

Look For Me In Rainbows

*Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye.
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me,
As you know I loved you,*

*Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye.
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset,
When all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me
And I'll be close to you.*

*It won't be forever; the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you,
When we meet again.*

*Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye.
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and
All your whole life through
Just look for me and love me,
As you know I loved you.*

*Just wish me to be near you,
And I'll be there with you.*

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters & Nieces

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mr. Thomas James Bell, Jr., wish to express our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness extended to our family during the illness and passing of our loved one.

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Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Mr
Thomas
James Bell, Jr.

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
First Nazareth Baptist Church
2351 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina
Reverend Dr. Blakley N, Scott, Pastor

Obituary of Mr. Thomas James Bell, Jr.

With deep sorrow and heartfelt gratitude for a well-lived life, we remember Mr. Thomas James Bell, Jr., who passed away peacefully at his home in Columbia, South Carolina, on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the age of 70. Surrounded by the love of his family and his devoted wife, Ronda Bell of 17 years, Thomas departed this life with grace, leaving behind a legacy of strength, faith, and compassion.

Born on October 30, 1954, in Columbia, SC he was the son of the late Thomas James Bell, Sr. and Mattie Mae Roach Powell. Thomas was lovingly raised by his dedicated mother and father, the late Deacon Arthur Lee Powell, whose leadership in faith and prayer shaped the spiritual foundation of their home.

A proud graduate of Dreher High School, Class of 1972, Thomas served honorably in the United States Army for four years. His work ethic and loyalty continued through forty years of dedicated service at Thomas & Howard, where he built a career marked by reliability and respect.

Thomas's love for the New York Giants and Knicks never wavered. In his downtime, he found peace in fishing and gardening, simple joys that mirrored his calm and grounded spirit.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Sylvia Bell Barnes and Audrenia Powell Hutchins; and brothers, Kenneth Arthur Powell and Gerald Lee Powell.

Thomas leaves behind his beloved wife, Ronda Bell; sons, Antonio (Tisha) Bell of Blythewood, SC and Christopher (DeNiki) Bell of Camden, SC; daughters, Pamela Bell of Columbia, SC, Tirrea (Phillip) Shiver of Hopkins, SC, and Ashley Bell of Camden, SC; stepsons, Derrick Robertson, Trinnith Cunningham, and Randall Cunningham, all of Ridgeway, SC. He is also survived by his sister, Felicia (Frederick) Roberts of Columbia, SC, and brother, Timmy Bell of High Point, NC.

His legacy continues through ten cherished grandchildren—Ontario, Amanda, Brandon, Kelvin, Johnasia, Antonio Jr., Hailey, Taylor, Ernest (EJ), and Lauryn—and four great-grandchildren, as well as a loving circle of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends.

Thomas will be remembered for his quiet strength, warm presence, and unwavering devotion to family and faith. His memory will be forever treasured by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Selection.....First Nazareth Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Reading.....John 14:1-6.....Deacon Jimmie Taylor

Prayer.....Reverend Marion Robertson

Musical Selection....“He’s Able”.....Mr. Willard Cunningham

Remarks.....Mr. Christopher Bell, Son
Mr. Daniel Stanford, Best Friend
Deacon Ernest Diamond, Neighbor

Musical Selection.....“He’ll Welcome Me”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott

Recessional.....“You Are My Strength”

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina