



Willah Mae Bell

October 14, 1918 - July 31, 2006

Funeral services for Willah Mae Kirby Bell, 87, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Roberts will officiate with burial in Mt. Elon Baptist Church Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 1, 2006 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 104 East Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Bell, widow of Thomas James Bell, Sr. died Monday, July 31, 2006. Born in Scranton, SC, she was a daughter of the late Samuel Tilton and Nettie Cox Kirby. After her marriage she continued her education at Coker College becoming its first married graduate in 1939. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was active in the choir, Margaret Timmerman Circle, Deborah Sunday School class and many other organizations. She was a member of the Civinette Club for many years. She was employed with the Darlington County School system as a permanent substitute teacher and was a member of the Retired Teacher's Association.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. T. James and Nancy Bell of Hartsville, SC, Allen Ray and Jane Bell of Tacoma, WA; daughters and son-in-law, Ann Meares of Hartsville, SC, Catherine and Dennis Williams of Burlington, NC; sisters-in-law, Mary Pendarvis Kirby, Dot Altman, Annie Rue Denny; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry Daniel and Anne Kirby; grandchildren and spouses, Tom Meares, Brian and Monica Meares, James Bell, Elizabeth

and Terry Quinn, Andrea and Derek Trader, Katie and David Free, Amanda Williams, Jason Bell, Rachel Bell; great-grandchildren, Dylan Meares, Logan Meares, Madeline Meares, Manning Meares, Abby Trader, Mia Trader, Matthew Quinn, Lauren Free.; many nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
104 E. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Dr. Bell and family: We learned of the death of your mother too late to come to visitation. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We did not know your mother personally, but we do know, Dr Bell, what a God-send, you have been to us. God Bless you and your family always.##imported-begin##Ronnie, Shirley, & Travis O'Neal##imported-end##

August 07, 2006 at 12:38 PM



“ Dr Bell,
Sorry to read of the loss of your mother. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayer for you and yours.

Dick and Carol Morgan##imported-begin##Dick and Carol Morgan##imported-end##

August 03, 2006 at 11:48 PM



“ Dr.Bell and family, You have our deepest sympathy. You mean so very much to our family, expecially Mom. Please be assured of our love and prayers!##imported-begin##Jeff and Carolyn Sifford##imported-end##

August 03, 2006 at 07:45 PM



“ Dear Dr Bell, and family,
You have my sympathy on the loss of your loved one. You will be remembered in my prayers. May GOD bless and comfort you during this time of sorrow.

Rosa J Fales.##imported-begin##Rosa J Fales##imported-end##

August 03, 2006 at 03:14 PM



“ Dear Dr Bell and family,
Carole and I are very sorry to hear about your mother passing away. Mothers are always very special. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and, you have our deepest sympathy.

Love and Prayers,
Ron, Carole, and Megan Howard##imported-begin##Ron Howard##imported-end##

August 03, 2006 at 01:20 PM



“ Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sad to hear about the loss of Mrs. Bell.

Carmen Edwards##imported-begin##Carmen Edwards##imported-end##

August 02, 2006 at 09:09 PM



“ *Ann and Jimmy,
Please know of our thoughts and wishes for peace and comfort.
Hal and Stella Littleton##imported-begin##Hal and Stella
Littleton##imported-end##*

August 02, 2006 at 05:43 PM



“ *Dr.Bell; We want you & your family to know that we too share with
you in your grief for the loss of your Mother.Long time friends,
Audrey & Raphael Price##imported-begin##William R.
Price##imported-end##*

August 02, 2006 at 04:43 PM



“ *Since I cannot be with you all today, I'm sitting at my desk recalling
beautiful memories of your mom. We stayed in touch for many
years. She always had a special place in my heart and, I hope,
loved that our Lauren met her Lauren when she was born. Sending
love to each of you. Nancy Burch Bunch##imported-begin##Nancy
Burch Bunch##imported-end##*

August 02, 2006 at 04:01 PM



“ *Our hearts @ prayers go with all the Bell family.##imported-
begin##Roger Link##imported-end##*

August 02, 2006 at 03:20 PM



“ Dr.Bell & Family, Sorry for the lost of your Mother,My thoughts and prayers are with yo and your family. Dora MILLER IPN##imported-begin##Dora Miller##imported-end##

August 02, 2006 at 02:44 PM



“ Dr. Bell & Family: We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May the Lord comfort you in this time of need.
"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18)
Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jessie & Maxine Chisholm##imported-end##

August 02, 2006 at 02:20 PM



“ We understand the importance of parents and are truly sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Bell , they were extremely nice to us when we moved here from Va. many years ago.##imported-begin##Pete/Linda Hodge##imported-end##

August 02, 2006 at 01:48 PM



“ *Catherine and family,
It has been a very long time, but I do have unforgettable memories growing up in Hartsville, including you and your family. I was saddened to hear of your loss. You know when the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time. We cannot feel life's losses without first feeling the blessings of its fullness. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. GOd bless.*

Love,

Jeanette##imported-begin##Jeanette Vance Eberhart##imported-end##

August 02, 2006 at 08:17 AM



“ *Dr. Bell and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Sincerely,

Dickie and Tammy White

Kay Tumbleston##imported-begin##Tammy White##imported-end##

August 02, 2006 at 08:13 AM



“ Ann, Jimmy, Catherine and Ray:
Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Your Mother was truly a beautiful lady and good friend and neighbor to my Mother and Daddy. We all were blessed with wonderful parents and I have many warm memories to cherish as I am sure you do.
Love to you all,
Marian Brown Pender###imported-begin##Marian Brown Pender###imported-end##

August 02, 2006 at 12:20 AM



“ Dear Dr.Bell,Ann and family,
Our entire family sends our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your Dear Mother. I always enjoyed talking with her when she came into Belk. She was such a Sweet Lady. Dr. Bell you are very Special to our family. May God hold each of you in the palm of His hand and comfort you with His Everlasting Love. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Johnson and Mildred Thompson Families###imported-begin##Mary M. Johnson###imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 09:57 PM



“ Dear Dr. Bell and Family,
On behalf of the Howard Family we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time of sorrow. There is no love like that of a Mother, and we know that you are hurting.
You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we will continue to pray for God to comfort you.

Sincerely,

The Howard Family (Nona Mae, Doris, Luther, Ann, and Dale##imported-begin##Ann H. Hudson##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 09:33 PM

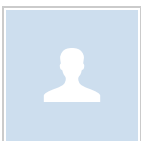


“ Dr. Bell and Family,
I have fond memories of your mom during my school days. She was a great teacher. I will continue to pray for your family. May God Bless the entire family in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Jennie DeWitt##imported-begin##Jennie DeWitt##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 09:32 PM



“ Dr Bell and family, our deepest condolences. may GOD bless you during this loss of Mrs bell.##imported-begin##ronnie and carla watford##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 08:49 PM



“ Ray,
So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Greg Handakas##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 06:51 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of your mothers' death. I remember seeing her sitting on her porch at home several years ago when I was in Hartsville. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Bell and know she will be greatly missed. You are all in my prayers at this time. My mom just passed away last month. It is hard to lose a loved one. Take care,
Carole Young##imported-begin##Carole Easterling Young##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 05:14 PM



“ Dr. Bell and Family,

On behalf of the staff of Helping Hands Hospice, please know that we are so sorry for your loss and we are praying for your family during this time of sorrow. Mrs. Willah Mae was a wonderful lady and will be truly missed. This is a great loss for our community as well. Once again, we are praying for you and we are here for you should you need us.

Sincerely,

John Griggs##imported-begin##John Griggs##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 04:15 PM



“ So sorry to read of your Mother's death. I have many fond memories of being with you all and her supervising us. God will welcome her home. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sally Cooke Christian##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 02:43 PM



“ To Ray, Jane and your extended family I offer my sincere sympathy on the passing of Ray's mom. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Glad Rycroft##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 11:48 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Bell family on the passing of a very sweet and special Lady. Our thoughts and hearts are with you.

From your friends up in Vancouver, B.C. Canada##imported-begin##Neil & Sharon Piper##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 11:16 AM



“ Jimmy and family
Please accept our heartfelt condolence during this time of grief. We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bobby and Bonnie Edwards##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 10:57 AM



“ Our entire family sends its most heart felt condolences on the passing of your mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. We will always remember her charming personality and treasure the time we spent with her.
Mike, Anne, Michael, Michele, and Chelsie.##imported-begin##Mike and Anne Quinn and Family##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 09:56 AM



“ Bell family, please accept my condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother, who was also very special to me and the whole McDonald family. "Mimi" was more like a relative to us than a neighbor, as was "Uncle Jim" during his lifetime. Both of them truly epitomized the meaning of "good neighbors" for me, my brothers, parents, and grandmother for many, many years. The McDonald family will have fond memories of "Mimi" always. She was a fine and special lady. Take care and best wishes. John McDonald##imported-begin##John McDonald##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 09:55 AM



“ Dear Dr. Bell, Ms. Ann Meares and Family,
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and Prayers are with each of you at this time. I remember your mother from school and having her as a substitute teacher...she was so very kind. May God give each of you the Peace, Comfort, Strength and Courage in the days and months to come. May God Bless each and everyone of you.
The Wallace Family,
Bobby, Connie and Cody##imported-begin##Connie Sells Wallace##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 09:36 AM



“ *Dr Bell and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers..*

Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Robbins##imported-end##

August 01, 2006 at 06:44 AM



“ *Jimmy and family,
Your sadness is also ours at this time of loss. All of the Bell children have been blessed with the heritage set before you from your parents. Your Mother was a fine lady and will be greatly missed. Our prayers will continue for you in the days to come.##imported-begin##Harry L and Paula Lyles Murph##imported-end##*

August 01, 2006 at 12:24 AM



“ *Dear Jimmy and family, know that we are thinking of you.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Arrowood##imported-end##*

July 31, 2006 at 10:48 PM