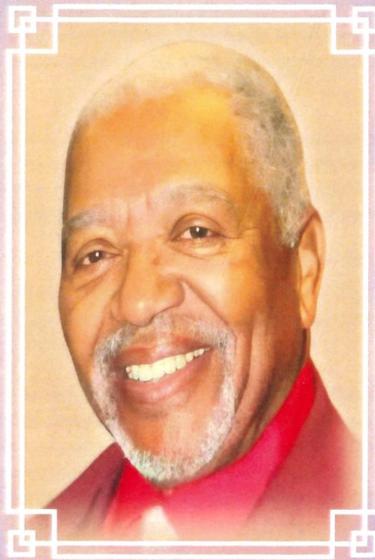


*Celebration of Life*

— for —

# Lewis Arlander Bell

*Sunrise: April 7, 1936 - Sunset: January 24, 2023*



Friday, February 10, 2023  
Columbia Community Church  
8516 Thomas Williams Way  
Columbia, MD 21045  
Wake: 10:30 am  
Funeral: 11:00 am

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12

## *Obituary for Lewis Arlander Bell*

Lewis Orlando Bell was born on April 7, 1936, in Williamston, North Carolina to Joseph and Mary Bell. He was educated in the Martin County School System and spent his early adult life in the U.S. Navy where he served as a Marshall. He would later change his middle name to Arlander because he disliked Orlando, and he decided he could.<sup>1</sup>

After about 3 years in the military, Lewis moved to Baltimore, Maryland in the early 1960's where he met and married Jenette "Jenny" Williams. They raised their growing family in the Shipley Hill neighborhood of West Baltimore City and helped to build a tight knit community where he and other neighborhood dads watched over the kids as if they all belonged to them. He was known as the "Mayor" of the community because he put a lot of time and energy into ensuring that the community was stable.

Lewis, Lou, Daa, Deeeedy, Pop Pop, Uncle Lewis or Grandpop (all of which he was affectionately known as) had a number of skilled jobs to provide for his family: the St. Joe Paper Company, American Smelton, and the Maryland Transit Authority, just to name a few. He also obtained his CDL driver's license to drive big rigs as a side hustle. Needless to say, Lewis was all about providing for his family. When the lack of a high school degree posed a threat to his family's welfare, Lewis obtained his GED to further garner the means to improve his and his family's lifestyle.

Despite living in inner city Baltimore, Lewis was determined that his household would want for nothing. Sacrifice for family was his way of loving. The neighborhood called his house the "Little House on McHenry Street" because Lewis was a true man about his family. The family took trips each summer, Jenny sewed most of the children's Easter clothes, the family decorated the house together for the holidays and always had plenty of gifts under the Christmas tree.

Before Lewis met Jenny, he fathered Susie Renee, Tyrone and Natasha (Tussa). At the perfect time, Lewis introduced his new kids to their big brother and sisters. Immediately, the siblings were one big family never seeing each other as separate from the rest.

Lewis was all about harmonious relationships between family and friends. He was a "no grudge" kind of guy and it saddened him when old conflicts prevented healing and forgiveness. He recognized his challenges and spent the remainder of his life making sure everyone around him was clear about what they meant to him. There was no guessing or wondering about his feelings for anyone. He voiced his love LOUD and STRONG. When he began to lose his vision because of diabetes, it pained him to not be able to see his loved ones clearly. His family reminded him daily how much he was loved and adored and that love goes above and beyond visual sight.

Lewis Arlander Bell is received with angelic open arms by his daughter Eulalia, son Joseph, his parents, his sisters Minnie and Elsie, his brothers Ira Ward and Colon, his Aunt Della, Uncle Lawyer, Uncle Robert, Uncle George, nephew Michael, and a host of other, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He leaves to mourn his wife, Jenny, his daughters Wanda, Lisa (Ronald), Susie, Natasha (Anthony), his son Tyrone (Shirelle), adopted daughters, Monique and Brandi, his sister Yvonne, his brother Gary (Barbara), and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, and his new son Nathan.

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### *A Message from Pop Pop Lewis*

*I send my love and my heart to all of you.*

*I will glide in your dreams,*

*And whisper to you in your sorrow.*

*Fear not, for I am resting in the Loving Arms of my Lord,  
the Starter and Finisher of my life on this earth.*

*I will see you again one day, because I know you are worthy of Eternity with me  
And with Christ Jesus!*

# Order of Service



*Service Officiant*

*Pastor Marcus Adams*

*Musical Prelude*

*Bro. Christopher Boston*

*Columbia Community Church*

*Processional*

*Inspiration from Scripture  
(Old and New Testaments)*

*Eldress Beverly Goodwin*

*Exec. Pastor Shirelle Bennett*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Musical Selection*

*Natalie Comas*

*Words of Reflection*

*(Limit 7 people, 2 minutes per person)*

*Family and Friends*

*Special Remarks*

*Elder Calvin Mitchell*

*Eagle's Nest Cathedral Int'l.  
Huntsville, AL*

*Exec. Pastor Shirelle Bennett*

*Kingdom Faith Ministries*

*Special Readings*

*Regina Bell-Kelley*

*Acknowledgements and Obituary*

*Morgan Thomas Harried*

*Musical Selection*

*Elder Carlton Sauls*

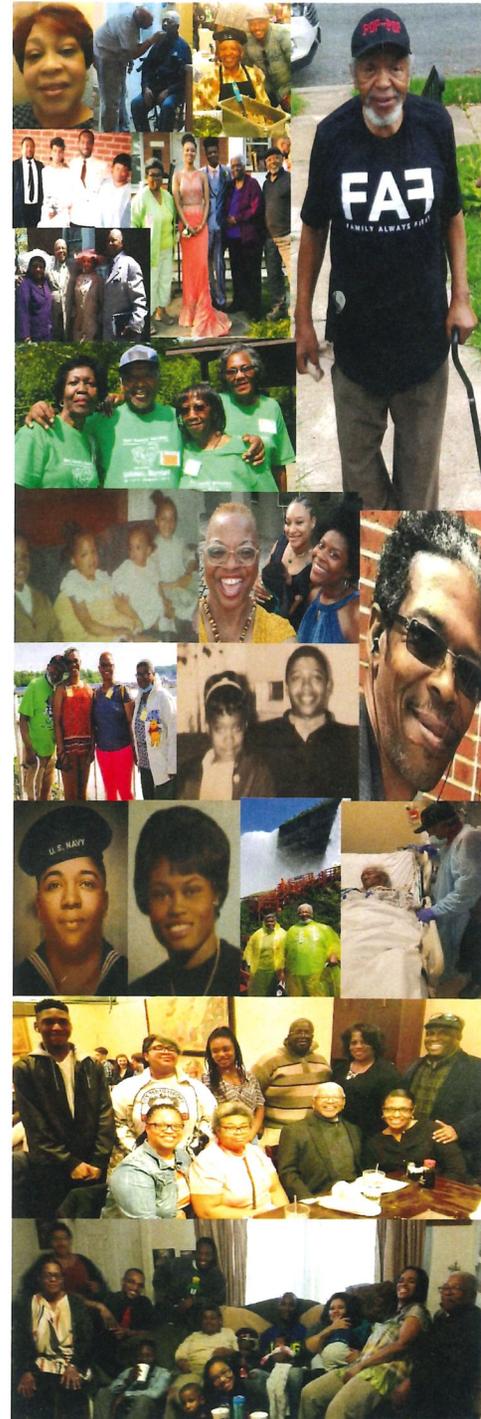
*The Message*

*Reverend Tyrone Bennett*

*Senior Pastor*

*Kingdom Faith Ministries*

*Benediction & Recessional*



**Pallbearers**  
*Family and Friends*

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## Acknowledgements

The Family of Lewis Arlander Bell want to thank you all for your prayers, love, and support during this most difficult time. We cherish your thoughtfulness, your time and attention to our needs, and your selfless care of Lewis in his final hours and his surviving family in our sorrow. We love and appreciate you all.

