



W. C. Bell Obituary

December 2, 1924 - May 20, 2011

He graduated from Albany High School in 1942 and upon graduation he attended North Georgia College in Dahlonega. On his 18th birthday he took the bus to Atlanta where he enlisted in the naval aviation program. He graduated at Pensacola Naval Air Station and served as a naval officer and pilot on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Mission Bay during World War II. After military service he attended and graduated from Emory University where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Mr. Bell was an instructor with the Air Force before starting his airline career with Southern Airways which after several mergers became Northwest Airlines from which he retired. A member of St Paul's Episcopal Church, the Elks Lodge and the American Legion, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Kinchley Bell of Montgomery, AL and Dewey Bell of Shalimar, FL and two sisters, Vivian Bell Stubbs of Albany and Mary Frances Dillard of Waycross and son in law Floyd G. Denison of Miami, FL and his beloved dog Lillie. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Alice Nall Bell and daughters Martha Cannon and her husband Bob of Santa Rosa, FL, Nancy Denison on Miami, FL and Mary Alice White and her husband Dean of Shalimar, FL, grandsons Stephen Cannon and his wife Jaclyn, Dr. Robert Cannon and his wife Brooke, Clinton White and his wife Jessica and Taylor White, great grandchildren, Mac Cannon, Dylan Cannon and Isabel White. To fly west my friends is a flight we all must take for a final check.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Alice*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours --- A wonderful man that will always be in my heart --- My our Lord give you comfort

Frank E Cook - Memphis, TN - College Roommate and usher in th - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *A truly wonderful man and friend, we send our love to the family. God Bless and keep you. Claude and Elaine Allen*

Claude and Elaine Allen - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I shall never forget Duck's kindness to me after I had cancer surgery.His thoughtful words helped me tremendously.*

Kathleen "Dook" Bacuzzi - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Always enjoyed flying with Duck when I was pulling gear for him at VPS. Seems like only yesterday that we were winging our way up to LGA. May you always have blue skies and tail winds.

Bernd J. (Ben) Boyt - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ My heartfelt sympathies at such a sad time. Miss you, "Uncle" WC!

Herb Moree - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Dear Alice, If Terry was here, he would say.. Sweet Alice, Duck is alright. I hope you will remember how those two enjoyed one another. We smiled just to think of Duck. You may rem. the time I went to church with both of you, while in Destin. The conversation that day, made me realize that Duck was trusting God with his life. A favorite Psalm.. 139 tells us God knew us when we were being formed in our mothers...v. 18 that God's thoughts of us are as numerous as the sand! I pray God will comfort you and your family at this sad time. Tell your girls I am praying. In friendship and love,
Audrey Knight

Audrey Knight - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So sorry to lose this wonderful man! What a great community and church leader he was. Always with a smile, and a funny joke or quip. Rest in Peace, Duck!

Carolyn K. Hatcher - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Alice and Family,I enjoyed my association with "Duck" over the years and he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.David Norvell

David Norvell - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My sympathy goes out to you and your family.Duck was a wonderful pilot and a friend of Larry and me during the Southern Airways days.

Susan Dempsey - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ We were sorry to hear about Mr. Bell. We remember all of the Christmas gatherings at the Hester's. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Henry and Suzanne Stern - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Captain Duck Bell. I had the pleasure of flying with Duck back in the days of Southern Airways, and he was a pleasure to share a cockpit with. I hope the family knows that those who worked with Duck had a great deal of respect for him and enjoyed his company always. He will be missed.

Gary Wilshire - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Alice, My thoughts and prayers are with you. If I can be of any help call me. Clif and I both enjoyed our friendship with you both and hopefully I will see you soon.

Paula Miller - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Alice...Duck was a Fantastic Pilot and a wonderful Person....We are so sorry to lose Him. His memory shall always be with us...Love, Sid and Melba Cook

Sid and Melba Cook - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To Marty and Mrs Bell and all the family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time and we love you very much. Mayo Williams

Mayo and Mrs. Marshal Williams - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We love you Marty and Mrs. Bell and all the family. Thinking of you in this last flight out, the best flight of one's life. May you find peace in his final disparture. Tommy and Wendy McDowell

Tommy and Wendy McDowell - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Alice, I have such wonderful memories of you and your family. You are in my thoughts, prayers and love. Ann

Ann Peacock Voss - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Alice and family, please know that our hearts and prayers are with you. All of our love, Angie

Angie Warren Harrington - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Dear Marty and Family Members, Sorry to read of the loss of your dad. May the memories of the good times and the arms of God sustain you at this time.

Vickie Southwell - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Bell's passing, our parents thought the world of him.

Bill Cobb - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Many, many, many wonderful memories of my parents and W.C. and Alice and "the crowd" having some great times. My very first flight was to NYC on the way to a summer in Europe and W.C. Bell was in the pilots seat. I knew I was safe. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Susan Dowdell Smith - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Alice and Marty, So sorry. He was one of a kind and will be truly missed by all.

Lee and Evie Bettis - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Mary Alice, it has been a long time since 6th grade, Palmyra Elem School. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a very nice man. My prayers are with you and your family as you adjust to his home-going.

Kay Pierce Bradley - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Duck was my friend and next door neighbor for many years and I will miss him very much. My heart goes out to Alice and her family with my deepest sympathy....Buck

Henry Baker - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Alice, Dot and I grieve for your loss and wish you well.

John Grissett - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I am sorry for your lose. Your father always treated me with kindness and respect when others would not. I am here if you ever need to talk to me. My cell number is 404-202-7576. I lost my father some years back and can identify with you pain at this time.

Terry Hubbard - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM