

IN MEMORIAM



DECEMBER 28, 1931 ~ MAY 25, 2023

ROSE-MARIE BELL

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

10:00 A.M. SERVICE

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
808 N. MASON RD. | ST. LOUIS, MO. 63141

Rose Marie Bell

Rose Marie Bell was born December 28, 1931. To the union of Edward Charles Tayes and

Blanche Brooks Tayes in La Jolla, California.

She was educated in La Jolla public schools graduated from La Jolla High School in 1946

She attended Wilberforce University as a Piano major and graduated from California State University Los Angeles in 1976. With a degree in English.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Robert Edward Bell. To this union Robert Alvin,

Alison and Susan were born.

She departed this life on May 25, 2023. She was preceded in death by; Husband Robert and her siblings; Eddyirene, Edward, Lawrence and Alvin.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Her children; Robert Alvin, Alison and Susan.

Grandchildren; Brooks, and Robert Edward. A host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins,

Godchildren and Friends.



May I Go Now

May I go now?

Do you think the time is right?

May I say goodbye to pain filled days
and endless lonely nights?

I lived my life and done my best,
an example I've tried to be.

So can I take that step beyond the light
and set my spirit free?

I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.

But something seems to draw me now
to that warm and loving light.

I want to go, I really do,
it's difficult to stay.

But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day.

To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.

I know you're sad and are afraid,
because I see your tears.

I'll not be far, I promise that,
and I hope you'll always know.

That my spirit will be close to you
Where ever you may go.

Thank you so for loving me
and know that I love you too.

That's why it's hard to say goodbye
and end this life with you.

So hold me now just one more time
and let me hear you say,
"Because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today."

The Burial

BELLEVIVE GARDENS CEMETERY
740 N. MASON RD.
CREVE COEUR, MO. 63141

Family Gathering

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
808 N. MASON RD.
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Casket BEARERS

HENRY O' NEILL
ROBERT ALVIN BELL
REGINALD WILLIAMS
STEVE FALLON
TONEY COREY
CLIFFORD BELL SR.
STANLEY JOHNSON
CLIFFORD BELL JR.

Acknowledgement of Gratitude

We wish to express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation:

For Harry Moppins and members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's In Unison Chorus who have generously sacrificed their time and shared their God-given talents to encourage everyone. For William C. "Bill Harris for managing every minute detail of Rose-Marie's funeral with the heart of a true and loving son. For all of our family and friends who have supported us with their prayers and words of encouragement we are so thankful for your kind gestures in faith and love.



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Prelude: **Dwayne Buggs, pianist**

Opening Hymn: **A City Called Heaven**
Gwen Wesley, soloist

First Lesson: **Proverbs 4:7-27**
Reginald Williams, Reader

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her and she will honor you. She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.

Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go your own way. For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep until they make someone stumble. They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know that makes them stumble.

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart, for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Music: **Credo – I Believe in God**
Karen Hylton, soloist

Psalm: **Psalm 63:1-11**
Dawn Johnson, Reader

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

Those who want to kill me will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

Worship Song: **Total Praise**

Second Lesson: **Ephesians 5:8-20**
Sharon Thurman, Reader

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth, and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible — and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and
Christ will shine on you."

Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Song: **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**
Adrienne Danrich, Soloist

Homily/Sermon: **Fr. Lonell Wright (ret.)**

Holy Communion
Hymns:
~ Let Us Break Bread Together
~ Taste and See

Recessional Hymn: **He Never Failed Me Yet**

Flowers - Scholarship Donations In Lieu of Flowers:

As founding members of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra's In Unison Chorus, both Robert and Rose-Marie were deeply committed to supporting our young musicians with their education costs while also ensuring the preservation of the rich cultural legacy of African American gospel music and spirituals. While flowers are welcome, the family would ask you to consider a donation to:

SLSO In Unison Chorus Scholarship Fund

Scholarship donations can be directed to:

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