



Allyn Bell

October 13, 1937 - September 7, 2025

Everette Allyn Bell completed this life's ride on Sunday, September 7, 2025, arriving at his destination to dwell forever with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Allyn was born in Coweta County on October 13, 1937, to Loy and Ava Nell Bell. He was the second of their six children. Early in life, Allyn knew that he wanted to pursue a career in education, and he worked multiple jobs to pay for his college tuition and expenses. He earned several degrees from the University of Georgia, and he was an avid Bulldogs fan. He was proud to be the first of three generations to graduate from the University of Georgia. Soon after beginning his teaching career, Allyn met and married his bride, Brenda Hamilton, who was the love of his life. They were blessed with three children, Dean, Karen, and Kevin. The family settled in Moreland in 1966, and Allyn and Brenda lived there for the next 58 years. Allyn served a term as the Mayor of Moreland and was elected to the City Council several times. Allyn served in several capacities in the Coweta County School System over his thirty-year career. He was a teacher, counselor, and principal, and he concluded his career in the Central Office. He enjoyed encouraging and instructing students and helping them find their path in life. Allyn was an active member of the Newnan Kiwanis Club for more than 50 years. He enjoyed the camaraderie and opportunity for community service the club provides. Bicycle riding was another passion of Allyn's. He rode thousands of miles with his bicycle buddies, including completing the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia twenty times. He rode a century (100 miles in one ride)

multiple times, but the bicycling achievement that he enjoyed the most was riding across the United States from San Diego to Savannah at the age of 63. He was fond of asking new acquaintances, "Have I ever told you about the time I rode my bike across the country?"

Allyn enjoyed gardening, and he had a garden every year for almost sixty years. He delighted in sharing the vegetables he grew with family and friends. He also became quite adept at maintaining and repairing tillers, and he enjoyed refurbishing old tillers for other gardeners. Allyn also enjoyed restoring 1940 Fords. He owned three of them: a sedan, a coupe, and a truck. He enjoyed tinkering with them and showing them off, and he was always thrilled when a bride and groom asked him to chauffeur them away in one of his cars on their wedding day.

Allyn's own marriage was very important to him. He loved Brenda well, and they enjoyed 63 wonderful years together following their wedding in the Historic Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Newnan. Thereafter, Allyn was a Sunday School teacher, committee member, deacon, and usher who served faithfully and joyfully. He was honored to be elected as a Deacon Emeritus in his retirement years. He was a long-time member of the Joshua Sunday school class, where he served as the class secretary for many years. He loved his Lord Jesus Christ and helped others experience the Lord's grace by his faithful witness and numerous acts of kindness and service over his lifetime.

Allyn and Brenda raised their three children at First Baptist Church of Newnan and were delighted when each followed the Lord in baptism there. Allyn and Brenda welcomed into their family two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law and loved them as much as their own children. They delighted in having four grandchildren, Autumn, Alex, Hadley, and Will, and a great grandson, Greisyn. In retirement, Allyn and Brenda traveled extensively, including multiple trips to Hawaii, Italy, and Switzerland. Their final trip together was to Maine, another favorite destination, to celebrate Brenda's 80th birthday. Allyn embarked on the most important journey of his life when he began following the Lord Jesus

as a child, and now he has arrived at the destination of his faith in heaven.
Well done good and faithful servant!

Allyn is survived by his bride, Brenda Hamilton Bell, his children, Dean (Kitty) Bell, Karen (Russell) Vineyard, and Kevin (Pamela) Bell, his grandchildren, Autumn (J.C.) Hitzing, Alex Bell, Hadley Couch, and Will Vineyard. He also is survived by his siblings, Charlene Carter, Marie (Mickey) Butler, Bobby (Mary Ann) Bell, and Forrest (Angeline) Bell, and his sister-in-law, Sarah Bell Fey. He was preceded in death by his parents, Loy and Ava Nell Bell, his older brother, Julian Bell, and his brother-in-law, Bud Carter.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

Allyn's celebration of life service will be on September 11, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the Historic Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Newnan, Georgia, with visitation at the same location beginning at 1:00 pm. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the First Baptist Church of Newnan College Scholarship Fund in honor of Allyn.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan Historic Sanctuary
15 West Washington St
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Allyn Bell*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - September 11, 2025 at 09:02 AM

LW

I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Bell's passing. I remember well riding to Western School with Mr Bell when he was Principal there. It was always an adventure for Kevin and I riding with his Dad! Kevin and I were good friends growing up for many years and I always admired Mr. Bell and enjoyed taking rides in his 40 Ford and watching his extensive garden grow. Mr. and Mrs. Bell were like a 2nd set of parents to me growing up. My prayers go out to Mrs. Brenda, Kevin, Dean, and Karen.

