



Leroy
Bell

OCTOBER 30, 1936 — FEBRUARY 7, 2025



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF



INTERMENT

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Christopher Bell ~ Reggie Fields ~ Raymond Fields
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Curtis Bell ~ Darryl Bell ~ Shelby Bell

FLOWERS BEARERS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Leroy Bell wishes to extend its sincerest "Thank You" and appreciation for your many acts of kindness during our time of need. We are forever grateful. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.



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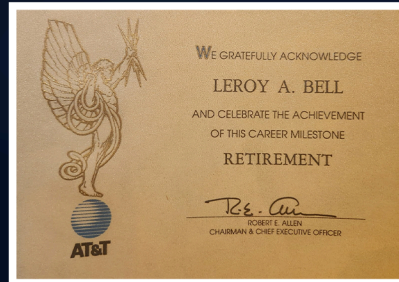
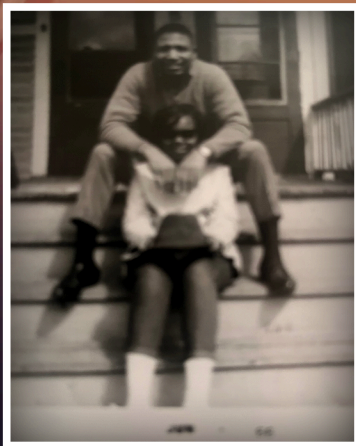
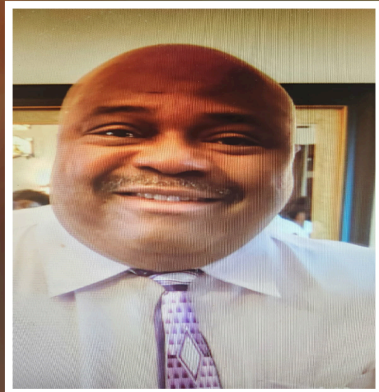
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Obituary

What do you know about Leroy? Let me tell you about this Wonderful, Loving Husband of mine.

We were married in Cincinnati, OH, in 1967, after we met and dated in Columbus. And our years of marriage exceeded our expectations. Leroy was always attentive and worked diligently to ensure that whatever was needed was provided for us. Soon after, our daughter, Erica Alexis Bell, was born, and she brought immeasurable joy to our lives. We were devastated by her loss to cancer, and she could not overcome that loss, and neither could we, her parents. There were times when we felt that life was overwhelming and hard to figure out. Challenges and obstacles that would arise were never in our plans. Yet, God was always there to take us by the hand, walk with us step by step, and guide us through the good He had in store for our lives.

Leroy A. Bell was born October 30, 1936, to Louis Edgar Bell and Sarah Louise Morris Bell. He was known as Baby Boy Bell, but he didn't stay Baby Boy Bell for very long. It wasn't long after that he demonstrated he was more than Baby Boy Bell. He came out ready to demonstrate his ability to move mountains. Leroy was the third of six siblings. He was raised in a loving home in the American Addition, one of Columbus' oldest neighborhoods, established in 1898. His family roots trace back to Cumberland Furnace, TN, where his father was born and raised before moving to Columbus for better job opportunities.

After graduating from Central High School, Leroy served in the United States Army. He had a wonderful work ethic, and when he returned from his time in the service, he always held 2-3 jobs at a time. He loved sports and was an avid University of Michigan fan, and he played softball. He also loved his cars and no dirt could settle on his car, for any amount of time, that is.

He was baptized at a young age at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, originally founded and started in his grandparents' home on Lee Avenue in the American Addition.

After serving his country, Leroy continued to serve the army as a civilian, playing softball, and he then met the love of his life, Evelyn Elaine Walker, and the rest is history. Then, his second love came along, Erica Alexis Bell. She was his heartthrob.

During Leroy's recent illness, he was lovingly cared for by his wife and family members. And now he is in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Edgar Bell and Sarah Louise Morris Bell; his daughter, Erica Alexis Bell; his sisters, Lula Mae Austin and Jacquelyn Bell; brothers, John Bell, Sr., Roland Bell, Frederick Bell, and Melvin Bell.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Evelyn Elaine Bell; brothers, Lawrence Bell, Columbus, OH, and Ed Bell of Detroit, MI; sister Cora Jean Lanier, Columbus, OH, and Sharon Strickland of Detroit, MI; sister-in-law, Delphine Eberhardt of Cincinnati, OH; and Diane Bell of Van Buren Township, MI, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Leroy's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him and loved him.

"Holding you in my Heart until I can hold you in Heaven".

Order Of Service

PRESIDING

Elder Lance E. Humphrey, Senior Pastor
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

SCRIPTURE

Elder Jeffrey Phillips, Sr.
Old Testament – Psalms 23
New Testament - II Corinthians 5:8-10

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Minister Trina Phillips

MUSICAL SELECTION

Elder Timothy Williams
Minister Camille Williams

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CONDOLENCES

Minister Shaniece Spencer

REMARKS

George Jordan ~ Reggie Fields
Bruce Davis ~ Victor Franklin

MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Judy Darby

EULOGY

Elder Lance E. Humphrey, Senior Pastor
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

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From Leroy to My Wife...

*Hand in hand, husband and wife;
Partners forever, best friends in life.
If the road is smooth or if the patch is rough,
We have each other and that's more than enough!
My heart still skips each time we are together;
And I feel so lucky to love you forever.*

*Lots of Love, Your husband
Leroy A. Bell
From your Lucky Husband*