



Linda O. Bell

November 15, 1927 - February 11, 2022

Linda Tyler Overall Bell, age 94, passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022, at her home in the loving company of her children.

A native of Lawrenceburg, she was born at home on November 15, 1927, to the late Dr. A.C. and Maude Overall. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Rev. Earl S. Bell; two sisters, Joyce Weathers and Hazel Ripy; and two brothers, Irvin Overall and John Overall.

She is survived by children Carey (Bill) Durrett of Frankfort, Mark (Eva) Bell of Harlan, and Allison Bell of Frankfort; grandchildren Angie (John) Parker of Frankfort, Matthew (Mandy) Durrett of Frankfort, Courtney (Gurpreet) Singh of Lexington, Jeremy (Kaylee) Bell of Harlan, and John Bell of Harlan; great-grandchildren Kaitlyn Parker and Caroline Durrett, both of Frankfort; sisters-in-law Mary Overall of Shelbyville and Jane Larkey of London; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Linda was a 1945 graduate of Lawrenceburg High School and earned her Bachelors Degree at Georgetown College on May 31, 1949, graduating in the morning and getting married in the college chapel in the afternoon.

She was an accomplished pianist and organist, as well as a beloved and respected teacher for more than 70 years, instructing hundreds of music

students in central and eastern Kentucky, as well as in Mississippi, Arizona and Virginia. She also spent her many years in music ministry at several churches, including Hillsboro Baptist in Woodford County, Memorial Baptist in Frankfort, Calvary Baptist in Tucson, Ariz., Harlan Baptist, First Baptist in Pulaski, Va., Calvary Baptist and First Baptist in Frankfort, and North Fork Baptist at Switzer. She often contributed her time as a Sunday School teacher for both adults and children at many of those same churches.

Linda also served as an accompanist for community and school choral groups, including the Kentucky All-State Chorus, the Bluegrass Theater Guild, the Harlan Boys Choir, Harlan Musettes, Harlan Community Chorus, Southeast Performing Arts Series, and Franklin County High School Chorus. In the 1980s and 90s, she was employed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Personnel.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church on St. Clair Street, on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. David Hinson, Dr. Keith Felton, and Bro. Jay Stratton officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. service time on Wednesday.

Pallbearers will be Gurpreet Singh, Jeremy Bell, John Bell, Matthew Durrett, Asa Overall and John Parker.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Hawaii Baptist Academy, Office of Institutional Advancement, 420 Wyllie St., Honolulu, HI 96817-1729; or to First Baptist Church, 201 St. Clair, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church St. Clair
201 St. Clair Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Service

FEB 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church St. Clair
201 St. Clair Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda O. Bell*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Linda was a dear friend, a fine genteel Christian lady, and a wonderful pianist at First Baptist Church for many years as well as a fine teacher. We always enjoyed her playing as she had a refined gentle style. She and Earl were dedicated supporters of Hawaii Baptist Academy and introduced us to that fine Christian school. We joined them on several trips to visit the school. Our deepest sympathy to the family and may you all continue to celebrate her life.*

John and Karen Cosby - March 28, 2022 at 11:58 PM



“ *The best piano teacher and life-long mentor who taught me how to “hear” what the music was saying. Ms Bell was a gift in my life as is Carey Anne. And now Ms Bell is a gift to the angels.*
Cathy Jones Pickar

Cathy Jones Pickar - February 18, 2022 at 12:17 AM



“ *Linda was pianist at FBC Frankfort when I joined, so I enjoyed hearing her play while I was there. May your memories and her love sustain you in your grief.*
MaryLinda Wells (formerly Wilson)



MaryLinda Wells - February 16, 2022 at 04:53 PM

WW

“ *Tammy and Walter Weitzel*



walter weitzel - February 15, 2022 at 07:41 PM

PS

“ *I remember Linda, her husband Earl and daughter Carey Ann when he was the minister at Hillsboro Baptist Church in Woodford County. I loved hearing her play the piano. Bro. Bell baptized my parents and me, which would have been early 1950s. Always have a fond remembrance of the Bells. They were special to us.*

Patricia Reed Stokley - February 15, 2022 at 07:32 PM

NM

“ *I am so sorry about your mother. She was so kind to me while in Harlan.
Love and condolences to her family*

Nanci Smith Molloy

Nanci Smith Molloy - February 15, 2022 at 10:08 AM

GC

“ *She was my freshman highschool music teacher accompanied me with my first public solo a great and wonderful lady*

Gary Cardwell - February 15, 2022 at 09:24 AM

RP

“ I have very fond memories of Mrs. Bell. She was an amazing pianist and played for various events and choruses in which I sang when I was in high school. I will always appreciate her kindness and encouragement in those days. Her support was certainly an element in my own success as a professional musician. Thank you, dear lady. Rest easy now.

Roma Howard Prindle - February 14, 2022 at 10:54 PM

JJ

“ Janice Jackson lit a candle in memory of Linda O. Bell



Janice Jackson - February 14, 2022 at 09:23 PM