



## Mr. James Bell

June 20, 1944 - April 24, 2022

Brooklyn, New York

Mr. James Bell, 77, passed away surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services will be held, 12:00 p.m. , W. E. Flanagan Memorial Chapel. The family will receive friends for visitation at 11:00 a.m. at the chapel.

Mr. James Bell, 77, of Brooklyn, NY transitioned on April 24th after a valiant battle with cancer.

James was born to Mattie Ebron and William Scofield King on June 20, 1944 in Winsdor, North Carolina. Affectionately known as “Bud” to sister, Marie Howard, he was an independent and vibrant personality from the beginning. After graduation from Conetoe High School, James migrated to New York City seeking economic and social opportunity. In 1972 he acquired employment at Harlem Hospital where he held various positions one of which included Union Delegate. After 25 years of service, in 1997, James retired from his supervisor role in Accounts Payable.

James’s passion for education could not be understated. A devout student and beloved teacher, he captured every opportunity to indulge in his love of literature. Serving 12 years as a volunteer GED and adult literacy teacher at Brooklyn Public Library, he enthusiastically championed numerous immigrant students in obtaining US citizenship. He later fulfilled his wish of completing his college education. In 2010 James attained a Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning from New York University (NYU). Following this

achievement he furthered his academic career at Harvard University Extension School, completing 24 credits in learning and teaching. Applying his gift as an impassioned communicator, James entered a second career as an English Language Arts Substitute Teacher with the New York City Public School System.

As a connoisseur of music James harnessed his love through dance and entrepreneurship. Owner of a soul food restaurant and night club he captured guest with impeccable style and wit. With a love of showcasing his skills, he could often be found on dance floor. Friend and family alike frequently deemed him a “suave dancer” who captivated an audience with his moves. A Historian in search of his roots, James invested in genealogy to identify and build relationships with relatives near and far. Through this journey’s he discovered a multitude of siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousin whom he developed heartfelt connections with.

Left to Mourn: 3 Children- Melanie Becton, Kimberly Bell, and Donald Bell; 8 grandchildren- Tyrice Battle, Jefferey Becton, Jennifer Bell, Erica Bell, and Ronnell Kitchings Jr., Anthony Arevalo, Felicia Bell, and Donte Bell; 4 great grandchildren – Nakya Bell, Nazier Bell, Korey Battle-Dixon, and Aziel Battle; 1 great-great granddaughter- Nazaria Cuff, and a host of relatives and friends.

Services will be Livestream at W. E. Flanagan Memorial Facebook page.

Services will be on Zoom at the following link:

Meeting ID: 927 232 7995

Passcode: KeYBC3

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th St. Extension  
Greenville, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

W E. Flanagan Memorial Chapel  
1026 W. 5th Street  
Greenville , NC 27834  
(252) 752-3530  
weflanagan1921@gmail.com  
<http://www.weflanagan.com>

## Funeral Services

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**W.E. Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home & Cremations** - May 30, 2022 at 02:13 PM

MM

“ *moses and mum purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Bell.*



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**moses and mum** - May 07, 2022 at 10:30 AM

EH

“ *Ernestine W. Lee, Geraldine Harris purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. James Bell.*



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**Ernestine W. Lee, Geraldine Harris** - May 04, 2022 at 11:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Bell.*



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May 04, 2022 at 01:36 PM

YL

“ *The Harris family extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of James Bell. Bell was a beloved schoolmate, & while he was in my sister Geraldine’s class (‘62), he had one of those larger than life personalities that one would remember him fondly no matter whose class he was in. May he rest in eternal peace, and always have an educational audience.*

**Yvonne Harris Lewis** - May 02, 2022 at 09:25 PM



Melanie Becton

*Thank you so much for the condolences. We truly appreciate the warm words of comfort.*

**Melanie Becton** - May 05, 2022 at 09:36 AM

EG

*Melanie, Kim, Donald & Family, You are in our thoughts and prayer. May God be your strength. When we think of James (Bud) there's laughter, tears, joy & pain. He was a great man. So much goodness with him, he cared about everyone. Always smiling. James (Bud) has left a lasting mark in the community and among family & friends. Truly a family treasure. He will surely be missed.  
Much love.  
Ella Mae, Uncle JC & Family*

**Ella Garcia** - May 08, 2022 at 07:35 AM

MW

“ We have a deceased cousin named Joseph Dunston and I always wondered why he didn't have the same features as the rest of us. When cousin James walked into my mother's room when she was passing away I said, "now we know where the features comes from" we had a good laugh about it. I am hoping that his children will reach out to us that we can get to know each other. I am on FB, but only accept friends that I know leave me a little note and I will respond.

*Rest in peace my dear cousin.*

*Marilyn Watkins*

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**Marilyn Watkins** - April 30, 2022 at 02:19 PM



Melanie Becton

*Hi Marilyn. Thank you for sharing and I'm very sorry for your loss. My name is Melanie Becton and I'm the youngest. Im not on FB often but I will certainly send a friend request. The family appreciate the pleasant memory you shared.*

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**Melanie Becton** - May 05, 2022 at 02:42 PM



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**W.E. Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home & Cremations** - April 27, 2022 at 09:26 AM