



## Belynda McCray-Bell

August 16, 1960 - August 5, 2020

### Obituary

MRS. BELYNDA MCCRAY-BELL

Belynda Sue McCray-Bell was born on Thursday, August 16th, 1960 in Abilene, Texas to the late Donald McCray and Melvia Anderson. Belynda lived with her grandparents Hollis and Loda Mae Anderson until 1970 when she moved to Kansas City, MO with her mother. Belynda graduated from her beloved Paseo High School in 1978 and will always be a Pirate. Belynda attended Northeast Missouri State University earning her bachelor's degree in psychology followed by her masters in counseling in 1983. Belynda also became a licensed clinical social worker starting at Swope Parkway Health Center leading her to a long career working with children and families. Professionally, she held various executive leadership roles with KCMC Child Development Corporation and CDI Headstart.

Belynda accepted Christ at a young age and was a woman of strong faith. In early adulthood she was an active member of Mount Vernon Missionary

Baptist Church. She later joined New Life In Christ International Ministries where she has served as a Sunday school teacher and member of the Special Events and Brothers Keepers. Belynda loved the Lord with all her heart and instilled strong faith into her family. Belynda was married to Rick Bell. Together their family consists of three loving children and three beautiful grandchildren.

Belynda was a breast cancer fighter and survivor who supported and encouraged many other women through their own cancer journeys.

Belynda is preceded in death by: Mother, Melvia Anderson; Father, Donald McCray; Brother; Marcus McCain.

Belynda leaves to cherish her memories: Husband Rick Bell, Son Ricky (Lauren) Bell, Daughters Chivonne (Lewis) Cook and Noelle (Brandon) Bell, Grandchildren Lauren Cook, Leah Cook, and Lewis Cook III, Sister Donna (Charles) McCray-Kid, and Brother Donald McCray and a host of brother and sister in laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and close friends.

Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 15th at New Life in Christ International 12401 Byars Rd. Grandview, MO 64030. Private

Disposition. To watch the service online please visit [www.mstcsunset.com](http://www.mstcsunset.com)

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# Tribute Wall

DK

“ I extend my deepest condolences to the Bell family. I am just learning of my Shero transition when I didn't get a text back like I generally do. I am deeply saddened and will keep the family in prayer. Thanks for sharing her with the entire world. I love me some Belynda McCray Bell. She sowed so many great seeds. I'm so delighted God allowed our paths to cross. She will be missed tremendously. Dr Knight/NC

Dr Glenda Knight - October 24, 2020 at 07:51 PM

CC

“ Very nice lady. She will be missed

Candace Cheatem - August 19, 2020 at 02:40 PM

MB

“ With our deepest condolences to the Bell family. Such a beautiful soul and wonderful kind hearted person. May God continue to be with you all during this time. Continued prayers and in God's Arms. Mark & Deborah Blackmon & Family Little Elm, Texas

Mark & Deborah Blackmon - August 16, 2020 at 10:44 PM

DB

“ Belynda McCray-Bell

Deborah Blackmon - August 16, 2020 at 10:37 PM

NB

“ Always a beautiful smile! I remember Belynda from our college years and on..Such a thoughtful and caring person.. Rest well Belynda..

Nina Butner - August 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM

ST

“ Condolences to the Bell and McCray families. I only shared through Rick's post and loving comments the few times Rick and I have been together over the past 13 years. From post I have seen since her passing Belynda loved the Lord with her heart, soul and mind. From her service she loved her neighbor as herself. Rick, Ricky, Chivonne and Noelle just follow her example and you will see her again. Sunkist, The Kollection

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**Stanley Thompkins** - August 14, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JT

“ To the Family of Blynda McCray-I met her at Northeast Missouri State and she always had that beautiful smile. I extend condolence to and prayers for each of you. Remember and cherish the good memories.

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**Juanita Tillman** - August 14, 2020 at 07:38 PM

CW

“ My sister, My friend, Sunday School team teacher's. Our extended family the many dinners, marriage retreats. The Wilson's send there condolences. We love you guys so much. Praying for the Bell and McCray family.

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**Cornelia Wilson** - August 14, 2020 at 04:47 PM

KL

“Without women in our lives, the world just wouldn't be the same. Jesus was brought into the world by a strong woman and, even at the beginning of humanity God put a woman on Earth to accompany man. There are many Bible verses about women that show their strength time and time again during hardship, life's most fearful moments, and in happy times, too. God made women in his image for a special reason, and the word of the Lord reminds us of this fact each and every day through specific verses and stories passed down of powerful women such as Mary, Rachel, Rebecca, Ruth, and more. These leaders, mothers, and faith-filled forces were spiritual guides during their lifetimes and are still inspirations for us women today."This morning my heart is heavy because my cousin, mentor, and friend Belynda Bell also went home to be with the Lord last night. Belynda was an inspiration to me and took time to pour into my life and help me achieve my goals. So while my heart is heavy I am still thankful for the blessings that she bestowed upon me. My prayers are with her immediate family Rick Bell Rick Bell Chivonne Cook Noelle Bell, the Rice and McCrae families, and the communities who are mourning this immeasurable loss. I pray that all will find comfort in remembering the fond times shared with this awesome woman of God and knowing that she is resting comfortably with our Lord and Savior ❤️

Katricia Lauderdale - August 14, 2020 at 01:10 PM

SW

“FAMILY, FRIENDLY, FRIEND OF A FRIEND Describes My! My! My! Belynda, Belinda! Many many years have I known her. It's so much I can say, so many memories, remembered! Doing the most of all her Smile and Voice! So many times laughing and smiling with her! More than anything always a friendly smile from Belynda, Belinda! Here's to (All The Cheese'n) I'm going to miss! Much Love to The Family stay prayerful!!! Please remember How much she Smiled!! I'm Praying for you All! Sister Suki

Suki Washington - August 13, 2020 at 07:42 PM

SS

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**Sister SUKI** - August 13, 2020 at 08:36 AM