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Mack Daniels

Lewis Carter

Acknowledgements

The family of Tom Jeffery Bell wishes to thank everyone for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy shown by cards, telephone calls, flowers and in the many ways in which you have expressed your sympathy in the loss of their loved one. We will always remember with grateful appreciation what you have done to help us during this time of our bereavement. The family would like to extend a special thanks and gratitude to Dr. Rudolph Wise, Dr. Albert Humphrey, Ms. Gladys Carter and the many other doctors, nurses, and other health care workers who helped to ease the burden and pain he endured during his lifetime. That God will continue to bless you is our prayer.

Services Directed by

Palmer Memorial Chapel

Fontaine Place
Columbia, South Carolina

*The
Homegoing Celebration
for
Mr. Tom Jeffery Bell*



Thursday, November 21, 1991

3:00 p.m.

St. John Baptist Church
Hopkins, South Carolina
Dr. W.H. Neal, Pastor

Tom Jeffery Bell

"AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES, AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NEITHER SORROW NOR CRYING, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY MORE PAIN FOR THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY"

REV. 21:4

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the passing of our loved one, but we know that all things work together for the good of them that love God. We must not grieve at losing him temporarily, but thank God for the time shared with him. Today we pause to pay tribute and to join in the home-going celebration of Tom Jeffery Bell.

Tom Jeffery Bell was born October 3, 1959 in Columbia, South Carolina, the son of Leroy and Marie Bell. He was educated in the public schools of Richland County School District One, and graduated from Columbia High School in 1978. He was an honor graduate from Benedict College in 1983, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art Education. He taught three years in the Charleston County School District, then continued his years of service in Richland School District One at W.J. Sanders Middle School.

On June 28, 1986 he was united in marriage to the former Jacqueline Stewart of Great Falls, South Carolina. He joined St. John Baptist Church at an early age and committed his heart to this church. He later became a member of the Trustee Board.

Tom departed his life on Saturday, November 16, 1991 in a Columbia hospital after an extended illness. His uplifting spirit, strong stamina, positive attitude and cheerful, fun loving nature touched the lives of all who knew and loved him. His presence will be missed by all, but through their faith, family and friends may find some comfort in thoughts of his being at rest with no more suffering to bear.

To cherish his loving memory he leaves his wife, Jacqueline Stewart-Bell; his parents, Leroy and Marie Bell; three sisters, Janice Bell-McDowell and Janette Bell-Damon both of Columbia; and Joyce Bell-Washington of St. Louis, Missouri; four brothers, Micheal Bell, Alonzo Bell, Gary Bell, M.D. and Woodrow Bell all of Columbia; a grandmother, Hattie Carter; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Dorothy Stewart; six brothers-in-law; seven sisters-in-law; eight nieces; five nephews; eight aunts; seven uncles and a host of other close relatives and friends. He also leaves behind two very special and dear friends, James and Charmaine Minick.

The Order of Service

Prelude Organist
Bryant Dreher

The Processional

The Hymn of Praise #364 St. John Choir
"My Hope Is Built"

The Invocation Reverend Blakley Scott

The Old Testament Scripture Reverend Leroy Cannon
(Psalm 121)

The New Testament Scripture Dr. W.H. Neal
(St. John 14:1-6)

Remarks Reverend Leroy Cannon
W.J. Sanders Middle School

Selection Unisong - Benedict College
"It's So Hard To Say Goodbye"

Words of Comfort Dr. W.H. Neal

The Recessional & Parting View

The Committal - Benediction - Interment
St. John Baptist Church Cemetery
Hopkins, S.C.

The family invites friends to share in a repast at the W.H. Neal Fellowship Hall of the church immediately following the Interment.