



Ellen P. Bell

December 27, 1920 - April 19, 2011

Ellen Pauline Bell was born December 27, 1920 in Sedalia, MO to Thomas Emmit and Eva Lee (Cox) Bell. She departed this life Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Missouri Baptist Home, Ozark. Her parents, twin sister, Helen Josephine Bell and sister, Marie Simon, two brothers, Cleo Bell and Wallace Bell, a nephew, James Bell and a great-nephew, Danny Bell, preceded her in death. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Edna Bell, Kirksville, a niece, Delores Davis, Freeburg, IL, and a nephew, Johnny Bell and wife, Evelyn, Kirksville. Also surviving are longtime caregivers, Sharon Garretson and Addie Garretson, Bolivar, as well as her SBU family and a host of friends. During World War II she worked at the Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Corp as a secretary in the Medical Department. From 1947 to 1950, she was secretary at the First Baptist Church in Clinton. For 50 years, from 1950 to 2000, she was employed as secretary and administrative assistant at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. She was a member of Bolivar First Baptist Church and served in various places of leadership in the church. She served as president and vice-president of membership of the Bolivar Area Community Concert Association for several years. She served as secretary of the Polk County Unit of the American Cancer Society and was recently a member of the Polk County Unit's High Hopes Group. She was a member of the SBU Women's Club and the SBU Association of Retired Personnel. She also held a membership in the Friends of the Polk County Library. She was a member of the Lake Stockton Area Council of the Blind. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts

may be made to the Ellen Bell Scholarship, Southwest Baptist University, 1600 University Ave. Bolivar, MO 65613. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Friday, April 22, 2011 at Bolivar First Baptist Church. Interment will be in Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen P. Bell*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ellen P. Bell*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ellen Bell was a great woman who loved the Lord and loved Southwest Baptist University. Blake Little*

Blake Little - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear "Ding-Dong" -- she kept me on the "straight and narrow" with her stern but kind steerage. As a 17-year-old girl, all the way from Florida, scared to be so far from home, Ms. Bell's very visage intimidated me! While she rarely smiled at me, she generously gave me her time and concern, explain-ing exactly "how it works" when, as a brand new Freshman, I somehow managed to get myself enrolled in 21 hours of classes. I remember being totally confused, but Ms. Bell got me straightened out and helped me in adjusting my schedule. The time she consistently gave all of us showed that she sincerely cared about all SWBC students. I finally did earn her smile -- in fact, every time I saw her! I guess she just had to get to know me first. Even after 50 years, I associate SWBC with "Ding-Dong" Bell and my memories of her bring a smile to my lips -- and to my heart. God bless her for the blessing she was to so many scared youngsters over the years. She served God and all of us well, with sincere love. Thanks, "Ding-Dong". Gayle Wolfskill*

Gayle Wolfskill - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“*"Ding Dong" was an amazing women! I remember so many things; wearing her purple with pride, ringing her bell to support the Bearcats, her beautiful smile, loving spirit and her ability to remember names. I'm sure the "Bells of Heaven" rang as she entered her Heavenly reward. God blessed us all through her life!!*

Joan Bursmeyer Kouba - April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“*Ellen Bell, whom we affectionately called "DING-DONG' Was a constant friend to eleven members of the Sheehy family. We attended SBU between 1951 and 1989. What a GREAT LADY!! It did not matter what the occasion, Ellen was in attendance--ringing her cow bell during the basketball games or encouraging us with her friendly smile and cherry voice each time we met in the dining Hall, in her office, at chapel or at Frist Baptist Church. Her amazing recall of each of us and always remembering to inquire about our parents was an inspiration to us for many years. Thank You, Lord, for Ellen Bell.*

Frances Sheehy Phillips - April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“*May the Lord bless you as you say a final farewell to Dr. Bell. She was always a joy to see on campus and a great supporter of students. She is greatly remembered. Jackie Bursmeyer SWBC, class of 71*

Jackie Bursmeyer - April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ You were a very important member of the SBU family. You will be greatly missed on earth, but you will have a great reunion in heaven.

Janell Barger - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM