



Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of **Sister Valerie Gary Bell**, President of the Connectional Lay Organization who was called home from labor to reward on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. President Bell was the spouse of Donald Bell Sr, mother of Donald Bell Jr. (Adrienne) and Derrick Bell, and the niece of Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed, Immediate Past President of the Women's Missionary Society.

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Celebration of Life Services for the Connectional Lay Organization President Valerie Faith Gary Bell

The Wake

Friday, February 21, 2020
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Visitation
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reflections

First African Methodist Episcopal Church
10313 S. Grant Ave
Manassas, VA 20110
Rev. Etoria V. Goggins, Pastor

The Official Celebration of Life

Saturday, February 22, 2020
Final Viewing: 9:00 am-10:30 am
Celebration Begins PROMPTLY: 11:00 am

Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church
1400 Glenn Dale Blvd
Glenn Dale, MD 20769
Rev. Mark E. Whitlock, Jr., Pastor

*The family requests for all persons desiring to pay final respects to our beloved President to please arrive promptly at 9:00 am as there will only be one viewing prior to the Official Celebration. Thank you for understanding.

Hotel Accommodations

Courtyard by Marriott Greenbelt
6301 Golden Triangle Dr
Greenbelt, MD 20770
1-888-236-2427 or 301-441-3311

Holiday Inn Greenbelt
7200 Hanover Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-982-0863 direct

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for a scholarship fund established to honor President Bell's heart for ministry and the legacy of "Onward to Greater." Please make contributions payable to Mr. Donald Bell with "Bell Scholarship Fund" in the memo and mail them to:

Mr. Donald Bell, Sr.
8876 Sweetbriar Street
Manassas, VA 20110

The Bell family expresses their deepest appreciation for the calls, text messages, visits, monetary blessings and other acts of kindness extended to them during this season of bereavement. Please continue to pray with and for them.

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1