



SFC (Ret) Joseph LeRoy Bell

October 14, 1940 - November 4, 2016

SFC (Ret) Joseph LeRoy Bell, son of the late Clenneth and Rose (Pepper) Bell, was born October 14, 1940 in Addison, Michigan. Joe passed away Friday, November 4, 2016 in his home having attained the age of seventy-six years and twenty-one days.

As a young boy, Joe grew up in Manitou Beach, Michigan and entered the United States Army in 1959. While serving in the military, Joe attained the rank of Sergeant First Class and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Service Star, Bronze Star Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendations Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Expert Qualification Badge M16 and Expert Qualification Badge M14, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired in 1980 after twenty years of service.

While in the military, Joe met Mi Suk Kim and they were united in marriage on April 26, 1962 in Seoul, Korea. They were blessed with one son, John William Bell. Mi Suk passed away on July 2, 1995.

On February 14, 1996, Joe was united in marriage to Kyong Ok (Pok) Bell in Waynesville, Missouri. They shared over twenty years together.

After retiring from the military, Joe continued to serve his country as a civil service employee in the DOC Logistics Department until he retired in 2003. For 8 ½ years, Joe drove a school bus for the Waynesville R-VI School District.

Joe had made an important decision in his life, accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Waynesville and attended until his health began to decline.

Joe will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Kyong Bell of the home; one son: John W. Bell and wife Christine of Waynesville, MO; two step-daughters: Sharell Cureton and husband Donovan of St. Robert, MO and Sharnell Bush and husband Montrey of Ft. Gordon, GA; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 10, 2016 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Dr. Dennis Crowder and Chaplain James Steelman officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army. Burial with military honors followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *SFC (Ret) Joseph LeRoy Bell*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Shawn Loveless lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Joseph LeRoy Bell*



shawn loveless - November 17, 2016 at 08:10 PM

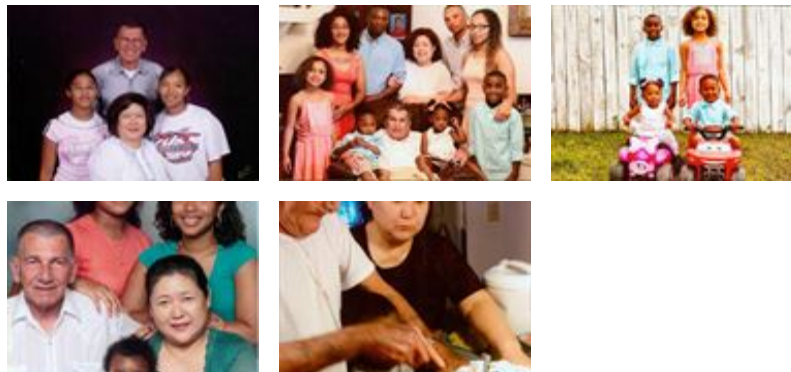


“ *I worked with Joe at the school and always enjoyed riding his bus as an aide. He was great with the kids and they enjoyed him too. So sorry for the loss of such a great man.*

Sarah Page Dye - November 14, 2016 at 09:13 PM



“ *59 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 10, 2016 at 07:11 AM

DC

“ Joe, thank you for the great times and talks we had together, now the Supreme Commander over all has properly relieved you from your duties rest in peace my brother in arms and friend

Daniel Cerda



Final Roll Call

*Did you hear the sad news today?
Another veteran warrior has passed away.
Called by the Supreme Commander over all.
Today he has made his final roll call.*

*Come fellow vets; let us reverently bow and pray
For our valiant comrade, who has fallen this day.
We'll drape his casket with a banner of beautiful hues,
Those glorious American colors: red, white and blue.*

*That star spangled banner he gallantly fought to defend,
Unyielding and undaunted, he fought to win.
He fought bravely and he passed the battle test.
Now the Supreme Commander grants him, "eternal rest".*

*With dignity and honor, we'll commit his body to the ground,
The bugler will sound "Taps" and we'll fire the volley rounds.
The final military honors we'll render somberly and ever so sadly;
"Old Glory" we'll solemnly precisely fold and reverently give to his family.*

*Each Memorial Day we will recall our fallen comrade names,
And attest that their selfless sacrifices were not in vain;
For this lasting legacy they gave to all generations;
"It's honorable to respect our flag and to defend our great nation."*

So close ranks aging warriors, for our ranks are thinning.

*We must keep on fighting and keep on winning.
With pride and honor we'll march and stand tall,
And we'll proudly - proudly - salute "Old Glory"
'til we too make our final roll call.*

Daniel Cerda - November 08, 2016 at 08:28 PM

CP

“ *Cathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of SFC
(Ret) Joseph LeRoy Bell*



Cathy Peterson - November 07, 2016 at 04:43 PM

SC

“ *1 file added to the album Joe's friend*



Sue Covert - November 07, 2016 at 02:50 PM

SC

“ *So sorry for your loss... Joe was an awesome
man and friend he will be sadly missed.*



Sue Covert - November 07, 2016 at 02:21 PM

CP

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Cathy Peterson - November 07, 2016 at 01:14 PM

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Cathy Peterson - November 05, 2016 at 09:31 PM

JY

“ *Joe And Kelly York lit a candle in memory of
SFC (Ret) Joseph LeRoy Bell*



Joe and Kelly York - November 05, 2016 at 10:44 AM