



## Mr. William Wiley "Bud" Bell Jr.

August 20, 1930 - March 24, 2020

William Wiley "Bud" Bell, Jr., age 89, of Rossville, Georgia went home to be with The Lord Tuesday – March 24, 2020. He was born in Gastonia, North Carolina to the late William Wiley Bell, Sr., and Julia E. Gill Bell. He served his country in the U.S. Army where he earned the rank of Sergeant. He was a former employee of Cramerton Mills and had also worked as a Grocer. He was a former resident of Cramerton, N.C., and had been a resident of Rossville since 1974. He was a former boxer and in 2000 was inducted into The North Carolina Boxing Hall of Fame. He was a former Legion Baseball Star. He had been an ordained Minister since 1967. He had Pastored several churches in North Carolina and the Northwest Georgia area. Bud was an avid door to door witness for The Lord and was the former Pastor of the trailer park ministry for the Northwest Georgia Baptist Association. He was a member of Peavine City Baptist Church in Rossville, Georgia. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sisters: Dorothy Hewitt, Laura Holland and Katherine Jackson and brother: Don Bell. Bud is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Grace Horton Bell, their children: William Wiley "Tony" Bell, III of Rossville, GA, Deanna (Teddy) Rogers of Ringgold, GA, Julie (Jon) Curtis of Franklin, TN, Billy Bell of Chickamauga, GA, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. The family will have a private visitation and a Celebration of Life service at a later date. Burial will take place in Chattanooga Veterans National Cemetery. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes –

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## **Chattanooga National Cemetery**

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Rest in peace uncle bud. JK BELL JR*

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**JK BELL JR** - March 28, 2020 at 09:03 PM

JR

“ *To Mary and all the Bell Family,  
Bud lived across the street from my Mom (Rita Reed) and Dad (Jim Reed) on Lynn Lane in Rossville. For many years Mary & Bud prepared meals and did countless neighborly deeds for my parents including Bud speaking at my Dad's funeral. I'm sure they did the same for other neighbors to. I never heard Bud preach at a Church service but he was always talking about God's Love for us and exemplified loving your neighbor as yourself. One of my sisters said " Bud was such a dear man, and a joy to so many around him. My heart hurts". Another sister said " Everyone was better for knowing him".*

*Bud Bell was a shining light for Jesus Christ and from all of the Reed Family we Love You and we're praying for you during this time of loss.*

*May God Bless You,  
Jay Reed*

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**Jay Reed** - March 27, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ *Brother Bell was a great preacher, a great Man, a great Brother in Christ plus He was a Great mentor for the Lord....*

*He was someone that was a great follower of Jesus Christ. Always looking for the best in people and seeing if they really have a relationship with the Lord. I learned some much from him, and I want to tell everyone that I love this man. He is a great, Godly man. I will miss you my brother, but I know I will see you again.*

*God Bless,  
Eddie Frye*

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**Eddie Frye** - March 25, 2020 at 10:25 PM

MM

*I learned more under his ministry as a young Christian, his teachings are what I have always come back to. His whole family were the sweetest and kindest people in the world. We love you all, Mrs. Mary Bell, Tony, Deanna, Julie and Billy. Mary Sikes Marshall*

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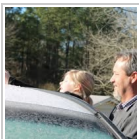
**Mary Marshall** - March 27, 2020 at 05:21 PM

JT

“ *What a great day for bud as he meet the many,many that he led to JESUS,I loved this man & his family,a great man of GOD who never failed to witness to every lost man he met.Bud will be missed he has left a legacy that will live on.Some mighty big shoes to fill..*

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**joel tucker** - March 25, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ *What a wonderful man of God. I knocked on hundreds of doors with Bud. He lead many people to Christ. He will be missed. What a passion for witnessing for God.*

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**Michael Cleghorn** - March 24, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JC

“ Ms. Mary, I am so sorry. I will never forget one of our Oakwood small group Christmas parties and Bud telling you to get the billfold back he'd brought for our gift exchange. It was so funny. Bud loved the Lord and wanted to share Him with everyone. He & Mike knocked on a lot of doors. Joy Cleghorn, LaFayette, GA

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**Joy Cleghorn** - March 24, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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*I have many memories of Bud and his family. He truly loved to talk about the Lord.  
What a glorious moment that was when he reached out and took the hand of Jesus. I love you Bud.  
Wayne Holden*

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**wayne holden** - March 26, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DM

*My Dear Bro. Bell, you have always been one of my most unforgettable characters. You will never know how much you helped me grow in the Lord. You made such a huge impression on me by kneeling before the Lord when you prayed and said "We always ought to pray and not faint". I know you are safe and sound and happier than you have ever been before, You are safely Home. Ms. Mary you and your family will be in my prayers in the coming weeks for God to comfort you as only He can. My love and sympathy to you all.  
Debi Rogers (Holden) Masterson*

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**Debi Masterson** - March 26, 2020 at 07:49 PM

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*Bro. Bud has always had a special place in our hearts.  
He led my husband, Butch Ellis to Christ at our home on visitation.  
Thank you for caring about lost souls. You will never be forgotten! See you in Heaven one day!  
Butch and Sheila Ellis*

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**Sheila Ellis** - March 26, 2020 at 11:43 PM