



Carl Bell

August 14, 1947 - April 23, 2015

Carl Thomas Bell crossed the mortal finish line at age 67 on Thursday, April 23, 2015 with an extra breath and a smile after being unable to smile for weeks. Undoubtedly, he was met with great joy and celebration for a race run well. He was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma cancer on January 4, 2015 while working as a physician in the Urgent Care Center at San Juan Hospital. He loved exercising, especially running--completing sixteen marathons with an incredible ability to push himself physically and mentally.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Carol Baisden Bell; ten children--Valecia (Matthew) Green, David Bell, Cyndi Bell, Anji (Jeremy) Branch, Richard (Analese) Bell, Allyson (Scot) Vaniman, Mark (Tana) Bell, John Bell, Summerisa (Spencer) Stevens, and Elder Tyler Bell serving in the Bolivia, Santa Cruz North Mission; twenty-two grandchildren; two sisters--Diana (Mark) Pratt and Dawn Rich; mother-in-law, Beverly Baisden Johnston; brother-in-law, John (Charmaine) Baisden; and sister-in-law, Linda Baisden. He was predeceased by his parents, Clyde and Jeanette Bell.

Carl was born on August 14, 1947 in Richland, Washington. He had one older sister, Diana, and one younger sister, Dawn. He had fond memories of playing in the Columbia River with his friends, visiting the Oregon Coast with his family, and throwing a ball with his dad. In high school, he ran track, did the high jump, and enjoyed bowling. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Central America where his love of the Gospel, Spanish, and Spanish speakers was solidified. His ability to fluently communicate with Spanish-speaking patients was a gift to many.

After his mission, he supported himself through college and medical school at the University of Washington by driving Seattle buses and caring for a quadriplegic patient. It was through that acquaintance that he met his wife, Carol, whom he immediately recognized as "the most beautiful girl I had ever seen." They were married on February 14, 1974 in the Cardston, Alberta Temple.

As a physician in the Army, they lived in Washington, Georgia, Oregon, and Kentucky

(where he completed a fellowship in high-risk obstetrics) before settling in Pleasant Grove, Utah in 1979. The Bell family moved to American Fork, Utah where he could walk to work in 1986. Throughout his career he delivered 2000 babies, including some of his own children and grandchildren. Carl cared deeply for his patients. He was blessed with the gift to heal not only physical ailments, but hearts laden with trouble and care. He felt it an honor to make house calls or have patients visit his home at any hour. He readily accepted chickens, food, or yard work as payment, and several patients have revealed that one December they received a note regarding their bill that simply stated, "Paid in Full. Merry Christmas." He served as President of Utah County Medical Alliance. In 1999, he was named Utah County Physician of the Year. In 2010, he went to Haiti to help as a physician in the aftermath of the earthquake.

When Carl saw a need, he quickly jumped to serve always deflecting attention from himself. In the 1980's, after numerous deaths in the Murdock Canal, he started the "Save Our Children" campaign which successfully resulted in fencing the canal. His encouragement and discipline affected the lives of many youth as a track and cross country coach. In 1993, he and his family lived in Tonga for three months while Carl set-up medical programs. He retired from private practice in 2000. Since then, he has worked at urgent care centers in small towns in Alaska, Idaho, Arizona, Wyoming, and Illinois.

Carl loved the arts. He was active on the American Fork Arts Council. Along with appreciating good plays or works of literature, he also acted and was a gifted writer. Children and grandchildren's favorite bedtime stories were ones he wrote, including a published collection titled "With a Kiss and a Hug." He enjoyed playing the guitar and piano. He felt inspired many times with melodies and thoughts for writing that entered his mind—he was quick to give credit to Heavenly inspiration. His play, "A Will and a Way" was produced at B.Y.U. In 2013, a lifelong dream was completed, as "Deseret", a musical that he wrote and composed, was produced at the Covey Center. In 2014, his song "I Will be Faithful" won in the Primary category of the LDS Church's music competition.

Carl found great joy worshiping and learning in the temple. His favorite church calling was serving in the Mount Timpanogos Temple. When diagnosed with cancer, Carl and Carol had a mission call to serve as the medical director and assistant in the Mexico Area.

