



Reverend Gwendolyn A. Bell

July 30, 1947 - November 20, 2024

Reverend Gwendolyn Bell, affectionately known as Gwen, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth Ferrell; and her brother, Larry Miller.

She leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Janet Jackson, Enola, PA; three children, Bruce Bell, Bristol, PA, James Bell, Manheim PA, and Lisa Wheeler (son-in-law, Jeff), Lancaster, PA; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces and cousins. Also included as family would be her very close and dear friends.

Gwen was born Wednesday, July 30, 1947, in Wellborn, FL, to Elizabeth Ferrell and Earl Miller. She graduated from Bristol High School, Class of 1965. She attended Bucks County Community College and began her Undergrad Studies at Geneva College. Throughout the late 1960s and 1970s, she was deeply involved in church and community affairs, reflecting her lifelong commitment to faith and serving. In 1996, Gwen began her journey in ministry, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Ministry Management from The Center of Urban

Theological Studies. Reverend Bell attended and graduated from Payne Theological Seminary in 2001 as Valedictorian with a Master of Divinity. She was ordained an Itinerate Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

During her tenure in ministry, Reverend Gwen was a prayer warrior in the Christian Woman Oasis in Bristol, PA. She served as Philadelphia Conference Coordinator for AME Women in Ministry and was an active member in this organization locally and nationally. Reverend Bell served as Assistant Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Bristol. She served in the Harrisburg District as the Pastor of St. Peters AME Church in Shippensburg, PA, Assistant Pastor at Mt. Sinai AME Church in Harrisburg, PA, and Pastor at St. Paul AME Church in Waynesboro, PA. Though officially retired in 2022, her dedication to ministry continued until 2024. Her faith and love for God were immense and unwavering. She was a strong woman of God.

Yet, Gwen was more than her roles, she was a true Christian who loved God above all else. She was also a loving daughter, mother, sister, nana, aunt and great friend. Her kind soul and generous heart left an indelible mark on all who knew her. She cherished her family deeply, treasuring every shared moment, whether it was family dinners, enjoying simple conversations or baking her famous pumpkin rolls! While she will be greatly missed, her love and the memories she created will remain with us forever.

Submitted in Love and Humble Submission to God's Will,

The Family of Reverend Gwendolyn A. Bell

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD 11 A.M., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024, AT BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH, 260 WOOD STREET, ST. BRISTOL, PA.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

NOV 30. 8:30 AM (ET)

Bethel Village A.M.E. Church
1721 N. 5th Street
Harrisburg, PA

Viewing

NOV 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Village A.M.E. Church
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Harrisburg, PA

Service

NOV 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend Gwendolyn A. Bell.

November 30, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Rev. Gwen Bell was a cherished spirit of Christian service in the few occasions my wife and I joined services where she ministered in Waynesboro churches, including St. Paul's AME, where we learned of her passing during the Fellowship of Churches Community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, 24 November 2024. She will be missed for a long time.

Robert Steele Davis - November 29, 2024 at 06:11 PM

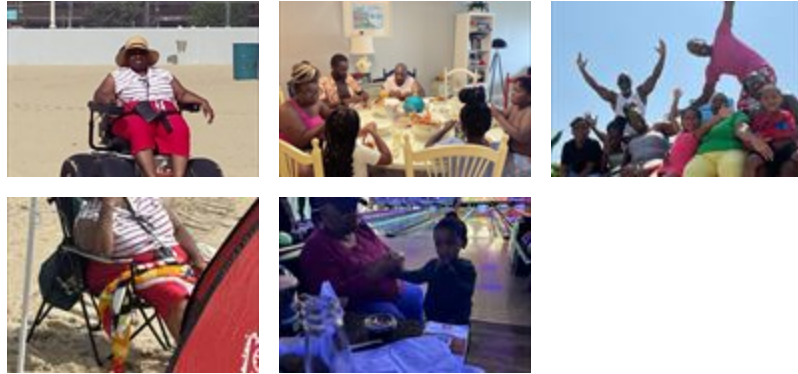


“ The Hinton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend Gwendolyn A. Bell.

The Hinton Family - November 27, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ I miss you moms. I miss you sooo much.. waking up & looking into your room breaks me. You & gmom gone the house feels so empty. I'm so mad mom..😡💔😭 Thank you so much! I will keep my word! I got it!! #PrayerChangesThings 🙌🏾👊🏾👊🏾👊🏾



Derrick Bell - November 26, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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Stay Strong & remember that we are all here for you!
#PrayerChangesThings 🙏

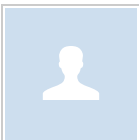
Anna - December 09, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reverend Gwendolyn A. Bell.



November 26, 2024 at 12:18 PM



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November 26, 2024 at 12:18 PM

AW

“ When reflecting on the life and legacy of The Reverend Gwendolyn Bell, my thoughts go back to a time when I was a senior in high school and she had the ingenious idea of forming the very first Gospel Choir at the school. She didn't play an instrument but guided our movements and mindset in the background. Our eyes though were always on her – waiting for our next cue. When she swayed, we swayed. When she clapped, we clapped. And, when she danced we know we were doing something right and in honor of the most high! It was perfect timing. To remind a group of young adults ready to take on the world that God is still God and we must always exalt Him and for those young ones who were not reared in the church or had no relationship with the Lord, how to develop one & let Him speak to you through praise was a glorious moment to take part in and a wonderful sight to witness. She was the right one for that season and I remain appreciative of the genuine love she showered us with as well as the time she sacrificed for each and every one of us. Well done, thou good and faithful servant... To the family: our prayers of strength and comfort go out to you. And, a heartfelt 'thank you' for sharing such a beautiful spirit with us. God Bless You, A.E. Wessels



Anna E. Wessels - November 26, 2024 at 11:59 AM



Hi Anna, thank you! I can't believe you remember that lol Hope all is well with you & your family.

#PrayerChangesThings 🙏👍👉👎

Derrick Bell - November 26, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JA

Our heartfelt condolences goes out to the family of Rev Gwendolyn Bell's family and friends. She was a knowledgeable, loving, teacher and preacher of God's word. Praise God for sharing her with the AME Church.

John and Rosetta Archie

John A and Rosetta D Archie - November 26, 2024 at 01:55 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Bell, I already miss you. You sat the example of an awesome woman of God and how a Christian should live.*

Rev Karen Jenkins - November 26, 2024 at 09:18 AM

EH

“ *With heartfelt condolences for the loss of your loved ❤️*

Emily & David Hunnicutt - November 26, 2024 at 09:15 AM

EH

With heartfelt condolences for the loss of your loved one

Emily & David Hunnicutt - November 26, 2024 at 09:18 AM

LW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lisa Wheeler - November 26, 2024 at 01:42 AM

LW

Rev Bell Gwen thank you for being a true friend and mentor I will always cherish our memories To God Be the glory much love and prayers to you Lisa and family

Linda Woodson - November 26, 2024 at 09:41 AM

MH

May the God of all comfort be with our family during this time of separation. If we as her family choose to give our lives to Jesus Christ, we will see her again. We love you all family. ❤️🙏 Maurice, Felisha and Brittany

Maurice Hallback - November 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM