



Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.

December 20, 1951 - January 16, 2015

Paul "P. J." Lewis Bell Jr., 63, of Wagoner, Oklahoma passed away Friday, January 16, 2015 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born December 20, 1951 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Paul L. Bell Sr. and Lucille Johnson Bell. P. J. graduated from Eufaula High School and furthered his education at Connors State College where he obtained his Associate's Degree and Northeastern State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree. He started his teaching and coaching career in Halstead, KS and from there moved to Deercreek School in Lamont, OK. In 1977, P. J. continued his teaching and coaching career in Wagoner where he spent several years. His career would later move to Muskogee where he was able to celebrate a Football State Championship in 1986, Men's Golf State Championship in 1998, and many successful years as a basketball coach. P. J. retired in 2003 from Muskogee Public Schools. He made many great friends and was a mentor to many kids throughout his teaching and coaching career.

P. J. married Brenda Carol Jones on September 4, 1971 in Eufaula, Oklahoma. They celebrated over 43 years of marriage together. He enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family.

His hobbies included traveling, golf, fishing, and reading. He was also a member of the Oklahoma Coaches Association, Shriners, and Masons.

P. J. was loved by many and will be truly missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Erba Tull, Robert Johnson, Charles Bell, and Millie Anderson.

P. J. is survived by his wife, Brenda, of the home; daughters, Ginger Bell-Kelley and husband Jason of Muskogee, Andrea Bell-Tallent and husband Aaron of Tulsa; son, John Paul Bell and wife Tiffany of Wagoner; parents, Paul Bell Sr. and Lucille Bell; sister, Teresa Bell, all of Eufaula; grandsons, Colton Kelley, Zander Kelley, both of Muskogee, granddaughter, Lily Bell of Wagoner; godson, Jake Nance and wife Nicole of Bixby; nephew, Luke Harris and wife Kim of Tulsa, niece, Julie Anderson and husband Jimmy of OKC; several aunts, uncles, cousins, other family members and many friends.

The family requests memorials be made to: Lucille and Paul Bell Educational Trust Foundation, Arvest Bank. Checks can be mailed to: Eufaula Alumni Association, P.O. Box 952, Eufaula, OK 74432.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral services celebrating Paul's life will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at Southeast Baptist Church with Linda Johnson officiating.

Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Eufaula, Oklahoma with John Paul Bell, Colton Kelley, Jason Kelley, Luke Harris, Aaron Tallent, and Lucky Tarkington serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Jake Nance, Jack Bedford, Robert Sunday, James Floyd, Jerry Floyd, Leonard Branan, Larry Mendenhall, Larry Newton, Jim Shroyer, and Dick Goss.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

633 N. Main St.
Eufaula, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

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Family Visitation

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Service

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Southeast Baptist Church
2511 E. Hancock Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Brenda and family, I'm shocked to hear of Pauls passing. I was reminiscing with a classmate from Deer Creek-Lamont and scanned this picture from our Senior Trip to Breckinridge, Colorado. He was always fun to talk football with, especially war stories of growing up in Eufaula. I appreciated all I learned from him and Coach Mendenhall and the work he put in my senior year with Coach Patrick. The pain of separation is sharp now, but remember to take comfort in the memories of a life well lived. You are in my prayers.*

Ken Gaskill, DCLA class of 1977



Ken Gaskill - January 26, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ *So sorry to here of coaches passing, he was my coach for two years. I have fond memories of him coaching our freshman basketball team at Deer Creek-Lamont . He taught me a lot during his short time at Lamont as I'm sure he did many other student athletes during his career. Prayers out to his family I sure he will be missed greatly.*

Ty Cardwell - January 26, 2015 at 04:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - January 21, 2015 at 09:04 AM



“ *Alfred & Debra Pearson*



Alfred & Debra Pearson - January 20, 2015 at 07:54 PM



“ *Sandi Mathiews-Branam lit a candle in memory of Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.*



Sandi Mathiews-Branam - January 20, 2015 at 07:41 PM



From the lang family. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of p.j. our prayers are with the family.

glen and Sharon lang - January 21, 2015 at 07:06 PM

JE

“ Coach Bell was a great coach and an even better person. He was our Jr. Hi. football coach at Wagoner in the early 80's and he helped us be successful on and off the field. I have often thought about the time our players picked up his little green MG Midget car and put it between two light poles where we thought he could never get it out. But with a few pull ups and back ups he would just grin and always get it out. Coach Bell will be sadly missed as he touched many lives. Thanks Coach "B" for being part of ours.

John Edmiston - January 20, 2015 at 10:04 AM

JN

“ Goodness where to start... One of my favorites was when i was about 18 or 19, I had been working on playing a song on my 12-string called Malaguena for about 6 months and had everything down pat except on little part where my grandfather Steve (who couldnt play his way out of a wet paper bag on a guitar, but could tell in an instant if somethng wasnt right) told me that there was something missing... I worked and worked for hours and when we were visiting Paul Bell Sr, who lives next door, i happened to mention having trouble with one part to Paul Jr, who sent me to retrieve my guitar. I played the song in its entirety, and then handed it to Paul Jr. He showed me intantly where i was lacking and i picked up on it immediately...to this day, everytime i play that song, i think of him and how his advice helped so much! Ill miss you terribly PJ and Ill never forget you sir!

Your Godson

Jake Nance

Jake Nance - January 20, 2015 at 09:45 AM

PB

“ Phil Bell lit a candle in memory of Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.



Phil Bell - January 20, 2015 at 09:01 AM

Charles Bell

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Charles Bell - January 20, 2015 at 07:52 AM

Morgan Bell

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EK

“ Elaine Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.



Elaine Kilgore - January 19, 2015 at 07:08 PM

EK

“ Thoughts and prayers are also offered to his wife, mother and dad, and all other family members,

Elaine Kilgore - January 19, 2015 at 07:07 PM

EK

“ Giner. Jason, Colton and Zaner. We are so sorry for your loss. 63 is way too soon to say good by to someone so close. The weeks ahead are going to be very difficult, but believe me, time heals some of the pain. Our prayers are with you. Elaine & Robert Kilgore.

Elaine Kilgore - January 19, 2015 at 07:04 PM

Fallon Kelley

“ Fallon Kelley lit a candle in memory of Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.



Fallon Kelley - January 19, 2015 at 04:00 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - January 19, 2015 at 02:47 PM

TM

“ Tina McGhee lit a candle in memory of Paul
"P. J." L. Bell Jr.



Tina McGhee - January 18, 2015 at 11:13 PM

SA

“ Susan Altman lit a candle in memory of Paul
"P. J." L. Bell Jr.



Susan Altman - January 18, 2015 at 10:46 PM

MH

“ Mark Hoepfinger lit a candle in memory of
Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.



mark hoepfinger - January 18, 2015 at 08:08 PM

AB

“ Andea Bell-Tallent lit a candle in memory of
Paul "P. J." L. Bell Jr.



Andea Bell-Tallent - January 18, 2015 at 06:41 AM