



# Dr. Edwin Bell

APR 23, 1944 - SEP 4, 2024



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## **Dr. Edwin Bell**

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**D**r. Edwin Bell, BA, MA, EdD passed away on September 4, 2024. He was born on April 23, 1944, in Roxbury, Massachusetts, to Frank and Mary Bell.

Edwin was a devoted husband to Sheila Strain-Bell, with whom he shared 53 loving years. He was a member of the 12th Baptist Church in Roxbury, MA. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Bell; his sisters, Mary and Georgia Mae; his brother, Frank Jr.; his brother-in-law, Jon Strain; and his sister-in-law, Mary A. McCullough.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Strain-Bell, of Huntersville, NC; his brothers-in-law, Boyd Strain of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and William Robert Strain of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. He also leaves behind his nephews, George Robert Gaines and Thomas A. Grant of Boston, Massachusetts; his nieces, Sheila M. Grant, Rene Gaines, and Robyn Gaines, also of Boston, Massachusetts; as well as many great-nephews, great-nieces, and other extended family members.

Edwin received his education at Julia Ward Howe Elementary School, Boston Latin School, Bowdoin College, Boston College, and UNC Greensboro. In 1966, he was commissioned into U.S. Army Intelligence. He dedicated over 40 years to the University of North Carolina System, serving at North Carolina A&T State University, UNC Greensboro, East Carolina University, and Winston-Salem State University, where he retired as a Professor Emeritus. Edwin believed passionately that the shade of the Freedom Tree should extend to everyone. He fought the good fight and will be deeply missed.

The family will receive friends Friday, September 13, 2024 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. A Celebration of Dr. Bell's life will follow at 12 p.m. A repass will follow all at James Funeral Home.

James Funeral Home is assisting the family, online condolences may be made at [www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com).



# Events

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## Visitation

- Friday**, September 13, 2024
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**  
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



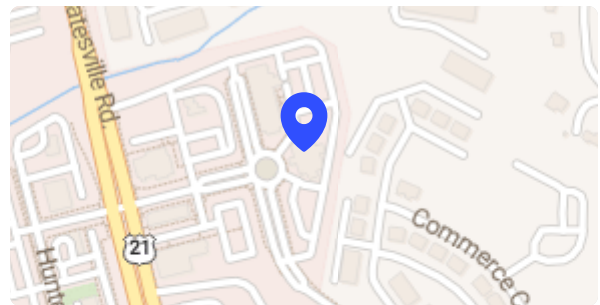
## Celebration of Life

- Friday**, September 13, 2024
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**  
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## Repass

- Friday**, September 13, 2024
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
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# Tribute Wall

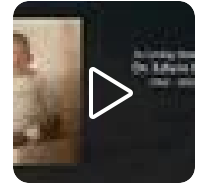
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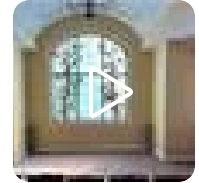
**James Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

September 13 at 12:05 PM



**James Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.

September 5 at 11:36 AM



**Kellie Easton** lit a candle in honor of Edwin.  
The fight continues, Dr. Bell. I love and miss you.

February 12 at 1:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Bell family.

September 13 at 10:50 AM



**Maduakolam Ireh** posted:

Dr. Edwin Bell was a friend and a mentor who willingly blessed me and others with great leadership, expertise, and unparalleled kindness. He led by example and was always on the side of fairness, equity, inclusion, and social justice. I wouldn't be where and what I am today without Dr Bell's remarkable wisdom and guidance. He positively influenced numerous faculty, staff, and students throughout the Piedmont Triad and the larger society. It was through his guidance that I and other faculty members at Winston Salem State University received and implemented federal and state grants that provided professional development for teachers in high-need schools in the area. Ed Bell will be missed. May his soul rest in peace. Maduakolam Ireh

September 13 at 10:29 AM



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**Dawn Hicks Tafari** lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

Many of the professional choices I have made are a result of the sage advice that Dr. Bell blessed me with. He was an empowering mentor, an admirable colleague, and a true soldier for justice. This world is better because he lived.

September 12 at 9:52 AM



**The Wssu Dept. Of Education** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bell family.

September 12 at 9:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Bell family.

September 12 at 5:52 AM



**Thomas And Tonya Richardson-Grant** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edwin.

September 12 at 5:52 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bell family.

September 12 at 4:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Bell family.

September 9 at 6:09 PM





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**Saul & Farrah Strain** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edwin.



