



## John Clifford Bell Jr

October 9, 1924 - December 27, 2019

John Clifford Bell Jr. passed away Friday, Dec. 27th at VA Medical Center in Jackson, MS. Visitation will be held Monday Dec. 30th from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Funeral Service will be 2:00pm at Stringer Family Funeral Services. Interment will be at Harmony Cemetery.

Mr. Bell was born October 9th, 1924 in Crystal Springs, MS to the late John Clifford Bell Sr. and the late Fannie Lee Hinson Bell. He worked several jobs in his life but loved being a truck driver. Later in life he worked still in transportation as a Truck Dispatcher. Whatever he did he did to the fullest. Caring for his family was his greatest joy.

He married his sweetheart on January 8th, 1943. They were married 52 years.

Mr. Bell was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mamie Nell Bradley Barlow Bell, his two sisters Johnnye Bell Marsalis and Vivian Bell Miller. He is survived by his sons Larry Douglas Bell (Mary Kate), Thomas Earl Bell (Caren). Three grandchildren Emilee Grace Epperson (Adam), Mark Douglas Bell (Kerry) and John Thomas Bell. Three great grandchildren, Elizabeth Anne, Kathryn Grace and Meredith Joy Epperson, niece, Carolyn Marsalis Morris, and nephew, Denny Marsalis.

Mr. Bell was a World War II Veteran. He was drafted into the Army in 1943

and was part of the Normandy Invasion at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. He served with the 29th Infantry Division (116th RTC) Company L. He was wounded three times while he served. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and French Medal of Honor.

Pall Bearers are Ron Saul, Billy McDonald, Wayne Sojourner, Johnny Johnson, Jeff Moore and Leigh Hust.

In lieu of flowers the family would like to request donations be made to First Baptist Church Crystal Springs Building Fund or Harmony Cemetery Fund or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Harmony Cemetery

6057 Harmony Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs  
PO Box 431  
26141 Hwy 27  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1521  
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## Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Clifford Bell Jr*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *There will be many fond memories from being next door neighbors when I was growing up. By him giving me the old atlas books when new ones came out encouraged me to travel & discover what is all over this country. His calm demeanor sitting under the old oak tree with my Father swapping stories with one another is my favorite of him.*

**Billy Berch** - December 30, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *To all of the family we want you to know how much we loved Mr. C.B. and how much he will be missed by all that knew him. Sending prayers for you all to be comforted by the great memories that you have shared over the years. We love you and wish we could have made the trip, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you, Pam, Gene, Mom, & Lynne*

**Pam Dickson** - December 29, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *Larry, Tommy...so hated to see this and please accept my condolences. It must be a great comfort to know where he is spending eternity.*

**Denny Hydrick** - December 29, 2019 at 07:48 AM

BP

“ Wanda and I offer our deepest sympathy for your great loss. Your parents were such good people.

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**Bruce Pennington** - December 28, 2019 at 09:31 PM

LB

“ Oh, how beautiful heaven must be!!!! How blessed and honored to have known Mr. John, if even just a few years! Love and prayers for loved ones during this time of celebration and "earthly goodbye"!

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**Lynda Brister** - December 28, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ Tommy, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother and daddy were wonderful neighbors to my parents.

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**Sara Simpson** - December 28, 2019 at 05:04 PM