



Betty Jean Bell

November 14, 1932 - June 20, 2016

Betty Jean Bell, 83, of James Island, widow of John Edwin Bell, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2016 at her residence.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 3 o'clock at James Island Presbyterian Church, 1632 Fort Johnson Road, James Island. Inurnment will follow in church cemetery.

Betty was born on November 14, 1932 in Denmark, SC daughter of the late Lonnie Tant and Ogreta Susan (Mitchell) Tant. She was a graduate of Denmark High School and attended Winthrop College, College of Charleston and Trident Technical College. Betty was the owner of "The Crab Ladies Nook". She was employed by Addleston Academy, Clemson Engineering Department, AT & T and taught drafting at Gresham Meggett Vocational School. Betty was inducted into the Cooper River Bridge Run Hall of Fame. She was a Girl Scout Leader. She was a member of Daughters of the Confederacy, faithful member of Frankie Choir, James Island Presbyterian Church Chorus and a member of James Island Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are: four children: Beth Bell Carter (Darryl) of Meggett, SC, John E. Bell, Jr. (Candy) of Goose Creek, SC, Mark Bell of James Island, SC, and Sally Bell Donegan (Dean Shuey) of Summerville, SC; 11 grandchildren: Kathryn "Katy" Lanter (Malcolm), Loni E. Carter, Holly Carter Leifheit (Paul), Rachael A. Bell, Shannon S. Bell (Chris Mateson), Ryan Bell (Leigh Thomas), Derek Bell, Luke Bell and their mother Donna, Robert Emmett "Robby" Donegan, III, Sarah Jean Donegan, Christopher Edwin Donegan; three great

grandchildren: Austin Lanter, Annabelle, Leifheit and Mason E. Leifheit; one brother: James Maurice Tant. She was predeceased by her son, Robert "Dan" Bell, her brother, John Edward Tant and her sisters, Doris M. Tant and Virginia Osborne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to James Island Presbyterian Church, Adult and Youth Music Program, 1632 Fort Johnson Road, James Island, SC 29412.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery Details

James Island Presbyterian Church Cemetery

James Island, SC

Previous Events

Service

JUN **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

James Island Presbyterian Church
1632 Fort Johnson Rd
Charleston, SC 29412-8822
(843) 795-3111

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Bell*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Dear Bell Family,
I met "Bubba" many years ago while we were working with the Cooper River Bridge Run. She was one of my favorite people to work with. Her sense of humor really set her apart, but she didn't tolerate foolishness either. My wife taught one of her grandsons at James Island High School, and anytime he was on the verge of getting himself in trouble, she would just tell him "If you don't straighten up I'll call Bubba!" Worked every time! I regret I could not attend the memorial service as I was out of town. She was a wonderful person and will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jim Tomsic

Jim Tomsic - June 28, 2016 at 09:49 AM



“ *I met Mrs. Bell in 1980 when I was 17. Her daughter, Sally, and I were/are good friends. Mrs. Bell made everyone feel like they were welcome and accepted everyone as one of her own. She certainly made this awkward teenager feel like he was somebody and loved. I will miss her tremendously and look forward to the day when I see her again and can sit on her porch and talk and laugh like we used to.*

Steven McLees - June 26, 2016 at 05:00 PM

BK

“ Dear Bell Family,
I am so sorry I won't be able to join with you today as you say goodbye to one of my favorite people. It is hard to explain the joy Betty brought to my life every day as her neighbor. We became great friends and I grew to love her dearly. I know how much she cared about her family and how much she gave of herself in any situation. I do wish we could have spent more time together but she knew what a special place she held in my heart. Funny how neighbors over a fence can become such an important part in each other's life. How lucky I was to have had a dear friend like Betty who treated me like family and loved me for who I am. Rest in peace Betty. You make me smile and I know your love.

Sincerely,
Bruce K. Keck

Bruce K. Keck - June 26, 2016 at 08:53 AM

DF

“ David/Penny and PL Family purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Betty Jean Bell.



David/Penny and PL Family - June 24, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Bell.



June 23, 2016 at 02:31 PM

JE

“ *Jim and Becky Evans purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Betty Jean Bell.*



Jim and Becky Evans - June 23, 2016 at 12:40 PM

GG

“ *Glenn and Winnie Greene purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Jean Bell.*



Glenn and Winnie Greene - June 23, 2016 at 11:57 AM