



Thomas Rodney Bell

September 13, 1951 - March 7, 2021

Born Into

Life

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Thomas Bell was born on September 13, 1951 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the second child of five children born to the union of Betty and Rudolph Bell Jr.

Thomas attended Cincinnati Public Schools, graduating in the Class of 1969 from Taft High School. After graduation he entered the work force for one year at Proctor and Gamble before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1972. He served in the United States Air Force until 1986, leaving with an Honorable Discharge. After leaving the Armed Services he was employed in Hotel and Casino Management for 15 years. He then worked in the Airline Industry as a Customer Service Manager, most recently with Air Canada until his untimely death.

He was United in Marriage to Roberta (Snyder) Bell on August 13, 1983 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Thomas and Roberta spent the next 38 years together as husband and wife. To this union two children Tiffany Renee Bell and Tamari Denise Bell were born.

Thomas was a devoted father and grandfather. He loved his family. If you spent time in the Bell home you would quickly observe the pride that he had for his wife, daughters and granddaughter Leah. He was supportive of his

daughters and was marveled in their many accomplishments throughout their lives. He attended many of Leah's gymnastic tournaments and oftentimes beamed that big smile of his, signifying his pride in her accomplishment as she amassed her many awards. More recently he had decided to build a relationship with his son Chris and his family who reside in Salt Lake City, Utah. With the encouragement and support of his wife, children and grandchild he embarked on that journey. He was a very loyal friend to all the people that he allowed into his life.

He loved to play video games and was a movie buff. He was an avid sports fan who loved his hometown Cincinnati Reds baseball and Cincinnati Bengals Football teams. At one time he was a competitive Tennis player in a casino league. He also enjoyed playing racquetball player but after undergoing knee surgery he picked up the game of Golf which he enjoyed immensely.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Renee and Ivie and a brother Reggie.

Thomas leaves to cherish his memories and to carry on his legacy his loving wife Roberta Bell of Las Vegas, Nevada, daughters Tiffany Renee Bell, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Tamari Denise (husband Daniel) ell-Ward, Las Vegas, Nevada. Son Chris (wife Brittney) Ricks, Salt Lake City, Utah. Grandchildren Leah White, Las Vegas, Nevada, Rayder Ricks, Salt Lake, Utah and Rome Ricks, Salt Lake City, Utah. Brother Gregory J. Bell (wife Kahlia) Cincinnati, Ohio. Mother-in-law Mercedes Snyder of Gregory, Michigan. Sister -in-laws Ethel (husband Harold) Simons, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Ruby (husband Donald) Burch, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Rebecca (husband Larry) Williams, Albion, Michigan. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Acknowledgment

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to every person who has offered their support to our family. Your support has come to us in so many different and various ways. It may have been a phone call, it may have been a flower, it may have been a card, it may have been a prayer,

it may have been your silence and a listening ear, it may have been a hug or a shared tear. Whatever it was and however it was done, we want you to know that your deed is appreciated and did not go unnoticed. We love you, every one of you.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ My condolences to the Bell family. Our families were raised together in Cincinnati Ohio west end. Renee was my best friend. I will keep the Bell family in my prayers.

Gail Harris - September 09, 2021 at 09:39 PM

AH

“ I am giving my condolences to Thomas's family as I just found out about his passing. He was a great person, co-worker and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.

Albert Haynes - July 26, 2021 at 08:23 PM

FA

“ I knew Thomas for several years (work-related.) He was extremely pleasant and savvy! Even after I had retired, we met up several times at LAS airport when traveling, as on several occasions he would come out to the gate just to spend a few moments. I just learned of his passing - my sincere condolences to his family and also to his work family. RIP.

FRANK ADLER - June 01, 2021 at 11:25 AM

PM

“ I met the Bell's while my husband was overseas and we became fast and close friends and have remained so for the last forty years. He always had that big smile and joke to keep you laughing. Roberta we're here for you.

Paul & Marchita Morris - March 21, 2021 at 05:50 PM

TH

“ *A true friend throughout over 40 years. You will surely be missed my brother.*

Thomas Hadley - March 20, 2021 at 10:17 AM

TE

“ *Sending my love and condolences to my family Berta hang in there love all!*

Tina Etchison - March 16, 2021 at 06:48 AM

CB

“ *Today I am at a place that is difficult to navigate. As I said on Facebook just like Reggie it is difficult to lose you after being friends for 47 years. We are brothers to infinity. Rest In Peace. Much love to you. See you on the other side*

Carlton Bryan - March 15, 2021 at 05:15 PM

RH

“ *You were more than a Friend to me you were my Brother! I have never lost someone so close. It truly hurts my heart. Forty years of Friendship gone so quickly! I know you had a good life and I'm glad I was able to share some of it with you. You will never be forgotten. Rest In Peace TR Bell! A shot of Tequila for my Brother!!!!*

Reggie Holmes - March 15, 2021 at 02:52 PM

SH

“ *Rest In Peace Thomas, you are gone too soon from us...but will never be forgotten. We have you as an angel watching over us now; I know whatever we do, it's going to be alright with you! When I think of you looking down on us...it makes me happy and puts a smile on my face. You were always the life of the parties in the good of days. I will always love you !*

Sharon Holmes - March 14, 2021 at 06:21 PM