



Phillip "Chick" Bell Sr.

April 9, 1932 - June 2, 2015

Phillip "Chick" Bell Sr. exited his earthly home on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital, Alexandria, Virginia. He is preceded in death by his mother, Grace Bell and he leaves to mourn a very dear aunt, Alice Holland. Chick had a passion for horses, and as a child, was often seen riding Mr. Howard's horse around and about the south side, fully decked out in the appropriate horseman attire. He was a graduate of Parker-Gray High School and the American Academy, McAllister Institute of Funeral Service. Phillip served his country honorably in the U.S. Army. He married the former Phyllis Diggs; raising three children together, and though separated, they remained close friends.

Phillip owned and managed the Lewis Funeral Home in Alexandria, which he later sold. Then in 2009, he partnered with his daughter to establish a new funeral service business in Maryland. Chick was a highly skilled technician; perfecting his skills as a trade embalmer over the past sixty years. He was one of the first morticians in Northern Virginia to receive certification in eye enucleation. Throughout his life, he helped launch the careers of many young funeral directors, many of whom, if their names were mentioned; you would recognize. He inspired the revival of the Northern Virginia District Funeral Directors and Morticians' Association.

He earned the admiration of the community he served, and in 1997; they

recognized him for the many contributions he made to their lives. Phillip was an honest, tireless worker and visionary. He dreamed the big dreams and worked tenaciously to see them through to fruition.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

Triangle, VA

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 12. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
2932 King Street, Alexandria
Alexandria, VA 22302

funeral service

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Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album Program 6/12/2015



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 19, 2015 at 05:11 AM



“ To Our Family-
 Our deepest sympathy to a branch of our Family Tree..
 There are no words to soften the sting of the passing of our loved ones. Believers in Christ grieve differently because we understand that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!
 May Phillip " Chick" Bell, Sr. Rest In Peace.. Your course has been run and your assignment has been completed.
 No more pain.. no more sorrow..
 The Mayfield Family..

William and Hope Mayfield, Jr - June 12, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ I always enjoyed the stories Chick shared about the good old days he had with Kirk, Sr. But mostly, I always remembered his soft hands. Will miss you Chick. Rest In Peace with all the other angels that you sent home!

Carolyn Bostick Carter - June 11, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Phillip "Chick" Bell Sr..



June 11, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Thank you, Uncle Phillip, for your caring heart and tireless efforts to "always" be there to support, love and serve our family...as far back as I can remember. Fifty years ago, I clearly remember that your calm and gentle voice helped to soften my pain and assured me that you would take good care of my Dad when he died. And, you did! Now, it's your time to rest in peace and be reunited with your family and friends in Heaven. Our family loves you and will miss you dearly. Patricia Diggs Love

Patricia - June 10, 2015 at 11:23 PM



“ Dad you were my first mentor and business teacher. You always made a point to prepare me for all that will possibly go well and sour. I will always remember our closest days working together during the late seventies and eighties. You were loved by so many and you were so benevolent to the poor and needy. Aunt Alice really loves you, and we both want to say with all whom have called me and will show up for your service, that we love you and will miss you all the rest of our days until we join you in Heaven. Your son, Phil JR.

Phillip Bell, JR MA - June 10, 2015 at 04:18 PM

KI

“ Remembering with heart affection and dignity of respect to the true and trusted Undertaker's Undertaker... Thank you for the counsel...mentor/friendship over the years..

*Keith Ridley,IV
Ridley Funeral Estab.
Washington,DC*

Keith Ridley IV - June 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip "Chick" Bell Sr..



