



## Rodney Bell

September 11, 1955 - October 15, 2021

Rodney Bell of Oakland, California 66, died Friday, October 15th, 2021, in Oakland, California. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 11th, 1955, Rodney's journey as an artist began. His love for singing and playing the piano spilled also contributed to his work as an artist. After his service in the United States Airforce as a material facilities specialist, Rodney went on to obtain degrees in media communications and music at Laney College. During his time in Oakland, California; Rodney became involved with St. Mary's Center which became the driving force for his artwork. Crediting his experience at St. Mary's, Rodney was able to gain inspiration that contributed to the subject of his art, which included homelessness and social justice. St. Mary's also allowed Rodney's art to be viewed by others and make a wider impact. Rodney's dedication to art wasn't just seen as a form of expression for him, he also saw it as his "saving grace".

Rodney was the son of the late Pastor Yvonne Bell and Edward Bell and preceded in death by his sister, Cynthia Neal and Step grandmother, Alma Garland. Rodney is survived by his daughter, Rolanda Bell of Oakland, California; brothers Terrence (Lisa) Bell of Alvaton, Kentucky and Dewayne Bell of Bowling Green, Kentucky, sister Paula (Kelly) Wilson, Decatur, Illinois. Aunts, Gloria D. Morris and Audrey Thompson. Great uncle, Columbus Edwards. A host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cremation was chosen.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Previous Events

## **\*Services To Be Live-Streamed via Burnam & Son Facebook Page\***

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
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## **Memorial Services**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Bell*



**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - December 20, 2021 at 06:15 PM

RH

*Terry, Paula, Dwayne and the entire Bell family. We have & will continue to pray for your family. I was allowed to be touched by his talent in a small space of time it was so beautiful. I know he is missed greatly but you have many wonderful memories to cherish. God bless & strengthen you all now & always. Evangelist Reatha & Deacon Gil Holts*

**Reatha Holts** - December 23, 2021 at 10:58 AM

GP

*I will always remember Rodney as my brother's friend. Prayers for the family of Rodney Bell upon his home going. Blessings*

**Gwindale Person** - January 14, 2024 at 05:36 PM

EF

“ *Aunt Yvonne and my mother Julia Garland Norman were sisters and when we were children we spent time together in St Louis. We list contact over the years and I haven't seen my cousins in many years. We have looked for yall for a while and it saddens me to know that time has run its course for finding Cynthia and Rodney in the flesh. OH how I wish any of my remaining cousins would reach out to me at evelyn\_whitaker@yahoo.com*

**Evelyn Franks** - January 14, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney Bell.*



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December 22, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *I dearly remember Rodney for living a purposeful life, for choosing to care, to love, to uphold human dignity and to serve the greater good of the community of St. Mary's Center. Like Nat King Cole, he offered richness in music, that comforted, soothed and inspired. He created a meaningful life, using his indestructible spirit and artistic talents to uplift people and to Be a "saving grace." With utmost sympathy for his family and loved ones. Susan Werner*



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**susan werner** - December 22, 2021 at 07:38 AM



“ *I will always remember my uncle for how talented he was. I am glad I was able to hear him share his talent one last time before he passed. ❤️*

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**Anna Northern** - December 21, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *The Bell Family,  
We are so sorry for your lost. Our deepest sympathy for the entire family. We want you to know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time. May the Lord comfort you and keep you.  
Daryl and Shelta Wingo*

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**Daryl and Shelta Wingo** - December 21, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ The night you me and Chellee rode to West Oakland after y'all did the show at the church and I was so happy that you song "Somewhere along the way" by Nat King Cole which I had requested because it was one of my father's favorite songs and it was his birthday or near it, and we was like brothers and sister and we dropped you off and that was the last time I saw you. Yeah...That night.

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**Zahieb Mwongozi** - December 20, 2021 at 10:47 PM

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“ Evelyn Robinson lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bell



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**Evelyn Robinson** - December 20, 2021 at 10:14 AM

TF

“ Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bell



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**Tina Fant** - December 19, 2021 at 09:06 PM

LW

“ Loretha Burton Withrow lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bell



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**Loretha Burton Withrow** - December 19, 2021 at 02:51 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Rodney Bell



cheryl hewitt - December 17, 2021 at 05:14 AM



“ Dear Bell Family,

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - December 17, 2021 at 02:30 AM

ER

*I'll be forever lighting a candle 🕯️ in honor of Rodney. My love 💕 for him continues to burn in my heart ❤️. My love 💕, my heart ❤️, friend my buddy love forever. I miss you Rodney so much. Words can not begin to express how much I am missing you. May you rest in peace! God bless and keep you. All my condolences and strength go out to the Bell family. He was a good man!*

Evelyn Robinson - December 20, 2021 at 10:10 AM