



Mrs. Marva Marie Bell

May 29, 1942 - April 12, 2026

A Life Remembered

Marva Marie Thierry Bell, 83, of Plaisance, LA, transitioned to her heavenly home on Sunday, April 12, 2026. “Blondie,” as she was affectionately known by family, was born on May 29, 1942, to the late Arthur, Sr., and Bessie Green Thierry, the seventh of seven siblings.

Marva attended Plaisance High School for her primary and secondary education. After graduation, she attended Grambling State College where she attained a bachelor’s degree in physical education. While at Grambling, Marva pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Marva began her teaching career in Arnaudville, LA, where she taught Health and Physical Education.

Upon moving to Los Angeles, CA in 1973, Marva pursued her Master of Arts in Educational Administration, plus 35 hours at Pepperdine University. She began her administrative career in Education as a Disciplinary Dean of Students at John C. Fremont High School and John Muir Jr. High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Marva met and married George Bell in 1976 and remained in California until relocating to her hometown of Plaisance, LA.

When she relocated back to Louisiana, she taught Physical Education at

Plaisance Elementary, Leonville Elementary, and North Central High School.

She was a faithful and dedicated member of New Zion Baptist Church, where she served until her health began to fail.

Marva was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur, Sr., and Bessie Green Thierry; four brothers, Leon Walter Thierry, Leonce Henry Thierry, Albert James Thierry, and Arthur Thierry, Jr.; and sister, Norma Jean Thierry Frank.

She is survived by her husband, George Bell; son, James Gregory “Judah” Jones; sister, Yvonne Thierry Johnson; bonus children, Cheryl Bell, Brenda Bell, Mary Ann Bell-Anderson, Delores Nelson, and David Bell; two grandchildren, Diva Ariel Jones and Imani Marie Jones-Lyons (Colby); three great-grandchildren, Reign Brielle Richard, Sovereign Joelle Williams, and Apollo Gregory Lyons, along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The family requests visiting hours be observed from 12 noon until the time of service on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Mohorn Missionary Baptist Church, 219 Cosay Road.

Funeral services celebrating her beautiful life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Mohorn Missionary Baptist Church in the community of Plaisance, LA. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Rev. Allen Ben will lovingly officiate the services, leading a heartfelt celebration of a life well-lived and a spirit that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Family and friends are invited to share words of comfort, support and memories with the family by visiting the online guestbook at www.williamsfunerary.com

ralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas,
337-942-2037.

Cemetery Details

Mohorn Baptist Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (cst)

Mohorn Missionary Baptist Church
219 Cosay Rd
Opelousas, LA 70570

Celebration of Life

APR 18. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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219 Cosay Rd
Opelousas, LA 70570

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Sincere condolences to all those who are mourning the loss of our beloved Marva and may God comfort you and heal your hurting hearts.

Charlene Douglas Kitchen - April 21 at 08:24 PM

MG

“ Much always Ron & Liz Grant purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Marva Marie Bell.



Much always Ron & Liz Grant - April 18 at 12:35 AM

MG

“ Much always Ron & Liz Grant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marva Marie Bell.

Much always Ron & Liz Grant - April 18 at 12:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marva Marie Bell.



April 17 at 09:45 PM

GF

“ I am saddened about the passing of my dear friend Marva. We met in Los Angeles at Mt. Vernon Middle School about 30 plus years ago. I'm going to miss her beautiful personality and her stylish fashion. Rest in peace my dear friend. You will be truly missed. Love always , Gloria Fallin

Gloria Fallin - April 17 at 09:14 PM

NW

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the family.

Nathan and Nancy Williams - April 17 at 05:45 PM



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April 17 at 05:30 PM



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CP

“ Carol Phefferkorn lit a candle in memory of Marva Bell



Carol Phefferkorn - April 17 at 04:12 PM

K)

“ Kim Thierry English (Alexandria, Va) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Marva Marie Bell.



Kim Thierry English (Alexandria, Va) - April 17 at 03:33 PM

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Kim Thierry English (Alexandria, Va) - April 17 at 03:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marva Marie Bell.



April 17 at 10:51 AM



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LC

“ Love, Dana and Clifford purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marva Marie Bell.



Love, Dana and Clifford - April 17 at 09:58 AM

SG

“ May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Sheriff Bobby J Guidroz - April 17 at 09:54 AM

GR

“ My condolences and prayers for family. 🙏



Gertie Rodriguez - April 17 at 09:40 AM

AB

“ Mrs Marva Bell was a very elegant, classy, loving woman with such an amazing spirit!! She has touched many lives!! Her rich legacy of sharing , caring, & giving is unmatched!!! Thank you Auntie!! You were loved so much & you be greatly missed!!! Abby Bethel

Abigail Bethel - April 16 at 11:15 PM

JT

“ *Blondie lit up the room with her very presence. Her memory will always be that light of love and most importantly...joy! - My condolences family - Love always - Jeff Thierry.*

Jeff W Thierry - April 16 at 05:01 PM

JT

“ *Jeff W Thierry purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marva Marie Bell.*



Jeff W Thierry - April 16 at 04:45 PM

AS

“ *Marva told me for my wedding day I needed something borrowed. Guess what she brought me her Beautiful Pearls. Love you all*

Ann Green Semien - April 16 at 01:10 PM