Carl loved sunrises, a good prank (although his smirk often gave him away), hiking, Haagen-daaz bars, pruning, boating, holding hands, board games with his sons, traveling, gardening, sleepovers with grandchildren in their yard under the stars, and snuggling with Carol. He provided a magical childhood to his own children playing games like Creepy Crawley, Pinch the Duck, and Fox and Geese. A favorite memory of all of his

grandchildren is him coming to the edge of the pool fully dressed and feigning that he hoped no one would push him in. The grandchildren, with squeals of delight, knew that was their cue to run and push him.

He will be remembered as hard-working, compassionate, wise, strong, having a zest for life, creating lasting family memories and traditions, and above all a man who loved the Lord and whose ultimate desire was to do His will.

For nearly thirty years, Carl started daily family devotional playing “There is Sunshine in My Soul Today.” His exemplary life has left many with sunshine in their souls! As his family gathered just before his passing, they were grateful to sing “There is gladness in my soul today, and hope and praise and love. For blessings which he gives me now, for joys laid up above.” Indeed, Carl ran an incredible race!

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 11:00 am at the L.D.S. Chapel located at 270 North 900 East, American Fork, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. The viewing will be from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at the Highland City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Highland City Cemetery

6200 West 11000 North
Highland, UT, 84003

Events

MAY **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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American Fork 21st Ward

270 North 900 East, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

MAY **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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American Fork 21st Ward

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Comments



“ I worked with Dr. Bell at the Umatilla Army Depot in Hermiston Oregon while I was a medic in the Army. He delivered my first daughter at the 10 bed hospital in Umatilla, Oregon in 1978. My wife and I remember him well , and have always reflected on his kindness and understanding to let me be physically involved with the birth.

Thank you so much for the posting in the Tri-City Herald we always wondered where he had moved .

May we all have the faith and courage to share God, and be a light to others. as Dr. Bell.

Jim Atkins
Prosser, WA

Jim Atkins - May 12, 2015 at 11:12 PM



“ When we moved to Pleasant Grove from Idaho, Dr. Bell was associated with Dr. Batchler who was supposed to be our family doctor. He suggested we start seeing Dr. Bell as Doc B. was plenty busy. It was the best medical advice we had ever had. For the next several years, we experienced the near miraculous healing talents of Carl Bell. He always consulted with the Lord over his patients and his decisions were based on the feelings he received through prayer. Our whole family loved Dr. Bell. He delivered some of our grandchildren and was such a friend even coming to wedding receptions. We have missed him since he closed his AF office and went to other areas. We speak of him often when reminisce about the past and wish we could have had him as our Doc for the rest of his life. I can remember him running past our home on 600 West and stopping to ask about each of our children and grandchildren. He was unique and there will never be another like him. Our whole family extends their bereavement to the Bell family and we pray for your comfort knowing that Dr. Bell is now administering to whoever needs him on the other side.

Mike and Adrienne Thomas and Family

Adrienne Thomas - May 10, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ Carl and Carol's joy for life and love of family have blessed us so much. Their enthusiasm and excellence set a path for all to follow. Anji and Valecia have taught Summer and my Wendy and Michelle dance and grace in their home and in Harrington. Carl opened up room for Stewart to paint when he needed studio space. Carl was always there supporting his family in races and performances. He was behind the scenes helping with scenery while Carol was sewing. He warmed up the audiences and cheered each performer. One memorable year, he emceed in a Santa suit. My children felt his encouragement directly and through his children. We have been so blessed through the talents of Cindy, Valecia, Anji, and Summer. The Bell family comes from a long line of love. I have taken great comfort from a line in Harry Potter, "To the well-ordered mind, death is the next great adventure." Carl is preparing some great productions for us beyond and I'm excited to see them. I pray for great comfort, peace, and laughter for you, Carol--my sweet friend. Thank you for your generous soul that lights our paths. Bless you all on this next part of your journey of learning. As I mourn, I can only be grateful that you shared your husband and dad with so many of us, because we are better for it. All our love, Kelly, Stewart, Cole, Wendy, Michelle, Ryan Anstead

Kelly Anstead - May 06, 2015 at 09:24 AM



“ This is hard.

