



## Mrs. Irma Lee Bell

February 14, 1924 - August 28, 2018

Irma Lee Bell was born on February 14 1924 to the union of Cooper and Ulden Barnes in Collins, Mississippi. She received her formal education at Hopewell Elementary School and High School in Collins, MS. She went on to earn her degree in Nursing from Jones County Nursing School in Laurel, MS.

Irma Lee Bell accepted Christ as her Savior at a young age and she was baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. She spent most of her adult life as a committed member of Greater Grace Temple Church in Detroit, MI where she served as president of the Usher Board #2. She relocated to Milwaukee, WI in 2000 and became a member of Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church where he served on the mother's board until her passing.

Irma Lee Bell was united in holy matrimony with Willie E. Bell in 1946, in Collin, MS. Their union was blessed with 4 children. Later, she was remarried to Lawrence May and their union was blessed with 3 sons. She was employed by St. Anthony Hospital as a registered nurse for 15 years. Later, she was employed by General Motors where she worked for 30 years until her retirement at the age of 65. In her leisure, she enjoyed traveling, attending church and going to the salon.

Irma Lee Bell departed this life on August 2, 2018. She was preceded in death by her son, Brian May, parents, Cooper and Ulden Barnes; sister, Hattie Johnson; brother, Hershel Barnes; Lawrence May

and Willie E. Bell; her brother, Bill Barnes, grandsons, William Pette and Kevin Bell; and cousin, Earlean Bucholz.

She leaves to cherish her memory: 6 children, Carolyn (Curtis) Bell of Milwaukee, WI, Willie E. Bell Jr. (Mandie) of Collins, MS, Michael (Julia) Bell of Collin, MS, Joseph (Monica) Bell of Milwaukee, WI, Jeffrey (Sara) May, Bernard (Loretta) May of Derroit, MI sister, Josie Armstrong; 14 grandchildren; 19 great- grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; one special friend, Shirley McGlocklin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Wood National Cemetery

5000 W. National  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
1717 W. Meinecke Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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