Lenny Wells

Lenny Wells - September 12, 2025 at 10:21 PM

CW

“ Mr. Allyn Bell was a wonderful soul. He loved to talk, but what I like was he actually liked to talk to me. He never saw me over at my Mom's next door to where he lived in Moreland without at least acknowledging my presence. He's always wave when I'd be over mowing her lawn, and when possible he'd wave me to stop for a break to talk. He was SOoooooh energetic, always on the move, always loving the outdoor areas as I could tell. He has been missed ever since he moved away from Moreland, and only last year I think is when that was, but it seems longer. I was sorry to hear that his health changed for the worse so fast. I was glad that I was able to go to his church funeral. It was SOoooh refreshing to be inside a church, the one I understood one of his pastor's at the funeral to say, he'd been in since 1962 at a minimum, as I recall it being said he took his wedding vows there at that time. I could tell everyone was talking about the same Mr. Bell I'd come to know a bit of. I'm glad he was part of my life in some way. Again, he WILL BE & IS Missed. I'm sure my mother misses the Bell family from being her neighbors as well. Keep in touch with her please, she really would appreciate it. Her name is Nancy McLain., Charles (Chuck) Wiles, Nancy's son.



Charles (Chuck) Wiles - October 08, 2025 at 11:15 AM

CH

“ Brenda I was so sorry to hear of Allyn's passing. He was always a joy talking to. He'd ask about Larry and my family and then I'd ask about you and his family. And of course I'd ask about where his next bicycle ride was. On one occasion Larry and I ran into him at a BBQ restaurant. I can hear him now saying "Well I have eaten better!!" Enough said. So it's without saying I'd always leave him with a smile on my face.

Cheryl Cole Hyde - September 16, 2025 at 03:14 PM

LW

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—Lenny Wells

Lenny Wells - September 12, 2025 at 10:28 PM

BC

“ We didn't realize what a treasure Allyn Bell was at First Baptist Church, Newnan, and as a member of the Joshua Class for men. He will be missed...Greatly!



Bill Brewer, Joshua Class - September 12, 2025 at 02:05 PM

TF

“ Allyn was a good and decent man. I always enjoyed talking with him, but who didn't? He will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers for all the family.

Tommy Ferrell

Tommy Ferrell - September 11, 2025 at 12:10 PM

GG

“ So very sorry to read of Allyn's death. Sending thoughts, prayers and hugs.

Gail Lee Gordon - September 11, 2025 at 06:54 AM



“ I moved to Georgia in 1985 from Houston, TX, just 2 years after my daddy passed! I was 8 years old and went to school at Western, 3rd grade, where Mr Bell was the principal! It didn't take long for myself and my Big brother (who loved fighting) to realize what an amazing principal and person Mr Bell was! The impression he had on me has lasted 42 years so far! Even many many years later, when I took my new w 30 yo daughter to the fair (she was maybe 13) he recognized and remembered me! I told my daughter many stories of the amazing principal he was!!!

Betty Downs Dobson - September 11, 2025 at 12:36 AM

CT

“ Mr. Bell was an amazing man and a super amazing Algebra teacher, without him I would have not made it through Algebra. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Cherry Warren Toney Class of 1972

CHERRY TONEY - September 10, 2025 at 10:19 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr Bell he was my principal at Eastside we called him speedy when he first arrived the very first day he assembled everyone he explained he had already timed how long it takes to get from one class to the other so if you're late there was going to be consequences I was very fond of him next time I uncounted him I had family of my own he was a resource officer I was so glad to see him may he rest in the arms of the lord 🌸

Beverlyn Hall - September 10, 2025 at 09:01 PM

WG

Willie and I send our sincere condolences to Brenda and the entire family at this sorrowful time. Allyn was both Willie's and my principal at different times. Moreover, he enjoyed sharing his barbecue skills using the Big Green Egg Smoker. We will miss him. May he rest in peace. 🕊

Willie and Martha Guy - September 11, 2025 at 10:06 AM



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



September 10, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JW

“ Sorry for your loss. I loved seeing Mr. Allyn & Mrs. Brenda when we sat on the same pew at church, years ago.