Uncle Carl was a ray of sunshine since I first met him and his beautiful family. We lived in Tonga in the early '90s and were missing the friendships of our family and friends in the U.S. On a humanitarian mission Uncle Carl brought his entire family to experience island life. He enrolled his children in the church and government schools and embraced the culture that surrounded him. That determination and dedication to that mission alone spoke volumes of the man he is and was. He wanted to experience all that life had to offer, and provide those same experiences for his family. He also had a great desire to provide service to others. Through that initial trip to Tonga I was able to form eternal friendships with his family, especially his daughter, Anji- My palangi sister.

Uncle Carl was my father's dearest friend and confidant. I cherish the moments we had to visit and catch up on life. Uncle Carl always made it a point to reach out, if he was in town, and visit with my siblings and I. Uncle Carl always had a warm embrace and kind, encouraging words for us all. We will miss those visits. Most especially, my dad will miss one of his dearest friends!

We love you Bell Family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you daily.

Ofa Lahi 'Atu!!

Ma'ele Vaitai

Ma'ele Vaitai - May 01, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ We knew him as Dr. Bell. When he came to our little town of Arco, he not only helped us when we were sick, but he helped us understand how special of a spiritual person he is. He came to our house to eat quite often when he was here, & you could tell that even though he was missing his family a lot, but he never let it affect how friendly or outgoing he was with our children or friends. He knew of the struggles that one of our twins has with her eye, & was gracious in offering us to stay at his home if we needed a place to stay overnight down in Utah. I now regret not being able to have the chance to meet this wonderful man's family. We will miss his visits & the spirit that he brought with him.

The Mitchells

Jamie Mitchell - May 02, 2015 at 01:50 AM



“ It is a profound privilege to be counted as one of Carl's friends. We worked together for three years in Kayenta, sharing a house and many meals and long conversations. Carl had the ability to heal people just with his presence, and the intellect to heal with the science of medicine. He loved people without judgment, while seeing them with perfect clarity. With his encouragement I made the decision to become the medical director of our small emergency department and it has been the best move of my professional life. And his encouragement was so characteristic of the man: "You have to do what will help people the most."

Thank you Carl Bell.

Allison Clough MD MPH - May 02, 2015 at 06:15 PM



“ Dear Bell Family,

I only knew Carl through our experience in his production of "Deseret". I knew he was a great man just by chatting with him initially. Over time and now, in reading this beautiful obituary, I marvel at how much he had accomplished and what a special and multi-talented person he was. I'm grateful I was given the privilege to be apart of staging his work. Throughout the production, I saw how much he loved his family and how excited and grateful he was to bring one of his dreams to fruition. He was always kind, patient, and considerate throughout the whole process- which is no easy task. Summerisa, you are sooo talented and I saw how much your dad truly loved you and supported you 100% in your amazing talents. I am sincerely glad that you did end up coming back to Utah to play Allyson Warnick. I know your dad wrote her with you in mind, and it would have been silly if you weren't there to play her. It probably was divine intervention that it worked out :) I grew to really love the character Allyson Warnick, and it was an absolute privledge to share her in small part with you. Thank you for your patience with me through that show. I still find myself occasionally humming "Two of a Kind". And I loved performing "Could it be that this is Love?". Those will be forever with me. I express my condolences to the entire Bell family and I wish you peace and comfort through this hard time. You all are great examples to me.

Kimberly Bunker - May 01, 2015 at 11:25 AM



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Dear Carol and Family,

We have so enjoyed our association with all of you over the many years. Carl was a great family doctor for us. He was always so caring. No matter his schedule he had time for us. We enjoyed being in the same ward and our kids at the same schools. Alicia and Velicia still enjoy their association through visiting teaching. When I saw Carl at Monica's Dads 90th birthday we had a chance to visit about many things. He had a very personal question to ask me as we visited. He said " every week I watch Music and the Spoken Word" and over the years since they added the Orchestra I see this lady that has a striking resemblance to you. Is it possible that I have seen you on the broadcasts? I told him that yes indeed he had seen me each week for many years with the Orchestra. He told me he just couldn't imagine that it could be anyone else and what a fine musician he thought I was. We will all miss him and his many contributions to the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time. May the good Lord bless and keep you.