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## Interment

Immediately following the service:  
Loudon Park Cemetery  
3620 Wilkens Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21229

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## Repast

Diamondz Events & Catering  
9908-88 Liberty Road, #9980  
Randallstown, MD 21133

Limited space is available. If you are unable to attend the repast, please visit the family home at 4518 Harcourt Road, Baltimore MD 21214.

For additional information, call 443-977-7136 or 443-803-9671.

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## Professional Services

**entrusted to:**

Joseph H. Brown, Jr. Funeral Home  
2140 N. Fulton Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21217

### To My Baby Jenny

You have been my baby for 59 years and 4 months. That's a lifetime of memories, of family moments of ups and some downs. My prayer is that you look to these memories to strengthen your day to day. I wish I could help you through this as much as you helped me when my body slowly gave in to the evitable. I want you to know that my love for you was the fuel I needed to keep going. And now, God's love will sustain me for eternity, until we see each other again.

With all my heart, Lewis

January 27, 2020

To: Deaconess Jenette Bell of Kingdom Faith Ministries, Baltimore, Md., Son, Pastor Tyrone Bennett of KFM, and daughters of Deacon Emeritus Lewis A. Bell,

My prayers of comfort and love are with all of you in the transition of your Husband and Father from his earthly home to his Heavenly Home.

He was a true man of God. We know our God does not make any mistakes. In God's time, our Heavenly Father chose one of His greatest angels to come to his Heavenly home on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Praise God for the life of Lewis A. Bell.

Today, I believe Lewis is setting at the foot of our Heavenly Father, while enjoying and participating in the singing of the Heavenly choir, and the shouting of the saints all around him. In my imagination, this is a beautiful sight.

Lewis A. Bell, family and friends miss you. However, you should be comforted to know that Lewis is now with our Heavenly Father and all the saints of Glory, where there is no better place to be. He is now without any more pain or suffering. What a blessed memory of this Great man of God.

Like others, I have loss a kind friend, a wise man, a person who could talk on any subject and a person who always gave me words of encouragement over many years.

I believe Lewis would want all his family and friends to make sure our earthly lives are in order with Christ, so we, like him are ready when our time comes for our transition from earth to our final home.

Praise God for the life of Lewis A. Bell and the wonderful legacy he has left here on earth for all of us to follow. Please follow Lewis by being loving and kind to all who cross your path in life.

We love and miss Lewis. My prayers of comfort and love go out to all who share the loss of Lewis' transition from his earthly home to his Heavenly home.

May God bless, comfort, and keep all who knew and shared the life of this wonderful man.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mother Batana, of Kingdom Faith Ministries of Baltimore, Md.,  
And cousin-sister of Deaconess Jenette Bell of KFM

### Remembering You

Freshly cut watermelon on a hot Summer day  
Fried fish and cornbread  
That's how I'll remember you  
Impromptu trips down South  
Sometimes, just to West Baltimore to visit family  
That's how I'll remember you

Up early Saturday morning, cutting grass with  
Pumell or Cousin Joe  
Pulling out the grill as you call friends and family,  
telling them "COME ON OVER!"  
That's how I'll remember you

Your many solo's while on the church choir  
Even the one you sang at Eulalia's funeral  
That's how I'll remember you

Your annual visits to Aunt Edna and Granny's  
homes every New Year  
to make sure they'd be protected  
That's how I'll remember you

Your love for all things sports, *especially* football  
Your passion for politics  
That's how I'll remember you

Your undeniable love for Aunt Jenny, your baby  
How you couldn't bare to go a day without her  
That's how I'll remember you

Your telephone calls at least once a week  
to check on the kids, and to tell us "Come over."  
That's how I'll remember you

Your dedication to family  
Your presence at *every* event, even if it was out of  
State  
That's how I'll remember you

Your love for God  
How you continued to sing His praises, despite all  
you were going through  
That's how I'll remember you

The last time you told me you loved me  
Me, not knowing it would be the last time  
That's how I'll remember you

Thank you for taking me in and loving me as one of  
your own

I will always remember you

- Monique Keels

