



Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr.

March 8, 1954 - April 24, 2022

Lonnie C. Bell Jr., a respected Community Leader, transitioned on April 24, 2022. He was a passionate and dedicated advocate for the community and he served as the Director of Children and Family Services for Orange County for the past 13 years. Lonnie also contributed to numerous boards and councils throughout the City of Orlando, some of which were: Chairman of the Board of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, Board Chair for the Orlando Utilities Commission, Board Member for the Florida Association for Community Action, Board Member of the DJJ Circuit 9 Community Advisory Board, Board Member of the Early Learning Coalition of Central Florida, Mentor for the Take Stock in Children Organization, and more.

His service and legacy will be remembered throughout the City of Orlando for years to come.

His memory is cherished by his loving wife of 37 years Joanne B. Bell, son Gregory Bell, daughter Erin Jenkins, grandchildren Emori and Abriel, and many others.

Isaiah 58:10

and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,

then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

In Lieu of any additional flowers, please make a donation to:
100 Black Men Project Success College Scholarship Fund in Lonnie's name.
<https://www.100bmgo.com/>

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL 34734

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Final Viewing

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Washington Shores Church of Christ
2818 Orange Center Blvd
Orlando, FL 32805

Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Please Follow this link on the service day to find the LiveStream for Lonnie's Service.

Viewing: A Community Funeral Home
910 W. Michigan St.
Orlando, FL 32805
Date: May 5th | 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Funeral: Washington Shores Church of Christ
2818 Orange Center Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32805
May 7th | 1:00pm Final Viewing
Date: May 7th | 2:00pm Funeral

@mywscc.com

II Timothy 4:7
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - May 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

RG

“ I only had the honor of knowing Mr. Bell for a few years working at the county, but from the first day he made me feel welcomed. He'd walk around the office and say good morning to every single person and ask them how they and their family were doing. Even though he was director, he always made time to talk about his Buckeyes and sports in general. He was a great man, leader and human being.

Rene G - July 26, 2022 at 09:33 AM

 Diane
Murphy

“ I am beyond shocked. Happen to go to his page on Facebook and discover that he had passed away. I am so sorry for your loss family. I went to KSU and met him there. Witnessed him pledging a fraternity. I used to braid all that hair up for him and was disappointed to see a few weeks later that all that beautiful hair was shaved off. He encouraged me to join the Women's track team. I am glad I have some good memories to keep of him. Sorry for your loss family but know he was one of many a great person to inhabit this earth. What a shock. Thanks for the memories Lonnie and know that you will always have a place in my heart.

Sincerely,
Diane Murphy

Diane Murphy - June 23, 2022 at 12:59 PM

AB

“ What a MAN! Integrity, compassion, excellence, and kindness is what comes to mind when I think of Mr. Bell! What a incredible loss to our community. God bless his family and loved ones. May they have peace in knowing greatness was among us all.

Alycia B. - May 21, 2022 at 03:54 PM

KC

“ Always a role model for the rest of the family. His impact was large and will live on. You're loved and remembered - cousin Kevin Ball

Kevin Ball - cousin - May 05, 2022 at 04:22 PM

JF

“ *Jalen Brown & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



Jalen Brown & Family - May 05, 2022 at 02:31 PM

DW

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to the Bell family. I had the honor and privilege of working with Lonnie on many partnerships with Orange County and the Central Florida YMCA. Lonnie had a deep passion for serving our community and was the ultimate professional. He was very committed to helping people have access to programs and services. I will miss his sincerity, kindness and friendship. Rest In Peace Lonnie.*

Dan Wilcox - May 05, 2022 at 10:33 AM

OE

“ *Orange ELC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



Orange ELC - May 05, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



May 05, 2022 at 09:27 AM

VM

“ My condolences to Joanne, Gregory, Erin and family. I worked with Lonnie at Lucent Technologies and he was a well respected friend and coworker. May he R.I.P.

Veronica Marshall - May 05, 2022 at 06:42 AM

CB

“ I can remember the 1st day I met him at work. He was the voice if reason, kind hearted and a peace maker. Orange county will never be the same. Take your rest.....my condolences to the family.

Christine Barbery - May 05, 2022 at 05:51 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..



May 04, 2022 at 05:59 PM

OS

“ Orange County Neighborhood Services purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..



Orange County Neighborhood Services - May 04, 2022 at 04:05 PM

VT

“ *Joanne and family: Lonnie will be greatly missed. To know him was to love him. He was kind, committed to helping the poor and trying to make everyone in Orange County self sufficient. The best friend one could have. He loved his family and especially the grands. He will forever be missed. May God's peace be with you and the family. Vivian Tindal*

Vivian Tindal - May 04, 2022 at 09:34 AM

DC

“ *Douglas Memorial United Methodist Church purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



Douglas Memorial United Methodist Church - May 03, 2022 at 06:04 PM

TA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



The Alliance/ABLE - May 03, 2022 at 03:58 PM

TA

The Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees/ABLE will like to express our deepest condolences on the untimely death of your beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Lonnie was a remarkable man and a human relations icon in the eyes and hearts of our organization. He was instrumental in opening many doors for others seeking professional development, career opportunities, advancement, mentoring, coaching, sponsorship, and other bridges to success. Most importantly, he was a highly valued member of our Alliance family and a trusted friend. We loved him dearly and will miss him immensely. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

*With sincere sympathy,
The Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees/ABLE*

The Alliance/ABLE - May 03, 2022 at 04:00 PM

TA

“ *The Alliance/ABLE lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr.*



The Alliance/ABLE - May 03, 2022 at 03:10 PM

TA

Lonnie, you will forever be in our hearts.....