Love Always,

Morris and Karen Blalock and the Bush girls and their families

karen blalock - May 01, 2015 at 10:49 AM



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Dr Bell was a shining light of love and caring towards me for the first many years of my life. My family didn't look at him as just our physician, but a man who longed to serve others. He was kind to us, always. I had a chance to run into him at the RunnerX Mud Cross run a few years ago and it was a delight to see him. He immediately recognized me and remembered my name after 10+ years of not seeing each other. He will be missed and my prayers are with his family.

Aaron Dominguez - May 01, 2015 at 08:50 AM



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Dear Bell Family,

My name is Bart Gamett and I live in Mackay, Idaho. I am very sorry to learn of the passing of Dr. Bell. A little over ten years ago, while Dr. Bell was serving at the hospital in Arco, Idaho, my wife developed life threatening complications following the delivery of our son. Dr. Bell treated her and helped save her life. I am deeply indebted to him. I so much appreciate the sacrifice he was willing to make to leave his family for periods of time and serve those of us living in central Idaho. He was truly a disciple of Jesus Christ who went about doing good. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Bart Gamett

Bart Gamett - April 30, 2015 at 11:21 PM



“ Dear Carol and family,

Carl wrapped me up in his life as a young, green missionary in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and he never let go. Nancy and I share fond memories of him showing us his wonderful family and growing practice in American Fork. The life separated us.

I had no idea that he was sharing his heart, smile and talents here in Idaho.

May the Lord sustain you through the Comforter and the covenant.

Love,
Nancy & Lyman Belnap
Boise, Idaho

PS - Did you know that he had a pet squirrel for awhile in Tegucigalpa? Don't tell President Brewerton!

LymanBelnap - April 30, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ Such an amazing man! I have not seen Dr. Bell for 14 years but have thought of him often! I was one of his first deliveries when he was a new Dr. Years later he was so excited to deliver my baby, his last delivery before retiring from his office near the American Fork Hospital in Utah. Dr. Bell was my doctor my entire life. Going in to see him was like visiting family. I always remember his huge smile as he walked into the room, he made you feel like you were the only patient there to see him that day. The world has been blessed by this man. I look forward to seeing him again someday! Love and prayers for your family!!



Ashley Southam - April 30, 2015 at 04:24 PM



“ He loved you and it is So amazing to think you were with him through his whole practice. Thank you for your post.

carol bell - May 05, 2015 at 12:37 AM



“ Oh how my heart hurts and at the same time full of joy Dr. Bell was one of the greats men I have got the chance to spend time with. When he came and practice Medicaid in Arco ID is when I got to meet him. He helped change my life and touched my children's life also. He will be truly miss. With love Lindsey Jensen and family

Lindsey Snyder - April 30, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ Carol, and family,
We have many fond memories of this wonderful man and your whole wonderful family! I remember when you came to our house and helped us scrape the linoleum off our kitchen floor! I loved it that he visited our exercise class with you on occasion. It was a joy coaching your son in soccer, you were both so supportive and helpful with the team. He was wonderful to work with so caring and compassionate with the patients who came into the ED at their worst and he gave them his best! He will be missed here on this Earth. Fondly, Wayne and Wanda Wilkerson



Wanda Wilkerson - April 30, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ We love the Wilkerson family. Carl loved working with you Wanda. We are so grateful our lives touched and we shared our Bonners Ferry years with you.

carol bell - May 05, 2015 at 12:39 AM



“ Carol and family,
We send our Love and sympathy at this difficult time. We know your faith and knowledge of Forever Families will help you at this time. Your family was truly blessed with a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. May the Lord bless everyone.
Love, Reas & Jeanne McFadden

Jeanne McFadden - April 30, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ You will be missed greatly, Carl. We will be with you at the 50th. Bombers forever!
David - April 30, 2015 at 11:14 AM



“ Dear Carol and Family

On behalf of the staff at Dignity Hospice, may I extend our deepest condolences to you upon the passing of your dear husband, Carl. We only knew him for a short while, but felt honored for the opportunity to be of service.

May knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers bring you comfort at this time.

Sincerely, Lissa Last - Chaplain
Dignity Hospice Staff

Lissa Last - April 30, 2015 at 04:09 PM



“ I am EMT in Arco and worked many times with Dr. Bell in the ER. He was a great Dr. to work with. He always made sure that before he did something it was the correct thing to do. He always treated the EMTs with great respect. He will be missed. Bob Mozes

Robert Mozes - April 30, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ To the Bell family,
Our sincere sympathies go out to the family as you suffer the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

My husband and I live in Arco, Idaho where Dr. Bell worked. We are a very small community but big in heart and have many fond memories of Dr. Bell's involvement here as well.