June 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ Thanks Uncle Phil for always taking care of our family and everyone else's families in their time of need. You will be missed. Rest In Peace :)



Letta Carroll - June 10, 2015 at 11:50 AM

MW

“ *Winona and family
We're sending our condolences and praying
that GOD will give all of you the strength
needed to make it through this time of sorrow.
Love, Peace and Prayers ~ ~ ~ Mr. & Mrs.
Robert L. Worthy*



Mrs. Mildred S. Worthy - June 10, 2015 at 10:26 AM

PM

Nice message, Love you Sister and Brother-in-law. God Bless you!#

Pamela Saunders Murphy - June 11, 2015 at 02:36 AM

MW

“ *Winona and family,
Mr. Bell was a kind and humble man, he has
not only done great things for this community,
but helped many people give their love ones a
decent burial whether they were financially
able or not. We praise GOD for the opportunity to have met such an
amazing individual and trust that he is now enjoying his new home
in Glory. On behalf of the Saunders family we give you our deepest
sympathy and ask GOD to comfort and strengthen you all during
your time of bereavement. Love, Peace and Prayers
Mildred Saunders Worthy*



Mrs. Mildred S. Worthy - June 10, 2015 at 10:12 AM

HA

“ My name is Habibah. I came to work for Mr. Bell in 2003. He did not know me, as the saying goes, "from a can of paint" but heard from a friend that I needed a funeral home to work for. Without hesitation he said; "Send her over." I worked for Mr. Bell and remained in contact with him over the years. When I would call him to check on him he would ask me to please stay in touch. I was recently rehired by Mr. Bell and his wonderful daughter Winona. In 2003 Mr. Bell would talk about Winona and how much he needed her. He was trying to figure out how he could get his daughter, who was then a high school teacher, to come and work with him. He needed her then and only God knew how much he would need her in the years to come!

If as an employee it feels almost impossible to work for Bell and Johnson Funeral Home without Mr. Bell...what must it be like for his daughter...and my colleagues. May God make it easy for Winona and the entire family!

Habibah - June 09, 2015 at 10:52 PM

SG

“ RIP - from one Bell to another...Now I know there's 2 Bells in heaven - John Bell & Chick Bell.
Sy Gaines

Sy Gaines - June 09, 2015 at 07:44 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 09, 2015 at 05:04 AM



“ 19 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 08, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ 26 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 07, 2015 at 10:59 PM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 07, 2015 at 01:15 PM



“ 18 files added to the album LifeTributes



You're Invited
to Phillip Bell
on April 11, 2015
from 8pm to 12
at The Depue Memorial Club
411 Gibbon Street
Alexandria, Va. 22304
with A Breathless Party



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 07, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ Mr. Bell was a wonderful and compassionate man, whom I've known since childhood -- growing up on Boyle Street in Alexandria. As an adult, my family entrusted several of our loved ones to his care. Mr. Bell made us feel like family and always took the time to answer questions and address our concerns. May eternal rest be his reward for the good work and many lives that he touched on this earth.

May God comfort and bring peace to his family and loved ones.

Millisa Gary.

Millisa Gary - June 07, 2015 at 07:27 AM



“ Mr. Chick was an icon in the Alexandria community. He was a kind hearted man. Our family (Moore and Carter) entrusted Mr. Chick and Winona with our parents John and Patsy Moore, as well as our beloved Ozell Carter. May your good deeds remain in our hearts with fond memories. Rest in heaven, Mr. Chick!

Tina Carroll - June 06, 2015 at 08:49 AM

JF

“ *To Winona and the Bell family:*

We extend to you and the Bell family our heartfelt sympathy. Mr. Bell was an amazing Funeral Director. He was truly a guiding light through the darkness. A precious gift to many families, providing care, direction, attention to detail and managed detail with much grace. Know that every joy passes something beautiful remains. May the Bell family be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.

God Bless.

Thank you Mr. Philip (Chick) Bell, Sr. for your extended professional service you provided to our family.

RIP

Jean Hollis and Family - June 05, 2015 at 08:46 PM

HB

“ *The Burke and Davis family send our deepest sympathy to the family.*

Our families have been friends for more years than my daddy, Harry can count.

Thank you for being such an important part of Alexandria. He is now resting peacefully and reuniting with so many dear friends....I know my mommy Costella was on the welcome home committee! May God give you all the strength you need and the ability to rejoice in his. Home going! Well done faithful servant of God!

Harry Burke, Hollie Burke-Davis

Hollie Burke-Davis - June 05, 2015 at 05:45 PM

DP

“ To the Bell family, may the peace of God comfort you and may the memories grow dearer.

Mr. Bell, was one of the best, our "Unsung Hero" here in the City of Alexandria, VA. You will be greatly missed. You gave us your best; and your services rendered was outstanding!
Dania Parker

Dania Parker - June 05, 2015 at 03:43 PM

LS

“ Deepest condolences to Mrs. Bell and family. Thank you for the outstanding service that you have provided to the residents of Alexandria for over 60 years. We will truly miss you Mr. Bell.

Lorri Anderson Smith - June 04, 2015 at 10:04 PM

LF

“ Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. The Gerald Family of Ebenezer Baptist Church.



Laurestine F. Gerald and Family - June 04, 2015 at 09:14 PM

CG

“ Cynthia Renee Grinage lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Chick" Bell Sr.



cynthia renee grinage - June 04, 2015 at 07:03 PM

JG

“ John Greene lit a candle in memory of Phillip
"Chick" Bell Sr.



John Greene - June 04, 2015 at 06:33 PM

JG

Rest in Paradise, Chick! Say hello to "Flat" for me!

john greene - June 04, 2015 at 06:38 PM

SP

Mr Bell , The Howard Family would like to thank you for the great service you gave to this community, you will never be forgotten. You were always kind, polite, courteous, and would do anything to comfort families in bereavement..

Sandra Penn - June 07, 2015 at 12:04 PM

GD

Dad and I loved having time to talk to Mr. Bell at the Royal Restaurant in Alexandria. It seems that we all enjoyed breakfast there. At least twice, when we asked for the check the bill had already been paid.....It seems that many in Alexandria remember him for his kindness. On behalf of the Day family ,I offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family. May he rest in peace!!!!!!

Gwen Day-Fuller - June 09, 2015 at 05:38 PM

AH

“ Alice Hughes

Alice Hughes - June 04, 2015 at 05:35 PM

AH

May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in you heart.

Alice Hughes - June 05, 2015 at 09:54 AM

KW

May God Continued To Keep The Family Lifted Up In Prayer And Let Them Know That Phillip Bell Is Sitting With The One That Sits High But Looks Low And That He Has Earn His Wings For Being A Good And Faithful Servant To The Community. From The Ward And Bowser Family

Karen Ward - June 05, 2015 at 07:11 PM

SP

“ *Phillip Bell was a family friend and he was always there for us during the most sad times in our lives. He was so supportive and comforting. We could count on him and his staff to help us through those difficult times. We thank God for Mr. Chick. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family and know Mr. Chick will always be remembered in Alexandria as the one to call for help during difficult times.*



Blessings from the WARD, JORDAN and BARBER Families...

Sandy Jordan Porter - June 04, 2015 at 04:36 PM

DW

Mr Bell was part of everyone's family. He has taken care of so many families in their hour of need. He was so good to my family when my Husband, Daughter and my Mother passed. May he Rest In The Arms Of Our Father. To the Bell Family, you are in our prayers. From the ROSE, and WANZER Families

Doris Wanzer - June 04, 2015 at 07:01 PM

JL

“ *Rest in Peace.*



Juna Lee - June 04, 2015 at 04:15 PM

SP

“ *Shanika Pegues lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Chick" Bell Sr.*



Shanika Pegues - June 04, 2015 at 01:05 PM

GB

“ *Gwen Bates lit a candle in memory of Phillip "Chick" Bell Sr.*



gwen bates - June 04, 2015 at 12:41 PM

VC

May God Bless The Bell Family keeping you all in my prayers

valerie carter - June 05, 2015 at 12:35 PM