



## Thomas Bell Jr

October 14, 1967 - October 28, 2017

Thomas Bell, known as Coach Bell, Tommy, Mr. Bell, T. Bell, dad, and granddaddy departed this earthly life for eternal rest on Saturday night, October 28, 2017, at 8 p.m. Born in Stamford, Connecticut, on October 14, 1967, he was the son of Ms. Vashti Davis and the late Mr. Thomas Bell, Sr. At an early age, he attended Westminster Presbyterian Church. Thomas' life was inspired by God and his family. He enjoyed being a devoted husband, father, son, educator, speaker and coach.

Thomas graduated from Manning High School in 1985. He played football and baseball. Thomas was a 1990 graduate of South Carolina State College and earned his Bachelors degree in General Business Administration. In 1996, he received two certifications in Special Education. In 2007, he earned a Masters degree in Education Administration from Grand Canyon University.

His career as an educator began in Williamsburg School District at Kingstree High School in 1996. He worked in Clarendon School District Two at Manning High School from 1997 – 2001 where he served as the junior varsity basketball coach and junior varsity baseball coach. He was an educator in Clarendon School District One at Scott's Branch High School from 2001 – present. He was also an educator in Sumter School District at Mayewood Middle School. During his tenure in Clarendon One, Thomas served as an assistant principal, principal, Special Education teacher, athletic director, and coach. His coaching experience included serving as the varsity boys' basketball coach, the varsity baseball coach, a varsity football assistant

coach, the middle school boys' basketball coach and the junior varsity boys' basketball coach.

In addition to his late father, Thomas was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Lizzie Davis (Henry) Frierson; paternal grandmother Verdell Thompson; and two sisters, Lesley Mungo and Karen Jones.

Those who remain to grow from being loved by Thomas and to see his visions come to fruition are: his loving wife of twenty-four years, Stacy Huggins Bell of Manning, SC; four children, Jabril, Imani, Quadri, and Staclyn all of Manning, SC; his devoted mother, Vashti Davis of Manning, SC; grandson, Jamarion Bell of Manning, SC; brothers Dontae Bell and Marc Wilder of Tampa, FL; sister Tamela (Eric) Edwards of Norwalk, CT; mother-in-law, Eva (Anderson) Huggins of Whitehall, SC; sister-in-law, Aretha Huggins of Whitehall, SC; brother-in-law, Anderson (Kim) of Fayetteville, NC; aunts Cynthia (Glen) Kennedy of Greeleyville, SC; Shelly "Shelia" Davis of Largo, MD, Cherylle Davis of Alcolu, SC; Linda Davis of Columbia, SC; Gwen Pierce, Maria Felder, Kathy Thompson, and Jacqueline Butler; uncles, Charlie Bell, Allen Bell, Frank Thompson, Billy Thompson, Alfonso Thompson, and John Bell; grandaunts, Anna Burns and Lillie Mae McFadden of Alcolu, SC and Katie Davis of Sumter, SC; first cousins: Kayla, Brent, Karel, and Ariel of Greeleyville, SC and Ryen Davis of Columbia, SC; step-mother, Nadine Bell of Tampa, FL; lifetime friends George Hicks, Roman Pearson, and Oscar Jones; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Westminster Presbyterian Church Cemetery

North Brewington Road  
Gables, SC 29501

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381  
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Scott's Branch Middle School  
9253 Alex Harvin Highway  
Summerton, SC 29148

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Bell Jr*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Carolyn Red lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bell Jr*



**Carolyn Red** - November 03, 2017 at 08:20 PM



*Thomas was one of my class mate's he was always laughing and so kind I send my love fly high Thomas!!!*

**Sara Sherman** - November 04, 2017 at 01:06 AM



“ *Clarendon School District One purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Thomas Bell Jr.*



**Clarendon School District One** - November 01, 2017 at 04:01 PM

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“ To Vashtie, Stacy, The Children and Family, Transitions are not very easy at any time it occurs. You have many fond memories on which to reflect that will help you get through this time. I will always remember Tommy and his quiet demeanor. It was 1996 that I had the pleasure of getting to know him and his abilities to process new presenting situations very quickly. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7.



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**Carrie Sinkler-Parker** - November 01, 2017 at 10:04 AM

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I am so sorry to hear of your lost. I pray that God will comfort you and your Family through this difficult time . Love Your 1963 Classmate. Margaret Wilkerson

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**Margaret A Wilkerson** - November 02, 2017 at 08:28 PM

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To the Bell and Davis Family, during your time of sorrow, my prayer is that God strengthen you today and as you go on in life, knowing that in your days ahead, God will be your comforter. Earth has no sorrows that Heaven can not heal. Froanetta Frazier

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**Froanetta Frazier** - November 03, 2017 at 10:16 AM