



Mr. Henry Renard Bell

October 9, 1965 - May 22, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

Henry “Hank” Renard Bell was a beacon of light who brought love and laughter to everyone around him. He was a devoted father to his sons, Henry Hailey and Cameron Bell. He constantly reminded them to stay on the right path. Youngest of two (2) children, Henry was born October 9, 1965, at Sumbly Memorial in River Rouge, MI to Henry Adams and Velma Bell.

Henry and his sister, Sheila Bell, grew up in a loving home. Henry had tremendous talent; he loved music and sports. He ran track, played basketball, football, and baseball. Henry had excellent hand-eye coordination and was a greater batter and catcher. He was a natural baseball player. Henry also learned to play instruments; he took a special interest in playing the Oboe, playing whenever he had the opportunity. Eventually, Henry became the best oboist in the band. He would continue his passion for playing instruments in the U.S. Army band. He became a DJ due to his passion for music. He possessed numerous containers full of cassette tapes and CDs. You could usually hear Henry coming up the street because he liked listening to music with lots of bass. Furthermore, growing up, Henry accepted Christ at an early age and attended church regularly. He also loved to dance and ride motorcycles. Henry would often have dance offs with his cousin Clifton in the basement; he won a few.

Henry attended Highland Park High School and graduated in 1984. Henry met Jacqueline Hailey and soon became a young father when his oldest son,

Henry Hailey was born June 20, 1984. Years later, Henry joined the Army in 1988, which began one of his proudest journeys. While in the Army, Henry obtained several primary specialties. He was a motor transport operator for almost four (4) years as well as a wheeled vehicle mechanic for two (2) years. He served two (2) years in Hamburg, Germany. Furthermore, Henry was a veteran of the Gulf War Era and Peacetime. He actively served in the Army from May 26, 1988 to May 25, 1992. Eventually, Henry would go into the Army National Reserve where he continued to serve this country for a total of 28 years. Henry was honorably discharged from the Army Reserve on March 4, 2014.

Henry met Karita Harris in 1988 just before leaving for his tour of duty in Germany. A year later, he married Karita on August 12, 1989. Henry became a stepfather to her 2 year old son, Ivan Reynolds, and helped raise him. Henry and Karita (Harris) Bell had a son, Cameron Bell on September 8, 1990.

Henry was assigned to Fort Polk, LA in 1991 shortly after the Gulf War ended. He and his family relocated and resided in Louisiana until he left the Army. After leaving active-duty Army, Henry moved his family to southern Georgia for a brief time before returning to Detroit, MI. Henry soon acquired his CDL and worked for several logistic companies as a truck driver while serving in the Army Reserve. Henry and Karita remained married for seven (7) years. Around 2011, Henry moved into Piquette Square Apartments where he instantly became everyone's favorite resident. Henry was adored by his fellow veterans and appreciated by the staff of Piquette Square.

People attempted to silence Henry throughout his life, define him, and tell him who he was and was not, but as long as he stayed in touch with friends and family, he developed his confidence and learned how to handle any circumstance that came his way. Henry was the kind of person that would hang in there for the long haul. Henry was not only a voice for many Piquette Square residents, but he was also a devoted father and an honorable soldier. Henry joins his father Henry Adams, mother Velma Bell, and daughter Qualetta Maire Hailey in Heaven.

Henry leaves to cherish his memories: two sons Hank H. and Cameron B.; one stepson Ivan R.; one sister Sheila B.; nieces and nephews, seven first cousins, a host of other cousins, relatives and numerous friends and loved ones from his civilian and military life.

Previous Events

Family Hour/Memorial

Thursday, Jun. **15**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

Thursday, Jun. **15**. 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Words cannot express the sorrow I feel at this moment. May the family find comfort in the days ahead. One Soldier to Another Priscilla Swan



Priscilla Swan - June 15, 2023 at 04:38 PM

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“ There are no words to express the sorrow in our hearts. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. With caring thoughts.

Evans family - June 12, 2023 at 08:40 AM