



Jay Cyril Bell

April 26, 1930 - March 6, 2017

Jay Cyril Bell was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 26, 1930 to Helen Lenore Johnson and Harold Cyril Bell. As a child, he lived in many different places in California, Washington, and Utah with his siblings Pat, Mike, Joyce, Jimmy, and Jon. After his mother's passing, Nina and Martin were added to the family. Significant to his childhood were the summers spent on his grandparent's Minnesota farm where he learned how to work hard and felt the power of nurturing love. Jay was a Caveman at American Fork High School, playing football, running track and held the state record for the javelin throw. Attending a basketball game, he met the love of his life, Shirley Fowler, a student at rival Lehi High. He was brought to her attention as the "guy with the yellow socks". This simple beginning commenced a magnificent life together, now married 66 years, full of love, adventure, and service.

At the age of 20, Jay embraced the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Shirley and he were married on September 1, 1950 in Lehi, Utah, a year later sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan, Utah temple.

In 1954, he accepted a position with the Union Carbide Corporation that gave him the opportunity to live and work across the country, including Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, San Francisco, and Portland. He retired from the company when he bought their Portland distributorship which they named "BellAir". While developing his career, Jay and Shirley welcomed five wonderful children into their family. This family unit became the grounding influence and driving force of their lives. As a family, they bonded through outdoor recreation, spending summers boating and camping throughout the country, most notably at Lake Shasta, CA. Over the years, their family grew to include spouses, 11 grand-children, 25 great-grandchildren, and the many dear friends who became part of the family.

Jay fulfilled many positions of service within his church community, serving as bishop in Bay Village, Ohio and Lake Oswego, Oregon as well as many years on the high council in

a variety of stakes. Shirley and he served two full-time missions to London, England and Baguio, Philippines, attending to both the spiritual and temporal needs of many people. They served together as ordinance workers in the Portland and Timpanogos Temples.

He was often found in positions of leadership and influence where he lifted and encouraged others, inspiring them to become better people. He had a brilliant, mechanical mind with an amazing ability to analyze details and create solutions. He became an airplane pilot and received his commercial pilot license, taking his family on many excursions by air.

Jay passed away surrounded by his beloved family at his home in Alpine on March 6, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jimmy and sister Joyce, his children Jeanette, Blake, and Christy. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Fowler Bell, children Darin Jay (Saralinda) Bell, and Julie Ann Bell, grandchildren Jennifer Habel, Todd (Julie) Bell, Marissa (Alan) Peterson, Paula (Kearney) Hoggan, Summer (Mike) Spokes, Lindsey Ann Burnett, James Jay Burnett, Christian Bowen, Nate Bowen, Sumner Bell, Soren Bell, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Alpine 6th Ward Chapel, 901 East Village Way, Alpine, UT, where a viewing will be held prior from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the Orem City Cemetery, 1520 North 800 East, Orem.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.uvfuneral.com.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

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

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Alpine 6th Ward

901 East Village Way, Alpine, UT, US, 84004

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

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Comments



“ Sharon Rogers lit a candle in memory of Jay Cyril Bell



sharon Rogers - April 11, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ What a beautiful man! They “ Bishop Shirley” and Jay help support me raise my children in beautiful Lake Oswego! Took my daughter down to BYU To attend on Scholarship! There so painted a picture of my daughter Maja who went to New York to attend Joffrey! They were there for me when my one daughter has a accident and worked with my son on different issues. I remember telling my son you don't wear a suit to impress any one you wear it out of respect to church or court! They backed me with my daughter wedding! They were in the receiving line! There is so much more I could say and wish I had thanked them more and let them know how much I loved them but maybe they know know!



sharon Rogers - April 11, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ Bishop Jay Bell was an amazing man with a golden soul. At a time when I needed guidance and my own father was very busy, Jay Bell and Brad Lyle were like surrogate fathers. Craig Mikkelsen too. But there was never anybody as calm and gentle as Jay. His lovely wife and brilliant children. What a great legacy he left behind with Darin, genius architect and his supermodel daughter, Julie. What an amazing family. Sister Bell.... such an elegant lady like Sue Collins. Some of the greatest people are from Lake Oswego. Jay Bell was a perfect example of how to be a gentleman. A truly great man. He will be missed forever and remembered fondly. ((RIP))