September 9 at 6:09 PM



**Leslie Love** lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

My heart breaks at such a loss to all who loved and adored Ed as well as all who never had the honor of his presence in their life or even more so being loved by him. I am grateful we were able to reconnect recently and share deep hugs knowing I was loved by him. My deepest hugs and love to Sheila his life long Beloved. Covering you in prayer!❤️🙏



September 6 at 5:37 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Bell family.



September 6 at 1:26 PM



**Dcsc At American Red Cross** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edwin.



September 6 at 1:26 PM



**Carolyn Anderson** lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

Dr. Bell was instrumental in bringing technology training to WSSU in 2000. I worked with him on a grant that helped the faculty to integrate technology into the classroom. His wisdom and passion for helping others will always be remembered.



September 6 at 12:15 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Bell family.



September 6 at 9:38 AM



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**Patti Sanders Smith** lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

Dr. Bell was my advisor at ECU and was an awesome Professor. He took his talents to WSSU and the education dept benefited from his leadership. He will be missed. Take your rest Dr. Bell.

September 6 at 8:43 AM





**Media**

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**James Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

September 13 at 12:05 PM

*In Loving Memory*  
**Dr. Edwin Bell**  
1944 - 2024

A video player interface with a dark background. On the left is a square photograph of a young child sitting on a wooden block, wearing a striped shirt and overalls. On the right, white text reads "In Loving Memory Dr. Edwin Bell 1944 - 2024". A white play button icon is centered between the photo and the text.



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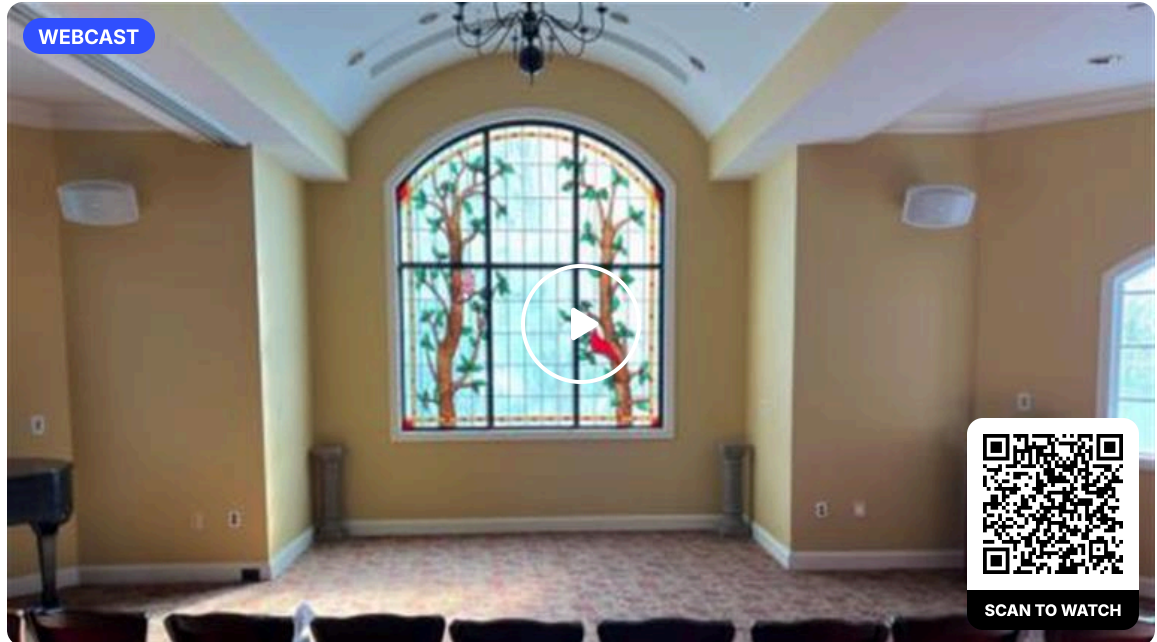
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**Jennifer Young** September 13 at 10:33 AM  
What beautiful service



**Carroy Ferguson** September 13 at 1:36 PM  
Very touching service!! I'm very appreciative of having the opportunity to witness the service virtually. As a classmate & roommate of Ed, I will miss knowing that he was still in the physical world. I take comfort, however, in knowing that he is still present in spirit and that his legacy and impact while on the physical plane will live on.



**Dawn Tafari** September 13 at 1:31 PM  
what a beautiful service for a wonderful man! Thank you for fixing the sound!



**Sankofa-Willette Nash** September 13 at 1:30 PM  
My deepest condolences to the family. Dr. Nash



**Dr. Ed Bell** September 13 at 8:26 AM  
Please



**Dawn Tafari** September 13 at 12:17 PM  
Is there anything that can be done about the audio?



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edwin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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