The Alliance/ABLE - May 03, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *My childhood protector...he would tell me yes..or he would tell me no. Respected whatever he told me, I will miss him with all my Heart and Soul - Cousin Wessa Baby aka Rock-Rock.*

Vannessa Rockhold-Downey - May 03, 2022 at 09:24 AM

AB

“ *My chuckle partner. Always laughed with you, never at you!*

Alice Bell - May 02, 2022 at 10:17 PM

AB

“ *Presence*

I felt your embrace.

I feel it now.

Hearts cannot be separated.

Your presence lingers.

I will see you again.

Know your imprint will never leave us.

Alice



Alice Bell - May 02, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



May 02, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



May 02, 2022 at 05:22 PM

TC

“ *The National Entrepreneur Ctr.Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



The National Entrepreneur Ctr.Team - May 02, 2022 at 11:08 AM

JM

“ *"Our community will forever have a void. Lonnie was a true collaborative leader and strong advocate for small business and our mission here at the National Entrepreneur Center. Having worked with Lonnie over the years his passion for helping others was unmatched. You will be truly missed my friend but your legacy will live one through the impact you had on so many of us. My god welcome you with his open and loving arms."*



Julie M - May 02, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



May 02, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



May 01, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



May 01, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Mr. Lonnie Bell truly miss great friend.Family keep your hand lord hand 🙏
From: Dr. LaWana Henry*



Dr.LaWana Henry - May 01, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Kevin Davis and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



Kevin Davis and Family - May 01, 2022 at 11:10 AM

TC

“ *The Everglades Alumni Chapter of Central State University is deeply saddened by the passing of Lonnie C. Bell. Lonnie was an active member of our alumni chapter, a loyal alum who supported the University and the Alumni Chapter. He served as co-chair of the chapter's golf tournament and was able to inform others of the HBCU jewel in Ohio called Central State University.*

Our thought and prayers are with Joanne and the family. Rest in peace, Lonnie - the seeds you have sown will continue to grow and blossom.

The Everglades Chapter of CSU - April 30, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..*



April 30, 2022 at 10:02 PM

KS

“ *Uncle Lonnie*

Was am amazing man words can't express the impact he has had on my life. He loved his family and made this world a better place. You will forever be in my heart. You were a class act Uncle Lonnie a family legend!!!!

Kimberly Sanford - April 30, 2022 at 09:15 PM

WB

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Warrick "Rick" Barrett - April 30, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..



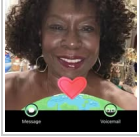
April 30, 2022 at 11:55 AM

OF

“ Ohio, North Carolina & Maryland Families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Lonnie Cornelius Bell Jr..



Ohio, North Carolina & Maryland Families - April 30, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Lonnie was a trusted friend and confidant. I met Lonnie in the 90s and we shared many friendly moments together with other friends at AMVETS Post 30 and at friends house and other parties. He was a friend like no other and never had a bad word for anyone. If anything he would always try to comfort if you felt bad or encourage if that's what you needed to make your day more fruitful. I'd like to extend my condolences to Joann and the family that he loved and cherished so that they know he will be truly missed and always in their hearts. I also know that he is in GODs unchanging hands as one of his most trusted souls.*

Loretta Lewis-Perez - April 29, 2022 at 02:10 PM

HA

“ *Condolences to Lonnie's family. Lonnie was a great guy. He always listened first then offered helpful advice with a smile/laugh. He's missed already.*

Harroll - April 28, 2022 at 01:56 PM

HA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Harroll - April 28, 2022 at 01:52 PM

RB

“ *Renee Bryant Orlando
Lonnie lived life to the fullest and expressed great love for his family.
He fought the good fight and accomplished much in his season;
careful to lead by example. Lonnie is the greatest brother in law I've
ever known. Surely you will be missed. Stay Strong Family*

Renee Bryant - April 28, 2022 at 07:35 AM

BD

“ *I met Lonnie when he was hired by Lucent Technologies in the early
80's. We had a great friendship over the years. We both loved
bowling and played in different. events over the year. My most
sincere condolences to the family.*

Brenda White Dallas - April 27, 2022 at 09:21 PM

D[

*To you, I am your "Mighty D-B"...no one will ever be able to say it the
way you did!!! May the angels of heaven guide you into Paradise.
Requiescat in Pace. Amen.*

Sister - Delores Banks

Delores Banks. [Sister] - April 30, 2022 at 11:59 AM