



## Mildred Ruth Bell

October 9, 1924 - April 4, 2017

Ms. Mildred Ruth (Amy) Bell, Christian activist, is with her Lord on April 4th, 2017 at the age of 92 years old. Mildred was born in the McLane House, an old stone house at Lake Station, Michigan, on October 9, 1924 to Mr. Glen O. and Ms. Orpha (Martin) Amy.

Mildred graduated from the Farwell High School in 1943. She was united in marriage to the late Mr. Richard Raymond Bell on Nov. 24, 1943 at Flint, Michigan and two children, Neil and Nancy, were born to them. Mildred was a loving mother, grandmother, and mentor.

Mildred, with her husband, built the "Lake Roller Rink" and operated it for several successful years, on U.S. 10, Lake Station, MI. Along with her husband, Mildred had a special love for roller skating and shared this with her family and many friends. They were both skilled skaters.

In 1967, the Bell's built their longtime residence of architectural significance, overlooking their exclusive Lost Lake, in the beautiful Woods ~ of ~ Gilmore Countryside, southwest of Farwell Village. Mildred treasured her husband's pine groves and worked with him in their many business interests. Mildred enjoyed gardening; her favorite flowers were geraniums, marigolds, miniature roses, snapdragons, violets, pansies, and strawberries. In life, Mildred loved colors in relation to red, pink, peach, and blue.

For many years Mildred worshipped and served her Lord at Lake Baptist Church, Lake Station, Michigan.

Mildred was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clare, Michigan, where

she served in the King's Daughters Society. Mildred loved entertaining foreign church missionaries and volunteering at The Springs Camp, of Gladwin Michigan.

Later in life, Mildred developed Alzheimer's disease. The world will remember Mildred for her powerful, charismatic, loving and very giving spirit; Mildred was devoted to her family and God's Great Purpose. I Corinthians 15:58 was a favorite verse. Mildred thoroughly enjoyed beautiful things, shopping for clothes, estate sales and at garage sales, fishing, watching wildlife, camping, traveling widely, and hosting dinner parties.

Mildred was preceded in death by her loving grandparents, Mr. G. A. "Bert" Amy, Ms. Barbara (Katz) Amy, Mr. Lorenzo Martin, Ms. Amrett (Barton) Martin, loving parents, Mr. Glen O. Amy (1968), Ms. Orpha (Martin) Amy (1990); her beloved husband, Mr. Richard R. Bell (1997); cherished son, Mr. Neil R. Bell (1970); cherished brother, Mr. Donald G. Amy (1928); cherished sister, Ms. Marguerite M. Bellows (1968); cherished sister, Ms. Marjorie F. Graham (2012).

Surviving Mildred to mourn their great loss, cherished daughter, Ms. Nancy E. (Shirl) Graham of Farwell, MI; cherished brother, Mr. Keith D. (Nancy) Amy of Au Gres, MI; Seven cherished grandchildren: Ms. Cheryl L. (Allan) Schaefer of Whitmore Lake, MI; Mr. Jonathan R. (Andrea) Graham of Rosebush, MI; Ms. Esther R. (Craig) Beery of Brighton, MI; Mr. David M. (Lisa) Graham of Farwell, MI; Dr. Timothy C. Hertzberg N.D. of Southeast, MI; Mr. Robert D. Graham of Martinez, California; and Mr. James A. Graham of Farwell, MI; Eleven cherished great grandchildren: Crystal, Joshua, Jordan, Noah, Daisy, Emmett, Jayden, Oakley, Kendall, Harley, and Lillie; along with a host of cherished nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

Visitation will take place at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Friday April 7th, 2017 from 2-5pm and 7-9pm. Funeral Services will take place at the First Baptist Church of CLARE, MI on Saturday April 8th, 2017 at 11:00am, with visitation starting at 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers, anyone desiring to do so may make memorial contributions

to the “Farwell Area Historical Museum”, to help keep stories like Mildred’s alive for future generations, the “Isabella Community Soup Kitchen” of Mt. Pleasant, MI, or “The Springs”, Christian camp, of Gladwin, MI. On-line guestbook at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Garfield Township Cemetery

8800 S. Lake Station Avenue  
Lake, MI 48632

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)  
165 South Hall St.  
P.O. Box 231  
Farwell, MI 48622  
(989) 588-9630  
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## Visitation

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## Visitation

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APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Clare  
302 Wilcox Parkway  
Clare, MI 48617

## Service

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APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Mrs Bell was my Sunday School teacher, I have such warm, wonderful memories of her. She welcomed us into her home so many times for holiday parties and events, I will always remember these times and her warmth, kindness and generosity. She had a very big impact on my life growing up, and I will always remember her with great fondness and affection,

*I wish you all peace and comfort.*

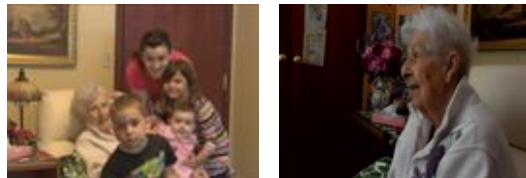
*Jessica Horning*

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**Jessica Horning** - April 18, 2017 at 09:00 PM

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**Esther** - April 07, 2017 at 08:46 AM

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**Grandson** - April 06, 2017 at 12:46 PM

PH

“ Mrs. Bell, as she will always be to me influenced many aspects of my life. She was our Sunday School Teacher, my children's Sunday School Teacher. She lived the lessons she taught us, she loved all of us. The Roller Rink was just an extension of chance to be part of many lives, young and old. Rest in our Lord Mrs. Bell, Heaven rejoices.

Patricia Humphrey - April 06, 2017 at 10:37 AM

CM

“ my husband and I met at Dick & Midge's roller rink, back in 1959, and went "around together" for almost a year under their watchful eye:) Many good memories of those days. They were wonderful people. Then Midge and my mother were at the nursing home in Clare for awhile at the same time. Vince and I visited with her a time or two and talked about Dick, which made her smile. Hugs to all.....

Carol Bradley Miller - April 06, 2017 at 09:18 AM

BB

“ Bob Bergey lit a candle in memory of Mildred Ruth Bell



Bob Bergey - April 05, 2017 at 07:26 PM

TH

“ We have wonderful memories of visiting in your home on the lake and simply talking about life. You were always so encouraging to us when we came home for furlough from Bangladesh - asking about our ministry, talking with our children and inquiring about their lives and interests, and just being a good friend. Thank you.  
*Tim & Nancy Hepworth*

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**Tim Hepworth** - April 05, 2017 at 05:50 AM

VH

“ Aunt Midge, you taught me so many things, how to roller skate (really good). You and Uncle Dick shared so much with us, the trailer rides, swimming, running through the fields and bike riding. My favorite memorie was when I had my first glass bottle of grape nehi pop from your new machine at the roller rink. You gave and did for so many, I loved our times we went to bible school at your church. You always cut my hair (the bangs were always to short) but I remember laughing with you about it in my adult life. We will miss you Aunt Midge and we love you to the moon and back. We will meet again on the other side.



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**vonda Hamilton** - April 04, 2017 at 09:34 PM