

Life Reflections

ROSA CELESTINE BELL, daughter of the late Louis "Buster" and the late Rosa Boykin-Jefferson, was born October 18, 1948 in Borden, South Carolina. Rosa was affectionately known as "Nick" or "Rose" by many of her family members and close friends. Rosa received her education through the South Carolina Public School System in Sumter county. She graduated from Ebenezer High School in 1966. She also received her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education in South San Francisco, California.

In 1967, Rose was introduced, by letter, to Everett Melvin Bell, Sr. from her brother, Louis A. Boykin, who served in the United States Air Force together. After a year of writing letters, they finally met, in person, in October 1968, and were married April 27, 1970. From this union, they were blessed with one son, Everett Melvin Bell, Jr.

Rose accepted the Lord Jesus Christ on November 4, 1974 at Christlike Pleasant Green Faith Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Rose later joined Philippian Baptist Church in October 1985, where she was a devoted member and served on various boards; President of the Mass Choir, and served as a member of Missionaries, Kitchen Ministry and the Sunshine Club.

Rose loved her grandchildren immensely and would do anything for them. She also held a special place in her heart for her nieces.

Rose departed this life on Sunday, February 21, 2021 in the presence of her beloved husband and other loved ones. Rose was preceded in death by: two brothers, Samuel Jefferson and Marchel Jefferson; and one sister, Mabel Josey.

Rose leaves to cherish precious memories: her loving and devoted husband, Everett Melvin Bell, Sr.; one son, Everett Melvin Bell, Jr. (fiancée Kenya) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Julia (Edward) Wright of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; Gladys Moore of Rembert, South Carolina; two brothers, Louis (Delores) Boykin-Jefferson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; three granddaughters, Myesha, Marsades and Ashia Bell; one grandson, Corday Bell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; one special cousin, Robert Boykin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; two brothers-in-law, Ronald and Oliver Bell of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Barbara Bell of Cleveland, Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends.

*Lovingly submitted,
The Family*



Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDEShannon Woodall
Minister of Music

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

CLOSING OF THE BIER

OPENING SELECTION — “When We All Get To Heaven”

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend Ronald Dixon
Philippian Baptist Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament Deacon Willie Rogers
New Testament Corday Bell

MUSICAL SELECTION..... Tia McNeil, soloist

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, CARDS

AND RESOLUTIONS Deacon Myron Tate

OBITUARY..... Deacon Myron Tate

REMARKS (two minutes, please).....Alicia Cothran
Louis Boykin
Minister Gregory Thomas

SELECTION Recording Featuring Rosa Bell
Philippian Baptist Church Mass Choir

MINISTRY OF THE WORDS OF LIFE...Rev. Victor Smith
Philippian Baptist Church

BENEDICTIONReverend Victor Smith

RECESSIONAL Clergy and Family

Interment

WASHINGTON CROSSING NATIONAL CEMETERY
140 Street Road Feasterville, Pennsylvania 19053

REPAST: Due to our concerns for COVID 19 and the safety of our guest, the family has decided to not have a public repast following today's service.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Talking to the Father

“You do not have because you do not ask” — James 4:2

Lord, when I have questions or fears, let me turn to you. I am weak, let me seek your strength, When I am discouraged, Father, keep me mindful of your love and your grace. In all things let me seek your will and your way, Dear Lord, today and forever. Amen.

My Mother

My mother is a woman like no other. She gave me life, nurtured me, taught me, dressed me, fought for me, held me, shouted at me, kidded me, but most importantly loved me unconditionally.

There are not enough words I can say to describe just how important my mother was to me, and what a powerful influence she continues to be. — MOTHER, I LOVE YOU.

Acknowledgment

The family of ROSA CELESTINE BELL wishes to express sincere thanks to the many wonderful friends who were thoughtful and kind during our time of bereavement. We shall be eternally grateful for your help which makes our loss easier to bear.

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Celebration of the Life of

Rosa C. Bell

Sunrise: October 18, 1948 - Sunset: February 21, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE

THURSDAY, MARCH, 4, 2021

Viewing: 9:30 a.m. – Service: 11:00 a.m.

Live Stream: 11:00 a.m. and Re-Broadcast: 8:00 p.m.

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Reverend Victor Smith, Officiating