

Dear Mom

I wish I could hand this to you instead of writing it. I miss you in every quiet moment, and in every laugh that reminds me of your voice. You were my comfort, my strength, my first home. You believed in me when I didn't believe in myself, and your love still carries me now. Everything I am has your fingerprints on it — my heart, my resilience, my kindness.

Loving you has shaped my life. Losing you has changed it forever. I promise to carry your legacy with pride and to love the way you taught me to love. I didn't lose you, Mom — I gained an angel who knows my heart completely. Until we meet again, I will hold you in every memory.

I love you forever. I will miss you forever.

Your daughter, always.

Acknowledgments

The family of Mrs. Linda Bell would like to give thanks to God for all the love that has been shown towards our family. Your prayers, flowers, texts, phone calls, words of encouragement, and caring expressions of love, strength, and comfort during this time have truly blessed us. We are humbly grateful for every helping hand, and every act of kindness that has been shown during this time of bereavement. Thank you from the depths of our hearts for all your love.

Ballbearers

Michael Mitchem | Arthur Walker | Cornell Webb
Darel Mays | Charmus Bell Jr. | Jarrett Bell

Honorary Ballbearers

James Mitchem | Hervey Mitchem | Jeremy McCray
Hal Mitchem | Floyd Mitchem | Carlton Mitchem

Interment

Monday, January 26, 2026, 11:00 A.M.
Leavenworth National Cemetery
150 Muncie Rd. | Leavenworth, Kansas 66048



SERENITY
FUNERAL HOME

1101 E. Bannister Rd. | Kansas City, Missouri 64131 | sfhkc.com

Homegoing Celebration

Linda Carol
BELL

DECEMBER 17, 1951 – JANUARY 11, 2026

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Visitation: 10:30 A.M. | Service: 11:00 A.M.

Serenity Funeral Home

1101 E. Bannister Rd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64131

Pastor Darron LaMonte Edwards, Officiant

Life Reflections

Linda Carol Bell was born on December 17, 1951, to the union of John "Bill" Harvey and Lacy Bell (Canady) Mitchem in Hattievilleville, Arkansas. She transitioned to her heavenly home and gained her wings on January 11, 2026.

Linda was preceded in death by both parents, her maternal and paternal grandparents, one sister, Corena Wash; three brothers: Lathern, Cecil and Glen Mitchem; mother-in-law, Pearlbe Beatrice Bell; three brothers-in-law, Arthur Walker, Arthur Wash and Kenny B. Bell; two sisters-in-law, Wardean Mitchem and Phyllis A. Bell; two nephews, Jermaine Coleman and Antoine Canady.

Linda was educated in Hattievilleville, Arkansas, attending Center Junior Elementary School and Wonderview High School, graduating with the Class of 1970. Linda then went on to continue her education at The University of Central Arkansas (UCA), located in Conway, Arkansas.

At an early age, **Linda** united with New Mount Zion Methodist Church, Hattievilleville, Arkansas where she accepted Christ. Linda moved to Kansas City, Missouri and united with Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

She met and married the man of her dreams, Larry Eugene Bell, on February 25, 1978. To this union one daughter, Kimberly was born.

Linda was employed by the Social Security Administration for many years until she retired.

She enjoyed reading and storytelling. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

Left to cherish **Linda's** sweet memories: her husband, Larry Bell, of the home; her daughter, Kimberly Dukes (Chris), of the city; brothers: James Mitchem, Hervey Mitchem (Shirley), Hal Mitchem (Minnie), Floyd Mitchem (Wilma) and Carlton Mitchem, all of the city; sisters: Nina Walker, Jean Webb (Fred), Brenda Walker (Eric), Beatrice Mitchem, all of the city, Loretta Mitchem and Melissa Easterwood (Mark), both of Conway, Arkansas; brothers-in-law, Lorence Bell Jr. (Joelle) and Charmus Bell Sr. (Brenda), both of the city; sisters-in-law: Lorraine Bell, Glenda Bell and Pam Bell, all of the city; aunts: Sylvia Byers, of the city and Cora Lee Surrat, of Morrilton, Arkansas; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving family and friends.



Celebration of Life

Prelude

Scripture

Old & New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgments and Condolences

Life Reflections

"To Be Read In Silence"

Remarks

"Two Minutes Please"

Family & Friends

Musical Selection

Words Of Comfort

Pastor Darron LaMonte Edwards

Committal Prayer

Benediction

Recessional