Joanna Wilson - September 10, 2025 at 06:17 PM

SP

I am saddened to hear about Allyn..he was a very special person and I am so glad I had the pleasure of seeing and talking to him every 4 weeks when he came in for me to cut his hair..always had good advise.always had a happy face and disposition..never once did I ever see him upset or mad or sad..what a great man..He loved his family and was so proud of them. I regret we can't be there for his celebration we are in Wyoming..just know you all are in our thoughts and prayers..blessings and peace Susan and Billy Perkins

Susan Perkins - September 10, 2025 at 07:45 PM

AA

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Allyn's passing as his energy was such that I could not imagine his ever slowing down; that walk of his was unforgettable. The last time I saw him, he shared biking stories with his usual vigor and excitement. As an educator, he was always forward-thinking and positive. What a great honor and pleasure to have known him. Amelia Woodroof Adams*

amelia adams - September 10, 2025 at 05:26 PM

DC

“ *Dixie Cook lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell*



Dixie Cook - September 10, 2025 at 02:48 PM

SH

“ I served as a teacher when Allyn was principal at East Coweta High School. He helped to improve the school in many ways. If I wanted to talk to him, I had to trot along by him to keep up with him to talk. After he moved to Newnan High, we worked together during the merger of the Coweta County Education Association and the Newnan City Education Association then the merger of the White teachers education associations with the Black teachers education systems on the local and state levels. It was a tense time, but the mergers went well on all levels. I had great respect for Allyn, and all the Bell family having taught several of his siblings who were excellent students. My sympathy to Brenda and all the Bell family.
Sincerely,
Sue Hunter

Sue Hunter - September 10, 2025 at 02:43 PM



I am proud to have known Allyn during my 6 year “stopover” in Moreland. My absolute favorite memory and one I have told over and over in the 30+ years since, was, after he retired, I asked him how he liked retirement. He looked toward the sky then back to me with a big grin on his face, and said “How can you complain about a week that has 6 Saturdays and 1 Sunday?” RIP Allyn Bell.

Prayers for peace,
Libby Agy Weir, LaGrange

Libby N Bobby Weir - September 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

CM

“ Cindy Mathers lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell



Cindy Mathers - September 10, 2025 at 02:41 PM

PC

“ I have known Brenda and Allyn since I started teaching in the early 80’s. I taught with Brenda at Atkinson Elementary School. I used to run into Allyn in Kroger a lot. He always stopped to talk and see wanted to know what I had been up to. He was a wonderful person. My condolences to Brenda and the rest of the family.

Peggy Rohe Covey - September 10, 2025 at 02:00 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya’ll during this difficult time love Susan Robinson Whatley

Susan Whatley - September 10, 2025 at 12:43 PM

EM

“ Mr. Bell was such a wonderful neighbor and friend, and he will be deeply missed. I like to imagine there are golden bike paths in Heaven, because I’m sure that’s the first thing he looked for when he arrived.

Edward Morris - September 10, 2025 at 11:44 AM

TW

“ My condolences & prayers. I cared for Mr. Bell & will truly miss him & his good humor. I loved every moment of being there for him & his family. With Love... from Towana & Family



Towana Washington - September 10, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JL

“ *Mr Bell was an amazing man. He was a permanent Fixture in Newnan & Coweta. If he ever met you, he would never forget your name. With a smile on his face & full conversatio that ended with , how's them children. Never missing a step He will definitely be missed . See ya soon Sir ! Love ya ! June, Allison & Anthony Long*



June Long - September 10, 2025 at 10:05 AM

RB

“ This poem is for the best guidance counselor ever! He helped me graduate from NHS in 3 years. (1972)



To Mr. Bell , the One Who Helped Me Find My Way

*You didn't wear a cape or fly,
But still, you saved me—by and by.
With quiet strength and steady grace,
You helped me find my rightful place.*

*When paths were tangled, dark, and wide,
You stood with wisdom at my side.
Not with answers carved in stone,
But questions that I made my own.*

