

## SUCCESS

*H*e has achieved success  
who has lived well,  
laughed often, and loved much;

who has enjoyed the trust of  
pure women,

the respect of intelligent men and  
the love of little children;

who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;

who has left the world better than he found it  
whether by an improved poppy,  
a perfect poem or a rescued soul;

who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty  
or failed to express it;

who has always looked for the best in others and  
given them the best he had;

whose life was an inspiration;  
whose memory a benediction.  
*Bessie Anderson Stanley*

**100**  
**MARCHING**

## PALLBEARERS

Ramon "Jose" Sablon  
Cyrus Hickson  
Jerome Harrison  
Michael Hickson  
Scottie Todd  
Jackie Todd

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Brother Jose Sablon  
Brother Elisha Watts

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

## APPRECIATION

We are so touched by your thoughtfulness and would like to say "thank you" for your cards, food, flowers and most of all your prayers. Special thanks to the Todd/Washington Family, Hickson Family, Manigault Family, and the McKnight Family

## INTERMENT

Restlawn Cemetery  
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive  
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**MARVIN**  
*Nathaniel*  
**BELL**  
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A LIFE THAT GOD GAVE TO LIVE;  
AND NOW HAS BEEN CALLED HOME.

**MARVIN**  
*Nathaniel*  
**BELL**

AUGUST 7, 1958 - MAY 11, 2022

**Thursday, May 26, 2022**  
**11AM**

**First Baptist of Oakland**  
1025 Jessie Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206





# LIFE REFLECTIONS



Marvin Nathaniel Bell was born on August 7, 1958 in Jacksonville, Florida. He was the seventh child of eight children born to Elmore and Inez Crawford Bell. Marvin attended and graduated from Andrew Jackson Senior High School. During his tenure at Andrew Jackson, he participated in various organizations and clubs as well as the High School Marching Band, ultimately becoming one of the most renowned cymbal players in the nation. After graduating High School, he attended Florida A & M University, in Tallahassee, Florida. During his four years of study at A & M, he played cymbals in the The Marching 100 Band. Once he returned to Jacksonville, he continued his education at University of North Florida. Once leaving The University of North Florida, he began his professional employment at the International Longshoremen's Association Welfare, Pension, Vacation and Holiday Funds in Jacksonville, Florida. After leaving this position, he presented himself for employment as a Longshoreman in Jacksonville on the Waterfront. It is the same Longshoremen's Industry, where his father, Elmore Bell, Sr. had worked for many, many years. Marvin retired from the Longshoremen's industry early, due to his medical situation.

Anyone who knew Marvin, knew that he enjoyed sports. He was more than a willing participant in any discussion along those lines. If there was a pick-up basketball game, he was there. He was a great conversationalist. He enjoyed music and dancing as well, but his greatest LOVE was cooking. At a very early age, he took up the mantle as the family's designated in-house BBQ - cook extraordinaire. Elmore Bell, Sr., BBQ'd, every holiday during the year. The person, after Ronnie to perform the function to cook BBQ for the family, was Marvin. In time, he expanded his reservoir of receipts in varied directions, including making his own BBQ sauce. He enjoyed his friends and they, in turn, enjoyed him. He loved his mother, father, siblings, son Devin, and his granddaughter. He had a special place in his heart for Carla. She stood with him throughout the most difficult last years of his life, never wavering or complaining, always with a kind word and a smile (May God Bless Her). He was by all standards, a good guy. His thoughts of goodness and thanksgiving were a part of his character and was in fact, a part of his very nature. He will be sorely missed. May God forever have Mercy upon his soul, and Bless him in the Next Life.

Marvin passed away peacefully at Shands Hospital on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents Elmore and Inez Crawford Bell; siblings: Elmore Bell, Jr, James Bell, O'Lester Bell, and Curtis Bell, and brother-in-law Raymond Sablon.

He is survived by his son Devin Coleman; bonus children: Gerrod, Ju'Coby (Jermaine), and Jian; granddaughter Ariyuna Coleman; his beloved, trusted, and devoted partner Carla Lyman; his siblings: Ronnie A. Bell (Patricia W. Bell), Sandra E. Bell Sablon, and Joe W. Bell as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Hymn

Scripture

Old Testament-Job 1:20-23

New Testament-Matthew 22:32-37

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Acknowledgements

Reflections

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

Blessed Assurance

Rev. Gerald Cruse

Rev. Bruce Hickson

Sister Delphine Larkins

Two minutes per person

Music Ministry

Pastor Christopher McKee, Jr.

Repat immediately following committal

Church of Oakland

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