I remember one year that we invited him to spend Thanksgiving with us, as this was to be the first that he hadn't been at home with his family. He came bopping up to the door with a nice big bottle of grape juice and he was at the helm in the kitchen making the mashed potatoes. Yum, were they good! We had him over many times for a chat, a meal, or just a get away from the hospital.

A few times when he was in town and hadn't let us know, and there would be a car pull up in front of our home, and who should pop out and come to the door unannounced? It was Dr. Bell!

My husband's father lived in Las Vegas and was ill, and he told Dr. Bell that he was going to visit him. Dr. Bell invited him to stop at their place for breakfast on his way, which he did and said he had a wonderful time visiting the family and enjoying the great food which he had prepared.

Dr. Bell, you will be greatly missed.
Pastor Rich and Dianne Miller
Arco, Idaho

Dianne Miller - April 30, 2015 at 08:16 AM



“ Dr bell a great man and fun to be around I love when he would always share a storie and I was so great ful for him being a friend and doc I live in arco Idaho where he was a dr here for the lost river valley and he bought a building where he wanted something for the community and that's what we did we mad it a community outreach thrift store and discount food store the store is all about helping one another thank you again to the bell family for sharing your husband father grandpa dad and friend we will keep him in our hearts brother bell now your with Heavenly Father



zeby and randy davison - April 29, 2015 at 11:09 PM



“ I've got a lot of awesome memories that I will never forget practically living at the Bell home as a kid:) (friend Of Cyndi & Anji) In a lot of ways I looked up to doctor Bell as a dad since I grew up without one. He was a great example to me in several ways of what a husband and father should be. Never have known a more kind and loving man.....one thing I'll never forget as it happened every time I was there as soon as doctor Bell would see me he would break out in song and sing to me "Maggie Liddell boy is she swell you should see her dancing....." Much love to Carol and children.

maggie anderson - April 29, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ I've been trying to find the words to convey my condolences and share the memories I have of working with Carl. He was such a genuinely kind and concerned person who always gave great counsel and insights about life. I always enjoyed our talks and hearing his perspective on family and marriage. He loved his family very much and shared this with me often. We will miss him and hope his family will take comfort in knowing what a tremendous influence for good he had for so many of the people who's lives he touched.
-Josh and Stephanie Allen

Stephanie Allen - April 29, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ Josh and Stephanie,
Thank you for your kind words and great friendship.
We hope to see you at his funeral.
Love from our family to yours.

Cyndi Bell (#3 of 10) - April 29, 2015 at 09:52 PM



“ I remember the Bell family They lived behind us on Douglass we on 409 Delafield . Their yard backed up to ours - His mother gave me baby sitting tips . The family was well liked in the neighborhood . We children were all enrolled primary grades at Lewis and Clark. Carl had big round eyes and was a typical Tom-boy. One year his parent got him a Bow and Arrow toy. Appropriate for a lad his age . And yet there is something very compelling about school girls giggling and screaming . So my sister Treva and I and Kathy Hicks would behave in this childhood manner each time he would let an arrow fly. Zing they would fly as the Hyatt twins cheered Carl on. He would aim for the ground . Well an arrow aimed for the ground went into my foot and bleeding. My mother and Mrs Bell came running -Poor Carl with his head hung so low meaning no harm . Off to Kadlec in the hospital for about three days as blood poison set in. No problem antibiotics were given and I was fine . In latter years I heard from others the sweet neighbor boy with the big round eyes became a fine Doctor . My condolences to the family.

Myrna Bolin Turner - April 30, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ It was always a pleasure and interesting to talk with Carl. He was always genuinely interested in catching up whenever we visited his ward and I looked forward to his Sunday School lessons. It was inspiring to see him out running. He is a kind, considerate and humble man and was a blessing to me and members of my family.

