



## Eugene Frances Bell

August 18, 1927 - October 16, 2017

Duncan, SC: Eugene Francis Bell, 90, died at his home on Monday, October 16, 2017 after an extended illness. A native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Mr. Bell is the husband of 60+ years to LaWanda Hite Bell and the son of the late William E. and Lois E. Maxwell Bell.

A Navy veteran of WW II and the Korean War, Mr. Bell with his wife, LaWanda lived a very fulfilling life. They enjoyed many trips together, several with him in the pilot's seat of his airplane. He, also, enjoyed racing cars and was an excellent mechanic, retiring from Western Michigan University as their mechanic.

Leaving behind with many cherished memories other than his wife are: a son, Stephen Bell; two daughters, Kathy Scott and her husband, James, Karen Burt and her husband, Michael; a sister, Faye Nuyen and 40 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Bud Bell.

The family is planning a private Memorial Service in Michigan at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My grandfather was bud bell. Eugene would be the great uncle i never knew. If it's not too late, I'd be honored to learn about such a wonder relative. Feel free to contact me. Brian Edward Bell, grandson of Bud Bell. dadbell72@gmail.com. 2695449532.*

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**Brian Bell** - January 19, 2018 at 03:43 PM

## “ My Poem

*Me dad, he's Irish  
An a wee bit o' Scotch  
His humor infectious  
I'll show you  
Now watch  
Hey papa, how you today?  
Better than nothin'  
With a wink he comes back  
Sitting under the Oak  
With his cane and his hat  
I was pleased to know how he loved the sky  
Me too I told him  
So do I  
He says  
I'm going outside to suck some fresh air  
His cane serves him well  
Adjusting his chair  
He feeds the birds  
Waves at cars  
Collects the mail  
And watches them tar  
Our road  
The wife who takes care of him  
Rushes out  
To bring him a drink  
And scold hiim about  
Not Drinking Enough  
Ohh, all right if I must  
With a wink and a drink and a tip of his hat  
He's mostly compliant and that is that.*

*I miss him. He was here with us for five years that seem so short  
now.*

*Kathy Bell Scott*

**KatScott** - October 26, 2017 at 09:03 AM


SR

“ We were saddened to learn of Gene's death. He was a larger than life kind of a guy. He was our hero, our dad's best friend and his best man. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

*The family of Jerry H. Campbell  
Sherry, Jerry, Debbie and Elaine*

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**Sherry Reigle** - October 25, 2017 at 08:53 PM

 Hope  
Scott  
Champion

“ My papa was my hero. He was selfless and kind. Always had a smile and love to laugh. His Irish spirit was always visible. He was one of a kind. A race car driver (Michigan state Champ!), a mechanic, a gas station owner, an aviation piolet, a husband, a father, grandfather, great grandfather. A Navy Veteran from WWII. He is missed beyond belief and remember ever second of every day. I love my papa and miss him terribly.



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**Hope Scott Champion** - October 25, 2017 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Uncle Gene is now at peace in the loving arms of Buddy, Aunt Louis, BaBa Jack, Gram, Jerry, Sam and Aileen. We cherish the memories of all the fun times, meals and discussions about Bible passages we had in Kalamazoo, Ewen, Muskegon River, Newaygo and Duncan. He had such a gentle soul. We remember, especially, the precious smiles, hugs, laughs and pictures taken during our last get together and lunch in Duncan. We are holding everyone up in our prayers, knowing that God will bless you with His love and peace during this difficult time. Love, Bob and Joy*



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**Bob & Joy Reinstein** - October 22, 2017 at 09:18 AM

DH

“ *Darci Hite lit a candle in memory of Eugene Frances Bell*



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**Darci Hite** - October 21, 2017 at 06:32 PM

DW

“ *Would this be the Gene Bell that had an airplane at the Wesler airport in Gobles. I was out there every time I heard an airplane motor. Watched that Gene Bell and Bill Berg and their antics as an early teen. If it is, I can further elaborate on those escapades: micky dave2@yahoo.com.*

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**David A Williams** - October 21, 2017 at 05:11 PM