



## Maxine Ayers Bell

September 11, 1937 - January 7, 2024

Maxine A. Bell was born September 11, 1937 in Gallion, Alabama to parents, Mary and Newton Ayers. She attended and graduated from Marengo County Public Schools. At a very young age, she received Christ and joined the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Gallion, Alabama.

After graduating high school, Maxine married the love of her life, Willie Bell, Sr. who officially gave her the nickname, “Monkey”, while they resided in Meridan, Mississippi. To their union, eight children were born. After their marriage, due to her husband Willie’s employment, the family resided in different states until 1969, then the family settled in Apopka, Florida.

At that time Maxine decided to further her education, and she attended Mid-Florida Tech in Orlando, Florida where she earned her certification in hospitality. With her certification, she obtained employment in the housekeeping department at the Court of Flags Resort in Orlando, Florida as an executive.

Maxine was a dedicated and hard worker. After leaving the Court of Flags, she secured employment at Roper Growers Cooperative in Winter Garden, Florida, as a crew leader specializing in operating the “GOAT”. She also worked at First Street Group Home, the Apopka Planter Newspaper, and Sunland Hospital. Maxine would later travel the country with Mike Enoch

Special Event Food and Catering. She was also known as the community babysitter, just to mention a few jobs in her lifetime.

In her younger days, she was very athletic. She played baseball, softball, and she loved to bowl. She also enjoyed watching her favorite football team, the “Miami Dolphins” with her boys. Maxine became a member of the Roland E. Baker Chapter 217 Order of the Eastern Star of Orlando, Florida. She later joined The House of God in Apopka, Florida, under the leadership of the late Presiding Elder Tripholia T. Brinson. She was a faithful and longtime dedicated member. Every time Maxine attended church, you would see her on “pew two”.

On December 25, 2023, Maxine celebrated her last Christmas on this side with all eight of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, surrounding her with joy and laughter.

On January 7, 2024, Maxine was surrounded with children, grandchildren, great grand-children, and great-great grandchildren as she transitioned from this life on earth to the other side of glory to reunite with her beloved Willie.

She was preceded in death by her Husband, Willie Bell, Sr.; Father, Newton Ayers, Sr.; Mother, Mary Ayers; Brothers: Frank Ayers, Newton Ayers, Jr., Murray Lee Ayers, Foddie Ayers, and Charles Ayers; Son-in-law, Broderick Watters; Grandson, Willie Bell, III; Great-grands: Khalila McCloud, Camari Dennison, and Gerald Neal; and Bonus Son, John Henry Smith, Sr.

Left to cherish her memory...her loving Children: Dora Norman (Rayshawn), Willie Bell, Jr., (Sandra), Leroy Bell, Sr. (Carlette), and Monica Bell, all of Apopka, Florida; Margaret Bell-Waters of Chilburg, Alabama, Newton Bell, Sr. (Reba) of Apopka, Florida, Mary Coley (David) of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Albert Bell of Apopka, Florida; Brother, Albert Ayers; Bonus Son, James

Edward Raby, Sr. (Yvonne) of Apopka, Florida; Bonus Daughter, Shenita Williams (Kevin) of Apopka, Florida; 36 Grandchildren, 77 Great Grandchildren, 28 Great-Great Grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

House of God  
1261 South Central Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

## Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul A.M.E. Church  
1012 S. Park Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ Jacquelyn Tullis lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Jacquelyn Tullis - January 23, 2024 at 12:50 PM

CJ

“ Cassandra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Cassandra Jackson - January 22, 2024 at 06:45 PM

BW

“ Betty Washington lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Betty Washington - January 20, 2024 at 08:50 PM

BW

“ Betty Washington lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Betty Washington - January 20, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JM

“ You Will Always Be A Light and Candle in My Heart. I Will Love You Forever. ❤️ Love You, Jennifer & Tyasia Moss and Moss Family. ❤️



Jennifer Moss - January 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



January 19, 2024 at 01:56 AM

CW

“ Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Charlie Mae Warren - January 18, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



January 18, 2024 at 09:58 PM

EJ

“ Ezzie(SUE) Alonzo, Jeffery Jason purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



Ezzie(SUE) Alonzo, Jeffery Jason - January 18, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



January 18, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



January 17, 2024 at 09:27 PM

RV

“ Rhonda, Brian, Chris, Faye and Von purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



Rhonda, Brian, Chris, Faye and Von - January 17, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



January 17, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



January 17, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ The family of Pastor Gregory C. Sims planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Ayers Bell.

The family of Pastor Gregory C. Sims - January 17, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ Clara lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Clara - January 16, 2024 at 05:50 PM

DP

“ *DrO Phyllis lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell*



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**DrO Phyllis** - January 16, 2024 at 11:55 AM

FW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Fredrika Williams** - January 16, 2024 at 09:47 AM

MA

“ *Mary L. Alston lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell*



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**Mary L. Alston** - January 15, 2024 at 11:29 PM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell*



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**Terric Durden** - January 15, 2024 at 06:46 PM

FA

“ Family purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



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**Family** - January 15, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



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January 15, 2024 at 03:00 PM

AB

“ *Allenea Bolden* lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



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**Allenea Bolden** - January 14, 2024 at 09:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Maxine Ayers Bell.



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January 14, 2024 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ Mommie Maxine I Am Going To Miss You Dearly You One And Only Dog "Cujo" Take Your Well Deserved Rest I Love You.

John Bellamy - January 13, 2024 at 07:01 AM

MM

My deepest condolences to the family of Maxine Bell

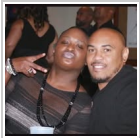
Marsha Sankey Motley - January 15, 2024 at 10:18 AM

FW

“ I Love You Grandma. "Sweet"



Freddie Williams - January 12, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ Tangela Brown lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Tangela Brown - January 11, 2024 at 10:16 PM

DN

“ The Newsome family lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ayers Bell



Dot Newsome - January 10, 2024 at 09:17 PM