KB - April 29, 2015 at 04:14 PM



“ Bell family , in the short time I could spend with you in Argentina could realize their love for each other, I'm sure the good times they spent waiting to help them great reunion on the other side of the veil. I love you

Alejandro G. Gimenez
Mark Bell partner in the Argentina Salta Mission

Alejandro Gimenez - April 29, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ TOO MANY MEMORIES: being chased around Carl's back yard in our youth, as Carl wanted to "try out" his new boxing gloves; being Bombers together in High School in Richland; living with Carl in Seattle, summer 1966, before Carl's mission, when 4 of us roommates were tricked by Carl into showing up for work early, because Carl had crawled around the apartment during the night and moved all of our alarm clocks ahead 1 HOUR, serving with Carl to share the gospel with Chip Abrams and then enjoying watching Chip go on a mission and later, with Linda, raise 4 missionary sons themselves; staying at Carl's boyhood home, with Carl's parents, during a high school reunion; being convinced by Carl to apply for a job in the Emergency Dept in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and then working together for several years; never being able to measure up to Carl's total commitment to his patients, his generosity to hospital staff, and his sweet, humble personality in dealing with challenges; having Carl & Carol eat Chez Neuf in our home; driving Carl from the Spokane airport to Idaho; visiting the Bell's Sagle, ID home several times; hiking with Carl and other male friends from high school in wilderness areas of the Cascade Mountains in Washington; being touched by Carl's gifts of books, recipes and much more; laughing too often to remember at Carl's incredible sense of humor and playfulness; driving over 1500 miles in late February to see Carl & Carol; being amazed at Carl's courage, commitment, and stamina as he attended the baptism of his grand daughter, Grace, on 2/28/15; embracing Carl and weeping in uncontrollable grief while saying farewell to him later that afternoon. Carl, you will always be much more than a brother to me. I LOVE you. I RESPECT you. I wish I were more like YOU. I will NEVER FORGET you. May all your hopes and dreams of eternity become reality.
Lamont

Wm. Lamont Worden - April 29, 2015 at 12:27 PM



“ Greg Markel lit a candle in memory of Carl Bell



Greg Markel - April 29, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ I remember Carl's 55 Chevy and how he thought he was so clever hiding the key in a magnetic key holder and everybody knew where he hid it. I still cherish a visit to my office from Carl about five years ago (I think) and we talked about the good old days. I also remember running with Carl after I would get off work at nights. Carl will be remembered by the many people he shared his life with. My thoughts are with you Carl, your family and your many friends.

Love an old friend,

Greg Markel

Greg Markel - April 29, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ Carl helped coach me in track. He was a great coach and life example. Coach Bell has inspired in me a life long love for running. He also taught me to run smart. I remember him getting after me for starting a race too hard and not finishing strong. I am proud to see that Dr. Bell finished the race of life strong, always doing good and serving others. The entire Smith family sends their love and prayers.

Leesa Smith Jones

Leesa Jones - April 29, 2015 at 11:02 AM



“ DR S .A MASON lit a candle in memory of Carl Bell



DR S .A MASON - April 29, 2015 at 06:42 AM



“ I would like to share my condolences with Dr. Bell's family. He spent time providing coverage for our small Critical Access Hospital and was wonderful to work with. We will never forget him sharing his special dish for our pot lucks and challenging us to guess all the ingredients. Ada Bair, CEO

Ada Bair - April 28, 2015 at 10:48 PM



“ thank you for sharing . we love the stories. we hope to see you at the funeral.

Allyson - April 28, 2015 at 11:27 PM



“ Dr. Bell was an amazing man and a powerful example. I've known the Bell family since I was kid (I grew up with Dave) but didn't get to really know Dr. Bell until Haiti. I watched him day after day serve in some of the most challenging situations imaginable, and he never broke stride, never stopped smiling, and never stopped being an example of perseverance. Thank you Dr. Bell for changing so many lives for the better, including mine.

David Studdert - April 28, 2015 at 10:46 PM



“ thank you for your kind words. we hope to see you at the funeral.

Allyson - April 28, 2015 at 11:28 PM



“ Years ago Carl was helping with a river rafting Scouting venture. His craft capsized and he was caught under a tree, unable to free himself. He struggled, but could not break free, and was faced with drowning. He told me that as soon as he realized he would not survive, his panic ended and he was overcome with curiosity about what would come next. As he awaited his demise, another leader's strong arm reached under the tree trunk and pulled him free.

