



Pall Bearers

Damond Edwards
Solomon Franklin
Eric Parker

Jose' Elliott
Terence Franklin
Edward Robinson

Ricky Franklin
Therm James, Jr.
Kalik Robinson

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Gone Too Soon

Words cannot describe the loss we feel
Saying farewell to you
But heaven chose to give you wings
And now its time you flew
We wish that we could have more time
That God could let you stay
Forever will not be long enough
But we would like one day
We wish we had just one more chance
To see that tender smile
To laugh with you again my dear
Just for a little while

In Our Hearts

Author Unknown
We thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories.
And your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake.

Acknowledgments

We sincerely thank everyone for their calls, prayers, kind words, thoughts, and deeds during our time of bereavement. It is your expressions of love and concern that carry us through this time of loss. As a family, we sincerely appreciate the outpouring of love you have provided, and we take nothing for granted. May God's richest blessings continue to be yours.

We are deeply grateful and appreciative of the love, support, and service of Jackie's village; a special thank you is extended to Oliva Evans and Ms. Lorraine P. Rue for their untiring love and unwavering commitment to her care.

To the Doctors Community Hospital ICU team and staff, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the hard work and care given to our loved one.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To:

Strickland Funeral Services
6500 Allentown Road | Camp Springs, MD 20748
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Sunrise: February 23, 1949 | Sunset: February 21, 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024
Visitation: 9am | Service: 11am

The New Macedonia Baptist Church

4115 Alabama Avenue, Southeast
Washington, DC 20019
Reverend Patrick J. Walker, Senior Pastor

Jacqueline's Story

Jacqueline Elizabeth Bell, affectionately known as Jackie, JB, and Jack-Jack, was born on February 23, 1949 in Faison, NC to the late Ranso H. Bell and Sallie M. Fryar Bell. She was the first born of seven children. She departed this life peacefully at Doctors Community Hospital on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

In 1967, Jacqueline completed her education in the Sampson County Public School System graduating from Hargrove High School. After graduation, she attended James Sprunt Institute in Kenansville, NC, where she majored in Business Administration, graduating in 1969.

Upon graduation, Jacqueline relocated to Washington, DC where she began her career with the Federal Government. She started work with the Department of Labor as a clerk (Grade-GS1). After working in various positions and receiving promotions, she matriculated up the ladder, retiring after 40 years of service as Director of Regional Operations from the Philadelphia Regional Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (Grade-GS14, Step 10), in 2008. During her career and even after retirement she was a mentor to many of her peers, family, and friends as it related to discrimination and workplace equality, always advocating on behalf of others. Her passion for her work was so strong, she joined the Federal Managers Association, where she served as president for several years.

At a very early age, Jacqueline joined Giddensville A.M.E Zion Church in Faison, NC, where she sang in the church choir; she continued her support of the ministry over the years. After relocating to DC, she aligned with Central Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Reverend Henry S. Moore. In 1989, she joined The New Macedonia Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Robert L. Walls, Sr.

and continued her faithful service under the pastorate of Reverend Patrick J. Walker. Jacqueline served her church in multiple capacities, business manager on the Nurse's Ministry, member of the Jolly Saints small group, Bible Study, and other various ad hoc committees.

Spending time with family and friends was one of her greatest joys. Jacqueline loved traveling, baking for family and friends, as well as hosting events at her home. She was instrumental in organizing and planning the Bell Family Reunions. She was very active in her Hargrove Alumni Association, serving as secretary for several years. She was a member of Sisters-in-Touch and the Red Hat Divas. After retirement, in her spare time, she loved keeping up with the political news of the world. One of her favorite pastimes was watching MSNBC and HGTV. She also enjoyed gadgets, computer games, and listening to various types of music. Jackie enjoyed singing and dancing with her family and friends.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Kevan E. Bell; and two nieces, Caundra and Ryan Bell. Jacqueline leaves a legacy of love in her siblings: two brothers, Henry (Veronica) Bell, Fayetteville, NC and Freeman (Vilva) Bell, Ridge Springs, SC; three sisters, Debra (Dewan) Figgins, Fayetteville, NC, Cassandra (Henry) Morrissey, Fayetteville, NC; and residential companion of 39 years and life ally, Shelia Bell, Upper Marlboro, MD; three adopted brothers, Willie Anderson, Waldorf, MD, Phillip Simmons, Johns Island, SC, and Jose' Elliott, Dunkirk, MD; three adopted sisters, Cynthia Cobb, Brooklyn, NY, Angela Langley, Youngsville, NC, and Elizabeth Jeffries, Washington, DC; goddaughter/niece, Erin (Marcus) Zeigler, Cary, NC and godson, Logan Evans; eight nieces and nephews, Cametrus Bell, Mebane, NC, Cheniqua Allen, Durham, NC, Karim Bell, Atlanta, GA, Montoya (Marvin) Rouse, St. Louis, MO, Donnell Edwards, Long Island, NY, Stefanie (Joe) Horton, Paducah, KY, Courtney Bell, Stockbridge, GA, and Imani Cobb, Brooklyn, NY; one great-aunt, Velma Darden Cox; four aunts, Ida Bell Autman, Gaynell (David) Franklin, Dorothy Cunningham, Eula Pearl Herring; three great-uncles, Raymond Dowell, John Wilds, and Marvin Gary; a special cousin, Steve Fryar; very close friends, Sandra Hogan and James Adkins; and a host of other nieces, great-nieces/nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Hymn of Praise

Sister Robin L. McLean

Scripture Reading Old Testament

Psalm 23

Minister Gloria Hamilton

New Testament

2 Corinthians 5:1-8

Reverend Nyoka Everett, Pastor
Giddensville AME Zion Church
Faison, NC

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Staccato Powell
Wake Forest, NC

Selection

Sister Robin L. McLean

Interment

St. Paul's Rock Creek Cemetery
201 Allison Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
202.726.2080 | www.rockcreekcemetery.org

Repast

City of Glenarden – The Gold Room
8600 Glenarden Parkway
Glenarden, MD 20786

Poem

Written by Velma Darden Cox
Stephanie Cox

Acknowledgements & Obituary Reading

Deaconess Arjetta D. White
Church Clerk

Reflections

Nieces & Nephews
Henry D. Bell, Brother
Deacon Cleotis Doyle

Selection

Reverend Dr. Angelo R. Berry
Pastor of Evangelism

Eulogy

Reverend Patrick J. Walker
Senior Pastor

Recessional

