you and your family will remain in our prayers in the coming days. Love & Blessings, Carol

jeff & carol bryant - August 17, 2018 at 07:13 PM

JL

I have known Mike since we started school together at West Hartsville Elementary, and on through graduation at Hartsville High. He was always a fun person to be around. Please accept my sympathy.
Jill King Lyles

Jill King Lyles - August 18, 2018 at 07:00 AM

HW

Just a condolence from The Methodist Manor Health Care, we certainly enjoyed knowing you, and the loving care you gave to your Mother. Loved all the stories you told to make us laugh. Love & Blessings Nurses at the manor and Helen Westmoreland

Helen Westmoreland - August 19, 2018 at 12:33 PM

SS

A great guy and friend since our first school days!

Sharon Sturdivant - August 25, 2018 at 09:09 PM