



Harry Bell

July 28, 1918 - April 22, 2016

Harry Bell, 97, of Charlotte, died peacefully at his home on April 22, 2016. He was born July 28, 1918, in Springfield, MA, the son of John Thomas and Florence (Atkin) Bell. At a young age, his family moved to Michigan, where he remained. Harry courageously served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. He spent 8 months in a German POW camp after the B-17 Bomber he served on was shot down. Harry earned many distinctions and honors from his service to the country, including a Purple Heart. Upon his return, he married Marjorie Fairchild on January 10, 1946 and the two settled on Shaw Street in Charlotte. He went to work for the Eaton County Road Commission, retiring as a Foreman after 30 years. He also owned and operated Pool Hall in Charlotte, and was an avid pool player himself throughout his life. Harry was a life member of VFW Post 2406 and American Legion Post 42, as well as a member of the Charlotte Moose Lodge and Charlotte Eagles Aerie 3552. Many will remember Harry's nightly drive-bys and the enjoyment of his company. Above all, Harry enjoyed time spent with family and friends, especially up North at his cabin at Houghton Lake.

Harry is survived by three children; Bonnie (Rick) Stelljes, Buddy (Joni) Bell, and Sherry Dexter; 8 grandchildren, Eric (Terri) Stelljes, Kristen (Mark) Gurniak, Bradley Bell, Amanda (Eric) Lanting, Amy Bell, Michelle (Barry) Martin, Christina Bell and Dustin Bell; 4 great-grandchildren, BreAnna Johnson, Haleigh, Cameron, and Preston Stelljes; sister, Dorothy (Jack)

Hughes; brother, William (Betty) Bell; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Blackie. He is predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Marjorie Bell; son, Martin Bell; sisters, Mae Hill and Gladys Studer; and brothers, Stanley Thomas Bell and Johnny O. Bell.

A memorial luncheon and "sipping hour" will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016 at Charlotte VFW Post 2406. Interment will take place in Arlington National Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Eaton Community Palliative Care. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Harry on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

Charlotte VFW Post 2406
695 Lansing Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Harry used to call me his "Third Son", and I called him Dad because that's what he was to me. When I lived in Michigan I've had the pleasure of going on a few of his "Cruises" with him and Marjorie. (oh what fun they were). Rest in Peace Harry Bell, you're time here on earth was treasured by everyone who knew you.

Daniel Griffin - May 14, 2016 at 02:38 PM

HA

“ Harry always had a smile and a twinkle in his eye. He will be greatly missed. I am deeply sorry for your loss.



Holly Allison - May 06, 2016 at 08:43 AM

JE

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. What a loss it is!! He was my favorite and will often remember him as I drive down the back roads.

Jenn.w/ Dr. James office

Jenn - May 04, 2016 at 07:40 AM

GS

“ Gary Shattuck lit a candle in memory of Harry Bell



Gary Shattuck - April 27, 2016 at 07:03 AM

AC

“ Ann Slaughter Catchick lit a candle in memory of Harry Bell



Ann Slaughter Catchick - April 26, 2016 at 06:49 PM

DH

“ Harry was the very last one of a gang of friends that all hung out together, that included my mom, aunts and uncles and many others. His daughter, Bonnie, and I were childhood friends and I stayed many a night at their house on Shaw. He built the entire house himself. I remember him as always smiling and being good natured. Rest in peace Harry and farewell to a bygone era.

DaLonna (Lonnie Momany) Heinrich - April 26, 2016 at 05:15 PM

MW

“ Michelle Wilmore lit a candle in memory of Harry Bell



Michelle Wilmore - April 26, 2016 at 05:11 PM

D(

“ I remeber going over to their house, just down tthe road from my Uncle Raymond Radee and Aunt Barbara Radee, and my dad Irvin Radee and Florine Radee. We all would go down there. We had lots of fun. My sister and I played with his son and his Daughter with my cousins that lived down the road. They were nice people. He was a nice man. It has been so long the last time I saw him and his family. RIP!



Dawn Doehne (Radee) - April 26, 2016 at 01:28 PM

TM

“ Heaven gained a legend, a hero, a very special man! Sending love, hugs, and prayers to the family and friends of "Papa!" He was a blessing to us all! Rest in Heaven Papa!

Tamelia Miller - April 26, 2016 at 11:38 AM

LG

“ I knew Harry from the VFW. I always thought of Harry as a good person and a great patriot. Thank you for your service , smile and kind words . R.I.P. my friend you will truly be missed.



Larry Gilson - April 26, 2016 at 10:11 AM


Jeannie
Dieter

“ So sorry for your loss. Harry was always a joy to talk to. Praying for your comfort in this time of grieving.

Jeannie Dieter - April 26, 2016 at 09:34 AM

NM

“ It has been many years but I remember the friend ship Harry had with my sister and her husband Raymond and Barbara Radee. Our thoughts are with his family. Sincerely Terry and Nancy Lewellyn Moore

Nancy Moore - April 25, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ I was always around him and there family when I was growing up ! There was a lot of good memories and my thoughts are with the family
George and Kathy Radee

George Radee - April 25, 2016 at 05:02 PM

DB

“ R.I.P. i will always love and miss you. love always dawn.

dawn brandon - April 25, 2016 at 04:10 PM

ES

“ Harry was a "True Legend" and will be dearly missed. We will always remember his wit and humor, and the good times we had with him sharing stories about working for the county and his military service. He spoke highly of his family and loved life. We wished we would have met him years sooner.

Here is a toast to you Harry!! Give your wife a hug for us.

Love you,

Ed and Evelyn

Ed & Evelyn Sandborn - April 25, 2016 at 12:28 PM

LR

“ *When my daughter was little every time I'd see Harry and Midge well we were out for a walk they have to stop and give Hannah 1 or \$2 to go get ice cream your gonna be miss rip Harry*

leo reynolds - April 25, 2016 at 11:22 AM