David Elton - April 23, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ Dear Bell Family,
Uncle Jay always made me feel like I was a great person. And I thought I was the coolest person in Utah to come and stay with you guys for a month when you lived in California. Jeanette was my best friend, she was so nice to me. I have good memories of your wonderful family. Christie would come and visit us when she was going to the U of U. She was such a character and very fun. Blake was so handsome he reminded me of my little brother Mike. Such a cutie. Darin is such a great husband and father. I look up to him. Julie is so much younger that I didn't get a chance to get close to her. Aunt Shirley you are the glue that holds everyone on their feet, stay strong, remember the good times and lots of memories and it will help. Call on Jay and the kids for strength. I want to take you to the Grand America for a tea party. Love each and everyone of you!!

Necia Harris - March 14, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ Dear Shirley,
We are so very sorry for your loss. You and Jay have such a great love for each other that was apparent to all who know you. What a great man. Love you and your family.
Kristen Shelley

Kristen Shelley - March 11, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ Dear Darin, Saralinda and family,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. It is very apparent that he was a most remarkable man. We are thinking of you, we send our love, and pray the Comforter will ever be with you.
Colby & Anita Wight

Colby & Anita Wight - March 10, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ Dear friend and sister, Shirley, I am so grateful for these last 2 years to know and love you. To hear so many stories about your's and Jay's many adventures over the years. I know I have only heard a small part of your lives but you can tell it has been rich and full and filled with love. I love you, Shirley and thank you for showing me great love with your husband that lasts forever .

Raelene Card - March 10, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ Dearest Shirley,

Alan and I are so surprised and sad to hear of Jay's passing. He was doing so well and there was so much hope of you both coming home when we saw you last. Your sweet relationship and testimonies of the gospel have been and will always be such great examples to us both as you have endured the most painful losses of this earthly existence. What great people you are for enduring to the end as you have. We are especially disappointed to be out of town this week so will not be able to attend Jay's celebration, but know our thoughts and prayers for much comfort and strength are with you. We will come visit when we're back in town. Much love, Alan and Laurel

Laurel Green - March 10, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear shirley,

So sorry for your loss . My prayers are with u and your family Jay was a great man I will miss his hello and hand shakes at church he was always saying hi to my mom and I at church he was a wonderful man and a great friend as well . U will see him again someday . My thoughts are with u and your family ... we love u shirley ... and love him ... u two are great people .. so sorry. Hugs smiles
Margaret mcmanis and wanna Oster....

So so sad we miss Jay at church on Sundays.... he had a great testimony of the church ... again so so sorry about Jay....

Margaret mcmanis - March 09, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ Dear Aunt Shirley, I was saddened to hear of uncle Jay's graduation. I am so glad you had family near, to love and support you during this special time. I have always loved you and uncle Jay. Our family has always felt loved by you. You guys have supported and attended so many of our family events. I'm sorry I'm in Charlotte North Carolina and cannot be there to give you a big hug. I loved seeing you at BYU when Jane gave her presentation at BYU Women's conference in 2012. You walked that whole campus and back to your car parked at the Law building. I thought you looked and acted like a young student yourself. Please know of our love for you and your beautiful family. Our prayers are with you now and always. Jan (Fowler) Ron Roberts and family

Jan Roberts - March 11, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ Shirley i just found out about your loss,my heart goes out to you and your family. Jay was so kind when I needed it most with forgiveness so I could move on. Love you both. Love
Beth Kennedy

Beth Kennedy - May 19, 2017 at 02:56 AM



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Utah Valley Mortuary - March 09, 2017 at 12:45 PM



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Julie Bell - March 09, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ Dear Shirley, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your dear sweetheart, Jay. What a wonderful example he was to all of us in the Alpine 6th ward. He will be greatly missed.
Love, Grant and Wendy Stucki

Wendy Stucki - March 08, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ Uncle Jay was a wonderful man. I'm so glad we got the chance to visit with him while we were there for Dee's funeral. Our heart goes out to Aunt Shirley and the rest of the family. He will be greatly missed.
Steve F

Steve Fowler - March 07, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ Jay has always been an example of kindness and strength to me! His example, humor, and class made everyone in the room feel a little taller, a little kinder, and a little wiser. From dinner parties with the Bells (Darin & Sara) to visits to Jay's home in Alpine, I always felt loved by Jay. He will be missed and remembered.

Easton Hill - March 07, 2017 at 06:13 PM