*You saw the storm behind my smile,
And walked with me that extra mile.
You listened when the world was loud,
And lifted me when I felt bowed.*

*A compass when I lost my course,
A gentle, guiding, patient force.
You taught me that it's not the grade,
But how we grow, the steps we've made.*

*So here's my thanks, not just in rhyme—
But in the echoes of your time.
For every moment, every care,
For being someone always there.*

Rev. BettyJean Bowers - September 10, 2025 at 10:05 AM

VI

“ A true blessing here on earth...
A true joy to anyone that he came in contact with...
He made everyone feel like family
He would light up every time that him and I would come into contact
with one another
My favorite principle, with a set of principles like no other
I had asked about him, when I stopped seeing him at church
I really missed seeing him on Sunday mornings
Without a doubt, he will be missed by many, for I am one of those
people
Prayers are going up for all the family, friends, and loved ones.

Vic Ivery - September 10, 2025 at 07:00 AM

RM

Gordon and I will miss him so much, Some of my best times with Allyn and Brenda were serving the children at Camp Hawkins for many years. He made the children a special breakfast every year , his delicious Maine blueberry muffins, his biscuits, bacon eggs . We all received a great blessing being around those kids and volunteers. He was a special person . He shared so many stories with us , some I will never forget. Prayers for all the family.

Rachel Mohler - September 12, 2025 at 01:12 PM

AM

“ I have been a Kiwanis member for 49 years and Allen was a great man and always had a smile on his face. Heaven got an angel when Allen went home.

Art Murphy - September 10, 2025 at 12:43 AM

ER

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Bell. I use to enjoy every time I would see him. I enjoyed talking to him. He would remember my name. He always ask how you doing? And he would call me by my name. He remembered me from western. Family I hope that you find comfort in those precious memories of Mr. Bell.



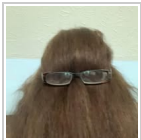
Enesta Favors Reeves - September 09, 2025 at 09:49 PM

CW

“ Carl And Sandra Williams lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell

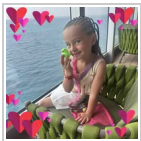


Carl and Sandra Williams - September 09, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ My condolences to your family. Mr. Bell is such an amazing educator and leader. So many parents and students owe him a debt of gratitude for the kindness with which he lead and molded young minds. I have so many awesome memories of him. God bless your family.

Melanie Inskeep - September 09, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ He was always a great principal. He was my principal when I was at Western School until the 7th grade. He will surely be missed here on earth but the ones that have salvation through Jesus Christ shall see him again one great day.

Gene Payton - September 09, 2025 at 09:15 PM

MM

“ I met Mr. Bell as a 1st grader when my mom substituted at East Coweta HS. He would say to me, "come on, sweet pea; I will take you to your mama." The following year Mama became his secretary and I joined them at Eadt Newnan ES, then Western. He called me Roadrunner as I chased him around after school, then "Sifting Sand" from an old song with my name in it. He was a great man who i have always respected and remember fondly. My favorite quote from him that Mama often repeated was " It'll all come out in the wash; if it doesn't, we'll wash it again." Prayers for Mrs. Brenda, Dean, Karen, Kevin, and the rest of the family.

Marianne Campbell Murphy - September 09, 2025 at 09:06 PM

GJ

“ Mr. Bell was a great man, friend and not only a great principal but a great Father figure to many kids! He always looked after his flock! He will always be remembered lovingly. We are grateful and honored to have known him for many years! A great and Godly man. The Justiss family

George and Kathy Justiss - September 09, 2025 at 09:04 PM

MG

“ Mr. Allyn was a fixture in Moreland as long as I can remember. What a kind and loving person he was, always a smile on his face when he saw you. My sincere condolences to his family.

Martha Grant - September 09, 2025 at 07:35 PM

CC

“ I will never forget my European trip with Aaayn and Brenda. It was memorable and they were fun to be with along with his sister-in-law Sarah Fey

carol chatham - September 09, 2025 at 06:52 PM

SY

“ Sorry to hear about the death of Allyn, he was such a caring man, & when he saw you out he would always meet you with a smile & ask you how your child that he had at Western years earlier was doing and he always remembered their names. Brenda, you & all your family are in my thoughts & prayers. May you feel God's Peace and His Presence during this time. Love You, Syble

Syble - September 09, 2025 at 06:40 PM

SB

“ Shirley Borders lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell



Shirley Borders - September 09, 2025 at 05:59 PM

SB

He was the sweetie man I have ever known.

