



Ms. Annie Ruth Bell

April 7, 1940 - February 15, 2022

UTICA – Ms. Annie Ruth Bell, age 81, peacefully went home to be with her loving Lord on Tuesday morning, February 15, 2022, with her loving son by her side.

Annie was born in Clayton, Alabama, on April 7, 1940 to the late Dozier and Minnie Lee (Walker) Bell. She was raised and educated in Alabama, and went on to graduate from her high school as the class salutatorian. Upon graduation, Annie relocated to the welcoming Utica area with her brother and sister-in-law and has resided locally ever since.

Annie's employment opportunities comprised of several varied positions. At one time, she held a position at Mele Manufacturing Company. After that, she went on to hold a position for ten years with the GE Radio Receiver Plant on Bleecker Street. Annie then shifted her career and gained employment with Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center as a Mental Health Hygiene Therapist Aide – a position she worked in for 25 years and from which she retired.

Annie harbored a special place in her heart for her family. The light of her life and the love of her heart was the blessing of her only child, Maurice. She was known for always focusing on his needs and on the needs of all those she loved. Additionally, Annie particularly appreciated her extended family; she loved hanging with her cousins and visiting them as often as she could. Annie constantly looked forward to sharing loving times and creating beautiful memories with her family. Those who loved her were always impressed by Annie's beauty – internal and external – and how extremely humble she was.

One of Annie's particular pleasures involved cooking. There wasn't a style of cooking or a dish she couldn't whip up, but Annie especially loved to cook her special: soul food. Her family members were happy recipients of these fruits of her labor and skill. Annie loved to dance and spend time with her family. She especially enjoyed sitting on her porch and conversing with folks passing by, all who loved her and were loved by her just as well.

A woman of faith and great spirituality, Annie was an avid church member who loved her church, St. Paul's Baptist Church. There she served as a dedicated usher, a member of the Beautifying Club, and partook in the Alabama/Georgia Club. She especially enjoyed involving her family in the church on-goings. Annie was a faithful and dedicated member of the Mt. Zion Chapter #588 of the Empire State Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She wore her crown with grace and dignity as she was two times elected Queen of her chapter that celebrates the National Queen Esther Day held in New York City, NY. She was also a member of the "Bubbling Brown Sugar" chapter of the Red Hat Society where Mrs. Jean Davis was Queen Mum.

Annie is survived by her beloved son, Calvin Maurice Bell. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, especially Delmarshia Curry; great-nieces, great-nephews, and her special cousins, Lizzie Washington, and Elizabeth Preston. Annie will be fondly remembered by her sister-in-law, Lena Bell; and her treasured friends, Doshier Grant, Dolores Williams, Minnie Lee Johnson, Jimmy Connors, and Rachel Hamlett, whom Annie considered as a second mother. Annie was predeceased by her nephews, William Jerome Bell, and Arthur James Bell; her nieces Sylvia Mitchell, and Freida Bell; her great-nephew, Quentin J. Curry; her sister, Bernice J. Bell; and her brothers and their loves, Ozie and Cornelius Bell, William James and Blanche Bell, Billie J. Bell and his wife Versie, and William C. Bell.

The Bell Family would like to extend their gratitude to Annie's physician, Dr. Scott Brehaut, for his care and compassion, as well as to the nurses and staff of St. Luke's Hospital.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 10:45 to 11:45

a.m. at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 219 Leah Street. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Annie's Home Going and Celebration of Life Service at the conclusion of visitation, at 12:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Baptist Church. Interment will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
219 Leah Street
Utica, NY

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
219 Leah Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Ms. Lena, Edward, Velma, Alexis, Fallon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell.*



Ms. Lena, Edward, Velma, Alexis, Fallon - February 24, 2022
at 02:41 PM

MW

“ *Maurice and Delmarshia. We're so sorry for your loss. Sending our prayers and condolences to your entire family. May God grant you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells.* 🙏🙏
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Mary and Robert wells - February 20, 2022 at 09:17 PM

WF

“ *We Sending Our Prayers For You and The Family Maurice. RIP Love Workman Prince & Jackson Family*



Workman Prince & Jackson Family - February 20, 2022 at 12:19 PM

FB

“ From the family of Billy J & Versie Bell purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell.



From the family of Billy J & Versie Bell - February 19, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell.



February 18, 2022 at 11:58 PM

CO

“ Maurice, I'm so sorry to hear about Ms. Ann. She was very loving and kind to me. When my grandmother Corrine passed away I still stopped by to see her although it was hard at first, because whenever I saw your mom I seen my grandmother. She will be sincerely missed.



Corrine - February 18, 2022 at 11:39 PM

JM

Maurice, DelMashia, deepest sympathy and condolences. I am saddened by the passing of Annie Ruth a friend for many years. May God give you peace, comfort and strength during this difficult time.

Joyce Turner McKiever - February 27, 2022 at 05:53 PM

DW

“ Dawn Winston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell



Dawn Winston - February 18, 2022 at 10:39 PM

DW

“ Annie was one of the first people I met when I went on shift at M.V.P.C. she was a beautiful lady. Soft spoken and very sweet Rest Annie. Job well done. Calvin you were the son that everybody dreams of having. You were an awesome son. She loved you dearly. God Bless you. My deepest sympathy to you and the family. Sending prayers of strength and comfort 🙏❤️🙏



Dawn Winston - February 18, 2022 at 10:38 PM

CL

“ Sorry for your loss. Calvin your Mom was a beautiful person. Always kind and pleasant.



Chris Lockwood - February 18, 2022 at 07:40 PM

RS

“ Rose Pearson & family



Roseann Simmons - February 18, 2022 at 06:30 PM

FT

“ Fran Thayer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell



fran thayer - February 18, 2022 at 06:29 PM

FT

She was such an amazing woman every time I would say I love u she would say I love u more I told her one day that my mom use to say that and she took my hand and said to me I bet she did love u more just like I do I have so many memories I'm going to miss her so much

fran thayer - February 18, 2022 at 06:31 PM

MG

“ Maurice, You were blessed with a beautiful Mother. I always enjoyed Annie's visits to my shop. And her kind and gentle demeanor. May she Rest In Peace and your wonderful memories give you strength.
Most Sincerely,
Mary Gearhart

mary gearhart - February 18, 2022 at 03:49 PM

LW

“ *Lizzie Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell*



Lizzie Washington - February 18, 2022 at 01:45 PM

JJ

“ *Julie Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell*



Julie Jones - February 18, 2022 at 01:36 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Fudge lit a candle in memory of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell*



brenda fudge - February 17, 2022 at 10:27 AM

DC

My deepest condolences to the Family of Ms. Annie Ruth Bell. She was an absolutely beautiful woman & soul. She will be missed. 🙏🌟🌟
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Donald Curry - February 17, 2022 at 06:33 PM