

*A Service of Love and Worship
Celebrating The Life
Of*

Louis Collins Bell

*Sunrise
November 30, 1944*

*Sunset
July 17, 2011*

Service

Wednesday, July 27, 2011
10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

**Officiating Minister
Pastor Thomas Johnson**

Sketch of Life

Saying goodbye was so hard to do on July 17, 2011. **Louis Collins “Bell”** was born on November 30, 1944 in Asheville, North Carolina. He peacefully answered the Masters call from labor to reward. He was the son of the late Ida Mae Bennett Bell and LC Bell.

Bell was a 1963 graduate of Stephens Lee High School where he served as a member of the basketball team, which won the 1962 AAAA State Championship. On July 5, 2008 he was inducted into Stephens Lee High School Athletic Hall of Fame. After high school Bell attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina and graduated with a Bachelors Degree. While at the University he excelled in football and after college he embarked upon a career with the New York Jets.

His Legacy was dedicated to at risk youth. He was engaged in the profession of The Juvenile Court System, where he continued his legacy of reaching out to the youth and mentoring others, always striving and hoping to make a difference in their lives.

Because of Bell’s outgoing fun-loving personality, his Love of God and others, the Heavenly Gates opened wide, and a gentle voice said, come Angels welcome our love one home...

Bell was a member of Nazareth First Baptist Church in Asheville, NC. He will forever be cherished by: his beloved Annie Pearl Johnson-Bell and children, Eric (Adina) Bell of Tampa, FL, Alex Bell of New Jersey, Patricia (Chris) Johnson of Hickory, NC and Lynette L. Burris of Atlanta, GA; as well as his sisters, Ouida Weston of Asheville, NC and Arlene Bell Price of Greensboro, NC; his aunt, Delores Lassiter of Asheville, NC; five grandchildren, one niece and one nephew and his devoted brother and life friend, Robert (Carolyn) Russell of Hickory, NC; along with a host of other relatives and many friends. He loved his class of 1963 and all of his neighborhood partners.

Louis will also be remembered for his contributions to the area of sports; specifically football and basketball. He had a passion for the games and this was observed when he played. He gave most of his life to helping troubled youth and those who were incarcerated. His passion was to help youngsters and this was his devotion until his health began to fail. Louis led his two sons, Eric and Alex into the athletic field where his oldest son, Eric was blessed to have obtained three professional basketball championships. While his younger son, Alex had the opportunity to play for the New York Giants and tryout with the Green Bay Packers of the NFL. He was proud of his two boys. Louis will be greatly missed by many.

Order of Service

Viewing

Processional

Invocation Pastor Phil Johnson

Selection Sis. Helen Nelson
Accompanied by Bro. Luke Elmore

Scripture Readings Min. Jamel Johnson
Psalms 90:1-10
2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Tributes From Family and Friends (2 min. please)

A Special Tribute Pastor Phil Johnson

Obituary

Selection Sis. Helen Nelson

Eulogy Pastor Thomas Johnson

Benediction

Interment

Mount Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey

Today We Lay To Rest

The Mortal Remains of Louis Bell; His
Spirit however remains alive in all of us here today.

Beloved Annie Pearl Johnson-Bell
And children Eric, Alex, Patricia and
And his loving sisters: Ouida and Arlene
From this day forward and the rest of
Our own days on this earth we will
Nourish his spirit and keep it alive
With our memories.



Thank You

*We thank each one of you for
Reaching out and embracing us with
Your kindness and thoughtfulness
You have lifted our spirits in a special way.
We know that you were placed in our path by
His divine hand to help our hearts and
we are filled with gratitude for you.
And as the days will come and go your love
And kindness will give us pleasure and
bring you back to us in memories to treasure.*

*With Sincere Appreciation
The family of Louis Collins Bell*

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