



Mr. Shelton Earl Bell

September 17, 1955 - May 10, 2026

Shelton Earl Bell, born September 17, 1955, in Martin County to Royce Bell and Evelyn Bell-Salisbury, peacefully departed this life on May 10, 2026 surrounded by the love and memories of his wife, children, family and friends. Though originally from North Carolina, Shelton spent over 40 years living in California, where he built a life rooted in hard work, faith, family, and community.

Shelton earned his GED through Job Corps and went on to dedicate more than 27 years of his life to truck driving. Known for his strong work ethic and determination, he later became the proud owner of E&J Seafood Express Restaurant, serving his community from 2012 until the present. Through his business, Shelton touched countless lives and remained deeply involved in the community by sponsoring various high school sports teams and supporting local youth.

Shelton loved watching basketball and football, attending church, and spending time with the people he loved most. He was known for his laughter, fun-loving personality, and ability to bring joy into every room he entered. His warm smile, generous heart, and caring spirit left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Shelton Bell was a devoted husband who deeply adored his family and friends. He treasured the relationships he built throughout his life and was a constant source of strength, laughter, and unwavering support to his family and everyone fortunate enough to know him. His kindness, warmth, and

gentle spirit touched countless lives, and his memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved and cherished him.

Shelton was preceded in death by his son, Marquise Albright; daughter, Tarnisha McNeil; mother, Evelyn Bell Salsbury; father, Royce Bell; brothers, Royce Whitfield, Julius Whitfield, William Whitfield, Kevin Peterson, and Gary Best; sisters, Annie Whitfield-Land and Carolyn Peterson.

Shelton is survived by his loving wife, Deborah Ross-Bell of Los Angeles, California; sons, Darveon Marshall of Robersonville, NC, Eric Marshall (Danielle Ortiz) of Bridgeport, CT; stepson, Kareem Wright of Hartford, CT; daughters, DeShonda Hanley (Leon) of Bridgeport, CT; and stepdaughter, Kiamesha Albright of New Haven, CT and goddaughter, Corjamilia Clark Baltimore, CT; his stepmother, Lois Whitfield; his siblings, Tony Whitfield (Andrea), Wyatt Whitfield (Laura), William Whitfield, Edna Grey Whitfield, Eunice Rush, Robert Whitfield, Tarzan Peterson, LouAnn Waddell, Tiesia Williams, Miecica Whitfield, Pearl Whitfield, Bobbie Cuffie, and Tanquia Whitfield; in addition to his immediate family, Shelton leaves behind 13 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, and a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Shelton's life was a reflection of love, perseverance, faith, and dedication to family and community. Though he will be deeply missed, his legacy of kindness, laughter, and generosity will continue to live on through all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road
Robersonville, NC 27871

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Roanoke Middle Ground Baptist Church Association
3314 Robert Everett Road
Robersonville, NC 27871

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ *From your family in Bridgeport with love the Ortiz Marshall family*



Danielle Ortiz - May 17 at 09:28 AM

KA

“ *Kiamesha Albright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Kiamesha Albright - May 17 at 08:52 AM

JS

“ *Jessandra Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Jessandra Stanley - May 15 at 10:11 PM

TF

“ *Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Teresa Fleming - May 15 at 05:53 PM



“ Joyce Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Joyce Purvis - May 14 at 11:04 PM

PB

“ Pauline Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Pauline Bellamy - May 14 at 06:38 PM

MP

“ Michael A. Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Michael A. Purvis - May 14 at 10:19 AM

DL

“ Deborah McNeil Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Deborah McNeil Lloyd - May 13 at 10:23 PM

BM

“ *Deborah, there are no words that I can share with you to bring you instant comfort. But you and I have shared our faith and beliefs of serving the True and Living God. We are trusting him and the work he is doing right now in your life. I am standing in the gap and lifting your entire family in corporate prayer for such a time as this. I will miss all of you here in Inglewood, Ca. Your family has always shown me love and great service. Although our interactions were brief, I feel as if I have known you all a lifetime. Shelton was my brother. You are my sister. I love you all. Until we meet again. Be encouraged. -Love Chef B. McKinney*

B. Mckinney - May 13 at 05:32 PM

DA

“ *Donnie / Barbara Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Donnie / Barbara Andrews - May 13 at 05:27 PM

CM

“ *Carmen Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Carmen Marshall - May 13 at 11:16 AM



“ Shirley Bell-Craig lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Shirley Bell-Craig - May 13 at 09:46 AM

KW

“ Kenneth And Cathy Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Kenneth and Cathy Wallace - May 13 at 07:19 AM

MH

“ Mona Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Mona Harris - May 13 at 07:03 AM

JW

“ Joyce A Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Joyce A Wright - May 12 at 09:39 PM

DL

“ *Donny Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Donny Lynch - May 12 at 09:39 PM

CM

“ *Carmen Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Carmen Marshall - May 12 at 09:25 PM

MM

“ *Maria Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Maria Marshall - May 12 at 09:04 PM

HD

“ *Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Hazel Brown Davis - May 12 at 02:33 PM

AJ

“ *Annette Marshall James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Annette Marshall James - May 12 at 12:31 PM

AJ

“ *Annette Marshall James sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Annette Marshall James - May 12 at 11:26 AM

KP

“ *Kay Frances Peele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Kay Frances Peele - May 12 at 11:12 AM

KP

“ *Kay Frances Peele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Kay Frances Peele - May 12 at 11:06 AM

SJ

“ Deep condolences to the family.

Shelton and Helen James



Shelton and Helen James - May 12 at 09:59 AM

CP

“ Cousin you will be missed Condolences to the family 🙏



Christina Phillips - May 12 at 09:53 AM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Cecily Sene - May 12 at 06:51 AM

MH

“ Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell



Mona Harris - May 12 at 06:41 AM

JH

“ *Jaunese La'Shael Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Jaunese La'Shael Hines - May 11 at 06:50 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Poochie as I grew up calling him was one of dad's good friends. He was always there if I needed him and you never seen one without the other. Everytime he came to North Carolina he would call and say Ballie Hines I'm stopping by!!!! Those was the good old days, now my dad's gone and now Poochie you are too. I will treasure all the good times shared with you and you always knew Neat loved you. So take your rest and hug Ballie for me you will be truly missed!!! Love Neat*

Jaunese La'Shael Hines - May 11 at 06:46 PM

PM

“ *Patricia McNeil Modica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Shelton Earl Bell*



Patricia McNeil Modica - May 11 at 06:30 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - May 11 at 05:29 PM