



James Ray "JB" Bell

January 6, 1951 - November 27, 2023

James Ray Bell, known fondly as "JB," passed away on November 27th, 2023, at the age of 72, in Leesburg, FL, surrounded by his cherished family.

Born on January 6th, 1951 in Jamestown, TN, to Clinton Kermit and Anne Grace Bell, JB's journey was marked by his dedication to excellence and his profound love for his family.

After attending Cowan High School in Muncie, IN, he pursued an education in electronic technology that became the cornerstone of his professional life. JB's early career led him to travel the globe, working in countries like Trinidad & Tobago and later in Norway, Greece, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

In 1982, JB met the love of his life, Nitra, in Trinidad. After a whirlwind courtship, their love story blossomed into a treasured marriage lasting 41 years.

He inherited his father's engineering mind and drive to enhance everything within his grasp. JB was skilled in carpentry and liked when things were "just right." He never did anything half hearted. He put his focus and attention to detail into everything he was doing, no matter how big or small the task. With a lifelong love for the outdoors, he liked to go fishing, play billiards and enjoyed movies. He was kind-hearted, humble, and eager to speak his mind.

JB always approached life with a great sense of humor to the delight of those around him.

JB worked as a Telecommunications Engineer at CenturyLink for over 30 years where he was often recognized for his outstanding accomplishments and received many accolades. After retiring in 2016, JB continued his love of travel, often camping and exploring many of the amazing National Parks across the USA with his beloved wife and children.

JB was a fierce advocate and protector of his family. His dedication to them was unwavering, and the love and guidance he imparted will forever resonate in their lives. As a devoted father and grandfather, JB treasured every moment shared with them, especially watching his grandson grow and explore the world.

His spirit lives on in the hearts of his surviving family: his cherished wife Nitra, daughters Melissa (Shaun) DiQuisto and Jamie (Robert Douglas) Bell, grandson Nolan DiQuisto, brother Michael (Suzanne) Bell, and nieces and nephews Rick Cunningham, Tammy Cunningham, Victor Dieter Eichhorn, Savannah Rains and Sebastian Bell, as well as many loved ones in Trinidad & Tobago.

He is preceded in death by his parents Clinton and Anne Grace Bell, sisters Clata Jean (Victor) Eichhorn and Barbara Cunningham, and niece Tina Ramsey.

A visitation will be held on Monday, December 4, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 W. Main St Leesburg, FL 34748 with funeral services beginning at 2:00 PM. Additionally, a second service will be conducted in Mosheim, TN, at a later date. Donations to the National Park Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

Services may be livestreamed via Zoom at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82196356864?pwd=bIBzdnp4Y0t0T2hNdXpBcnVWbWwvUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 9635 6864

Passcode: 607895

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Ray "JB" Bell*



Beyers Funeral Home - December 04, 2023 at 01:21 PM

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*Hello, this message is from the eldest niece in the family.
I will always remember the way that uncle JB's smile lit up the room.
What an incredible soul indeed as he had a way of making those around him laugh.
I have so many fond memories with him and I would love to share one with you
We were Mayaro Beach Resort and he wanted to learn the latest chutney dance moves..
So Jenny and I took over the show and he sent Oma to rest.
The next morning after dancing all night he couldn't rise lol
He said Hunny my body hurts....
But he was willing to learn
He may be gone but we can honor him by thinking of the good times we shared.
His family is fortunate and blessed that you had what some of us didn't have and that is time. Time to make the most of what was left with him.
Rest in Peace Uncle JB MAY THE GOOD LORD ALWAYS BE AT YOUR SIDE.
ANN Dookie.*

Ann Dookie - December 04, 2023 at 05:25 PM



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Beyers Funeral Home - December 01, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Melita Brown lit a candle in memory of James
Ray "JB" Bell*



Melita Brown - December 03, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of James Ray "JB" Bell.*



December 03, 2023 at 05:54 PM

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“ James is truly one of the kindest people I've ever known. From the moment I met him, I could tell he had a deep love and devotion for his wife and daughters. It is a rare kind of unconditional love that is so amazing to witness. James always kept me laughing and made me feel so welcome anytime I came to visit. I will never forget his kindness and the great example he set for what it means to really love your family. It is a privilege and honor to have known such a wonderful man.

Annie Gomez - December 01, 2023 at 08:25 PM

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“ Ann Dookie lit a candle in memory of James Ray "JB" Bell



Ann Dookie - December 01, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ray "JB" Bell.



December 01, 2023 at 01:40 PM