Shirley Borders - September 09, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JE

“ Mr. Bell was a wonderful friend to the Ritch family; it was always good to talk to him. He will be missed by so many.

Jill Ritch Exner - September 09, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JB

I have known Allyn for many years He became a dear friend when I learned that he serviced tillers. I started my garden about 1982 and Allyn kept my tiller running until three years ago. This county has lost an outstanding citizen.

James Barnette - September 11, 2025 at 09:17 AM

EB

“ *Erie Byrom lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell*



Erie Byrom - September 09, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RB

“ *Robert Brass*

For about 15 years, Frank Reece and I would hop in the back of Allyn's pickup to go mark the route for the October Ferst Bike Ride that started at Moreland Mill. Allyn didn't need a map. He'd drive right to the turn and Frank and I would hop out and paint the arrows on the road. Frank and I were always amazed at the number of locals that -as soon as they recognized Allyn - would slow down and wave or share a greeting. Allyn will be missed. The good he did will be around for a long time.

Rodert Brass - September 09, 2025 at 05:20 PM

KM

“ *Allyn was just so full of life. He was always so positive and upbeat. He was always a lot of fun to do things with at church and with all the wild game dinners he did with the Joshua Class. We are praying for the family and are very grateful for the life Allyn lived. Keith,Debbie, and Anna Moore*

Keith Moore - September 09, 2025 at 05:15 PM

RC

“ *Ray Craven lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell*



Ray Craven - September 09, 2025 at 05:07 PM

MY

“ *Sincere condolences and prayers to Ms Brenda and Family. Mr Allyn was a wonderful man. Enjoyed our years in Newnan Kiwanis and talks about all his rides and adventures. May God's peace and comfort hold you in the days ahead. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager*

Mike&Bev Yeager - September 09, 2025 at 04:35 PM

GJ

“ *We are praying for you and all that loved Mr. Bell! He was a great man, full of care for others and especially his students. He always looked after the children at his school and even went out of his normal duty to care for his students. He went above and beyond in doing this!!! We remember his smile and his laughter. We will always cherish the fond memories of Mr. Allyn Bell. Our sincerest heartfelt love to his family! George and Kathy Justiss*



George and Kathy Justiss - September 09, 2025 at 03:03 PM

GL

“ So to hear the passing of Allyn Bell. My GOD give the family peace and comfort in the time of sorrow, the Bell are such a sweet family 🙏
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Glenda - September 09, 2025 at 03:03 PM

PF

“ Our deepest sympathies and prayers for Allyn Bell's Family.

Patricia Stanford Williams and Family

Patricia Stanford Williams and Family - September 09, 2025 at 02:18 PM

KW

“ Kathi Wilson lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell



Kathi Wilson - September 09, 2025 at 02:13 PM

GB

“ Gail Brook lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell



Gail Brook - September 09, 2025 at 02:02 PM

GW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on Allyn’s passing. May he rest in eternal peace.



Geraldine Welch - September 09, 2025 at 01:55 PM

BJ

“ Beverly Bohannon Johnston lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell



Beverly Bohannon Johnston - September 09, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JJ

“ Jane Jackson Johnson lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell



Jane Jackson Johnson - September 09, 2025 at 01:43 PM

JJ

Mr. Bell was such a good man. I first met him as my 7th grade math teacher. Thru the years he became my friend. Praying peace and comfort for his family.

Jane Jackson Johnson - September 09, 2025 at 01:45 PM

HD

“ Mr. Bell was a wonderful man. He had a smile on his face. He will be missed.

Hazel Dominick - September 09, 2025 at 01:39 PM

JW

“ *Bell Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Bell's passing. So many memories of Saturday mornings with my dad and Jon going to your house to pick vegetables or figs! Thinking of you all.* ”

Jennifer Welch - September 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JW

“ *Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell* ”



Joy Williams - September 09, 2025 at 12:48 PM

CA

“ *Cathy Houston Adams lit a candle in memory of Allyn Bell* ”



Cathy Houston Adams - September 09, 2025 at 11:29 AM