



## Richard "Dick" William Bell

November 8, 1947 - January 16, 2017

Richard "Dick" William Bell, age 69, of Rensselaer passed away Monday, January 16, 2017, at the emergency room at Franciscan Health Rensselaer. Dick was born in Old Sante Fe, Indiana on November 8, 1947, the son of George Henry and Margaret L. (Raske) Bell.

Dick lived in Rensselaer for 53 years, working as a mechanic for 44 years at Sealy Spring Corporation. He always had a "handy man" project going whether for himself, friends or family. He enjoyed birdwatching, and time outdoors doing yard work and gardening. Dick was affiliated with the Catholic faith and a member of the United Furniture Workers of America.

On August 17, 1968, in Parr, Indiana Dick and Cheryl "Sherri" Mason were married and recently celebrated 48 years of marriage.

Dick is survived by his loving family, wife Sherri of Rensselaer, son William Joseph "Billy" Bell of Wilmington, NC, daughter Colleen (husband Clint) Bell-Carter of Indianapolis, grandsons Josh Eric Bell and Zachary Carter and two sisters, Shirley Wilcox-Lee of Brook, Indiana and Barbara (Earl) Biggs of Leesburg, Alabama. Dick was preceded in death by his parents George and Margaret and a brother, Everett "Sonny" Bell.

Friends may call Friday, January 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer with a Celebration of Life service at 12:00 p.m. Shawn Holm-Hansen officiant.

The family asks that no flower remembrances be sent. Donations may be made to the family of Richard Bell.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
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## Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" William Bell*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - January 18, 2017 at 10:16 PM

JW

“ *He was such a sweet man!*



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**Jill Wilson** - January 19, 2017 at 10:04 PM

KW

“ *Kerby & Phyllis Wireman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Bell*



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**Kerby & Phyllis Wireman** - January 19, 2017 at 05:33 PM

KW

*We are so sorry to hear of Dicks passing sending prayers to the family*

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**Kerby & Phyllis Wireman** - January 19, 2017 at 05:35 PM

JC

“ Jane Cox lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Bell



Jane Cox - January 19, 2017 at 04:26 PM

JW

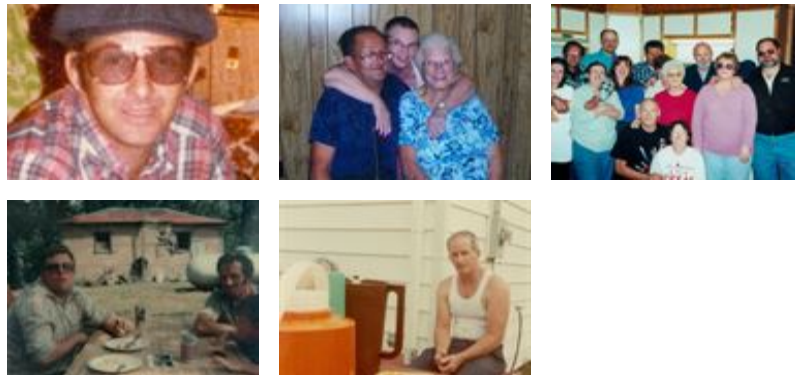
“ Jerry And Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Bell



Jerry and Linda Williams - January 19, 2017 at 06:24 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 18, 2017 at 10:02 PM

NM

“ Sending prayers of comfort. He was a wonderful man

Nick & Patricia Mattocks - January 18, 2017 at 06:30 PM

RP

“ *Sherri , Colleen, Billy and family,*

*Prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time!*



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**Ron and Lib Prohosky** - January 18, 2017 at 06:12 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Bell*



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**Judy Burvan** - January 18, 2017 at 03:13 PM

DF

“ *Dear Family,  
We are [ALL] So very sorry to hear about Dick.  
We have known Dick and Sherri our whole life. They were very "Special " to us.  
He will be --Deeply-Sadly Missed ----for sure.  
May he rest in Peace.  
We are "Thinking of You", at this very, Sad time.  
Our Thoughts & Prayers are with you.  
With Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Debby Hopp Anderson & Family  
& Kathy Hopp Whitaker & Family*



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**Debby Hopp Anderson & Family** - January 18, 2017 at 02:00 PM

KB

“ My Dear Uncle Dick, I am proud to be your niece. You will dearly missed although I did not keep in touch as often as I should have , I could always call and you would find the time to talk with me. Rest in Peace with my dad , Sonny, Kent and Grandma. This is not a childhood memory but it just popped into my mind. Gardening, When Uncle Dick would come and visit dad at my house in the summer I grew lots of tomatoes, he asked my dad what my secret to growing them so big, tasty and so many. Dad replied " NOTHING" they just grow like crazy for her. Uncle Dick asked if he could have some , dad said help yourself, Well he did. I came home and he about picked me clean. Then not long after that some of the best salsa ever made found it's way to my door courtesy of my Uncle Dick.



Kimberly Bell - January 18, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ I haven't seen him since I would stay the night at Colleen's in middle/high school. So sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and thoughts your way.



Deanna Johnson - January 18, 2017 at 09:36 AM

SS

“ Sandra And Dennis Sell lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Bell



Sandra and Dennis Sell - January 18, 2017 at 08:55 AM

DD

“ *Dollie Drake lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Bell*



**Dollie Drake** - January 18, 2017 at 05:46 AM

MR

“ *My condolences and deepest sympathy my Aunt Sherri and cousins Colleen and Billy. What a great picture of my uncle! I will miss his humor and love, and pray you all find comfort in each other. Nephew Danny Bell*

**Major Daniel Bell (TX, Ret.)** - January 18, 2017 at 01:19 AM

MJ

“ *Dick was a good Neighbor to me and my Lee always had something to talk about my deepest sympathy to his family. Morey johnson and old Neighbor on Weston.*

**Morey johnson** - January 17, 2017 at 09:24 PM

BT

“ *So glad it's to be a "celebration". We didn't know Dick well, but loved him through our dear niece Colleen and know he loved life and his family! Our thoughts are with you all - share those wonderful memories. Love and Light from Bill and Carole Telfair*

**Bill & Carole Telfair** - January 17, 2017 at 09:09 PM

TW

“ *A great uncle anyone could ask for loved talking about ford's with him (terry)*

**Terry wilcox** - January 17, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ *It's been some time since I seen Uncle Dick. He always had a smile and would try to tell a joke or two, did share many laughs and good times camping. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Danny Mathis** - January 17, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *Dick was an original....he will be missed by all who knew him. He will live on in the memories of those who loved him or called him friend. Take care my friends & just remember....He will always just be a memory away.*  
*Bob & Linda Farmer*



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**Linda Farmer** - January 17, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ *Dick always had a smile on his face,,when ever he saw me he would give me a hug, Great guy, may he rest in peace,, From Sugar*

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**Norma Schultz** - January 17, 2017 at 03:36 PM