



Robert "Bob" Floyd Bell

August 17, 1942 - February 14, 2026

Robert "Bob" Floyd Bell, 83, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on February 14, 2026. He was born on August 17, 1942, to James F. Bell Sr. and Anna Mae (nèe Davidson) Bell at his home in Petersburg.

Bob served in the United States Army where he was able to achieve his GED while enlisted. He married Edith "Edie" Kinney at St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Petersburg on November 14, 1967. He worked for Ideal Industries and later for the Illinois Department of Transportation for 20 years before retiring. He enjoyed drag racing cars, restoring classic cars and going to classic car events. Other than his love of cars, his greatest past time was spent with family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his children, Bobbie (Eric) Deason of Petersburg, Jeffery (Jennifer) Bell of Petersburg, and Jeremy (Kayla) Bell of Warrior, Alabama; his grandchildren, Nathan (Janell) Mitchell, Jessica (Edward) Pheasant, Erin (Nick) Russell, Kacey, Hayden, Bretlyn, Gabrielle (Luke), Audiana (Noah), Kincaid, Kaybree, Kaislee, Novalee and Tatum; great grandchildren, Greyson, Delaney, Audrey, Lee, Adalie, Asher, Abrahm, Gideon, Winter and Wesley; and three brothers, Mike, Nick (Susie) and David.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Edith; his parents; three siblings, JoAnn McDougall, James Bell Jr. and Vicki Bell.

Cremation rites have been accorded. No services will be scheduled per Bob's choice.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, New York 10306, donationsupport@t2t.org, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ My deepest condolences to Bobbie and your entire family. Im so sorry to hear the news of your beloved Father. I sure know you were a devoted daughter to both your parents. May your Father Rip with your Mother in God's heavenly kingdom.

Diane T. Maurer-Howard - March 08 at 12:30 AM

SE

“ To all the Bell Family,
We will miss Bob so he was the kindest most genuine man. Always a smile even through his rough times . Johnny & I will miss him stopping by the shop to visit. Loved to reminisce about our old days at the local drag strip over in Havana & Beardstown .
Rest in Peace Good Friend !
Johnny & Sandy Estill

Sandra Estill - February 21 at 08:44 AM

RS

“ A good man from a good family. RIP Bob.

Rick Setzer - February 20 at 10:52 AM

PF

“ Sorry for your family loss and he was a very generous man I remember he let our daughter (Faith) take some of her senior pictures around some of the cars one at ayrco it just made her day n her dad Micheal Lemons knew Bob n his brother's so my condolences just goes out to your family .

Paula follis - February 18 at 01:33 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss.

Jeanne Hogg - February 18 at 11:35 AM

MC

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a great guy, runs in the family! Condolences to the family.

Mike Carter - February 17 at 11:22 AM

RL

“ Robert Lynn lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Bell



Robert Lynn - February 17 at 10:07 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending many thoughts and prayers to surround you all.

CJ Beck - February 17 at 09:16 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Bell



Larry and Mary Hundt - February 17 at 08:53 AM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss. Bob spent a lot of time with Bob and had a lot of good laughs and memories. Bob worked at Ideal with Bob. Our prayers are with the family.

Bob and Pam Rectorpb - February 16 at 07:38 PM

AB

“ So many memories of a fun and happy guy as I spent many times with Bobbie while growing up!

Alicia Becker - February 16 at 06:56 PM

MM

“ Bobbie, Jeff and Jeremy,
We are so very sorry to hear about your Dads passing. We loved your Dad. Such a very nice man who had a great laugh. He will be missed. Keeping you all and your families in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️
Paul and Marilyn Montgomery

Marilyn Montgomery - February 16 at 05:17 PM

VA

We were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing!! He was a great man!! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Bob's family!! ❤️🙏 Vernie & Janey

Vernon & Janey Ames - February 17 at 02:05 PM

RW

“ new Robert for many years very nice guy always had a smile for everyone. condolence to family.

ronald wesley - February 16 at 05:04 PM