He told me that story and said the idea of dying held no fear for him since that event, but did hold a lot of curiosity. Reading the obituary I was reminded of this as it recounted he died "with an extra breath and a smile after being unable to smile for weeks."

He was an admired friend, former neighbor, community asset and credit to his profession. He will be missed.

Denver Snuffer - April 28, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ thank you for your kind words. we hope to see you at the funeral

Allyson - April 28, 2015 at 11:24 PM



“ I met Carl through a service project at the Harrington School. He was a kind-hearted, genuine man and I truly enjoyed my brief time with him. My love and prayers to his sweet family.

~Melissa

melissa - April 28, 2015 at 08:17 PM



“ Carl was a really nice man. I had only met him a few times as I attended the wedding for his daughter, and my friend, Summer. My condolences go out to the Bell family at this tough time.

Robert - April 28, 2015 at 06:23 PM



“ We met Dr. Bell in kotzebue while working at the hospital. We had him over for dinner and really enjoyed hearing his life stories. He joined us in an ice fishing adventure one day. He was a wonderful man. God bless his family. David and Jane Seaders

jane seaders - April 28, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ thank you for your love. we hope to see you at the funeral.

Allyson - April 28, 2015 at 11:29 PM



“ I was so privileged to get to direct Carl's amazing play, "Deseret the Musical." What a blessing it was to have him come watch the show and give such kind comments to the cast. He was such a gentle, kind soul. I know I speak for of the entire cast when I say that we were so blessed to be able to not only perform his fun play, but to get to know him, associated with him, and try to please him by our rendition. Your gifts and talents will certainly be missed. I hope you continue to compose and entertain with the angels and loved ones who I know were excited to receive you.

To all of Carl's family and friends, please accept our most heartfelt condolences.



Betsy Love - April 28, 2015 at 04:42 PM



“ Thank you Betsy for producing his play in Arizona.
He loved working with you.

Cyndi Bell (#3 of 10) - April 28, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ thank you for your love. we hope to see you at his funeral

Allyson - April 28, 2015 at 11:30 PM



“ Carl was truly an amazing man full of talents, high energy, and who embodied so many of the characteristics of the Savior we all hope to acquire. It was my privilege to work with Carl in the Carthage, Illinois hospital for a short time and I enjoyed visiting with him about anything. He was an example to others of how we should live our lives. Good job, Carl. I am sure the Savior has greeted you with, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!". I look forward to catching up on things with you, Buddy.

Dave Smith - April 28, 2015 at 03:08 PM



“ I want to share our love and condolences with Carol and the family. We are praying that the spirit of peace will bless each of you. Our son, Christopher, had the privilege to play soccer with Tyler when Dave and Mark were coaching. We love your family and loved the example of Carl and Carol as they supported and loved their children. Our family is truly better for knowing your family. I remember Carl's calm and steady spirit as he attended soccer games. Thank you for the light you all have been to us. Chet and Olga Rosenbalm and family

Olga Rosenbalm - April 28, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“ Dr. Carl Bell walked into our lives at San Juan Hospital in Monticello, Utah as an answer to prayer. We were in desperate need of a locum ER physician who could fill the needs of this small rural critical access hospital. As I spoke with him on the phone; he assured me he was suited to the task. . .and he was! In the short few months he worked with us he brought sunshine, laughter, happiness and joy to staff and patients alike. To say he was loved by all at San Juan Hospital is an understatement. He found a niche with us and decided to continue to retirement with us. His mission call was bitter-sweet for us - knowing what we would be missing, yet knowing the greater good he could provide in Mexico. Little did we realize that he would indeed finish his medical career with us! He poured out his love by sharing his "Hugs and Kisses" with many of us for our children and grandchildren. It is definitely a requested favorite at night-time by my grandchildren! We shared our love of theater and the gospel, as well as pear pies! To quote Elphaba....."because I knew you, I have been changed, for good!" Thank you family for sharing him with us!

Debbie Christiansen
San Juan Hospital

Debbie Christiansen - April 28, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ I moved back to Utah when I was expecting my third child. My husband died in an accident a month before she was born. Dr. Bell was the greatest. He had my sister take me to his house on a Sunday night just to make sure I was ok. He came to my house after my husband was found and I was not doing so well. This was during his clinic time. When it was time to delivery he made sure that he was there to delivery my daughter. I don't know what I would have done without him. What an extraordinary man and doctor. So thankful to have him in my life. He took great care of my children even to yell at me about waiting until the morning to bring my son in with an earache. H told me to never wait again and that I was to call him even in the middle of the night so he could help my son. What a doctor. You don't find doctors or people like him anymore!!!

Johna Lew - April 28, 2015 at 08:48 AM



“ I was Surprised that he died. He was a good Doctor and friend. Families are forever.

Elizabeth Ault - April 27, 2015 at 05:04 PM



“ I was shocked to see Dr. Bell's obituary, while sitting at my computer in Yaoundé, Cameroon on an LDS mission. Dr. Bell was an amazing example of selfless service. I'm sure all of his patients thought they were "his favorites"! He always took time to not only treat the patient, but to encourage and uplift at every visit.

He was a great man, and he's left an amazing family. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all through these difficult, but faith promoting times.

Dave Dimond

Dave Dimond - April 27, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ Dr. Bell Delivered me 33 years ago :) He was my Doctor as a child and is and always will be my favorite one. He was kind and gentle and he will be missed. Thank You for sharing him with the community. He will be missed.

Heidi Edlefsen - April 27, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ Dear Bell Family,
I have fond memories of Carl as a my friend, my doctor, and my fellow runner. We ran many happy miles together. Please accept my condolences upon his passing. He will be missed and remembered. Since I am in NYC I will not be able to attend the funeral, but my thoughts are with you all. I am glad I got to see him one last time last month. I will remember him as a strong, faithful, friend and father.
Stephen Sowby

Stephen Sowby - April 27, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ He did!!! He ran an incredible race!! I am & my husband & family are so grateful to have known him! God bless you all at this difficult time. It will be but a moment & you will all be reunited again. Much love & prayers for Carol & the family, Janet Kaplar & Family

Janet Kaplar - April 27, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ You are such an amazing family that is well known and respected in the community. Carl was a great man who served others every single day. There were many times that we crossed on the road, passing as we both ran on some of the same streets. He always had a smile to share and a wave to give. You will be missed. May your family feel of our Saviors love and peace at this time. Our prayers of comfort are with you.
Love,
The Peay's

Emily Peay - April 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Hi it's Brad I just want to say how deeply deeply sorry I am to all of the family for your loss Carl was such a strong and loving husband and dad and grandpa he loved reading stories to all the grand kid's and he was a very caring and concerned dad to all of his children I'm so truly sorry for your loss.

Brad - April 26, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ It's been a lot of years since we were neighbors in Pleasant Grove, but we want to know that we are thinking of you at this tender time and know how much you will miss this wonderful husband and precious father. You're in our hearts and prayers, and we know your faith and your memories will help you keep smiling and moving forward.

Love, Clyde & Kathy Farnes

Kathy Farnes - April 26, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ What a great man and physician the world has lost. My sympathy and prayers to his family. He was certainly born to be a dr. I truly felt he cared for me and my family we weren't just a patient we were people. When I would tell my friends that he was willing to see patients after hours they would say no way they had never heard of a Dr. doing that. Once after delivering a friends baby, a few days after mom and baby had returned home. My friend called his service with a problem. He called her back said he was in the area and would be right over there. A Dr. that made a house call that is a man that was born to be a healer. He will be truly missed by all. Love you Dr. Bell

Paula Johnson - April 26, 2015 at 03:40 AM



“ Carl had a gift of making everyone he spoke to seem like they were the most important people in the world. I enjoyed many visits with him and loved when he was my teacher in church. He was always insightful in his comments but also a great listener. JesAnn and I will miss him greatly. Words cannot really express the love we have for Carl and his family. He WILL be missed.

John Allen - April 27, 2015 at 08:24 AM



“ Carl Bell was such a talented and busy man! He was crazy about his family - which was his #1 focus. He was a wonderful physician - the perfect solution for a community with big healthcare needs! He was always willing to work extra, stay late and help out. Dr Bell was so humble about his long list of attributes, but we took note and became better people because of him; we'll always cherish Carl Bell. Kendrick McLaughlin

Kendrick McLaughlin - April 28, 2015 at 03:20 PM