



Mark J. Bell

March 25, 1962 - February 7, 2019

Mark J. Bell, age 56 of Wheeling, passed away Thursday, February 7, 2019 at East Ohio Regional Hospital, Martins Ferry, OH.

He was born March 25, 1962 in Wheeling son of the late Charles and Rose Marie Uhrin Bell.

Mark was a customer service rep. for the Schrader Nature Center at Oglebay. He was a Franciscan University graduate, a former reporter and city editor at the Wheeling Intelligencer and was an avid fantasy football player.

Survivors include his daughter: Alaina Bell and her mom: Holly Bell of Wheeling; nephew: Michael Hall of Wheeling and numerous friends.

No visitation, arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Ohio County Animal Shelter, 7011 National Road, Triadelphia, WV 26059.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Sorry for your loss. I did not know Mark Bell, but from what I read, he was an accomplished man. I believe he was a nephew to my Pappap, Robert M. Bell, who is buried at Kadesh Chapel Cemetery in Beech Bottom. I remembered that Charlie Bell was Pappap's brother. When I go to the cemetery a couple times each year, I always check on the grave markers for Clyde, Ida, Charlie and Rose. I did not get to know any of Pappap's relatives, but wish I had. Please accept my condolences. Anita Luellen, Shadyside, Ohio

Anita Luellen - February 26, 2019 at 09:47 AM

ST

“ Yes, the descriptions of Mark's high-quality, insightful commentaries of life in these parts ring so true - his early career covering municipal government showcased his talent, level-headedness, and his dependability. A good dude.

Stryker - February 12, 2019 at 08:37 PM

TG

“ This is such a heartbreaking loss. Mark was a wonderful writer with an hysterical wit. A great friend who will be missed by many, many people. Rest in peace, Mark. And know you'll never be forgotten. Thea Gompers

Thea Gompers - February 11, 2019 at 11:28 AM

DH

“ So sorry to learn of Mark's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and many friends. He was not only a friend but a colleague for several years at *The Intelligencer*. Anyone who knew Mark for any length of time recall his sense of humor and his dedicated work as a journalist. Rest in peace.
---Doug Huff, Retired Sports Editor, *The Intelligencer*

Doug Huff - February 09, 2019 at 05:29 PM

JU

“ Mark was more than a first cousin too me growing up, he was like a brother. We all have our ups and downs going through life but never heard him say a bad thing about anyone. I'll always remember the times we spent in Tiltonsville. I don't think you could have had a better cousin or friend than Mark was. Rest in peace Mark, I'll never forget the memories of you. Joe Uhrich

Joseph Uhrich - February 09, 2019 at 01:54 PM

TJ

“ You always liked a good nickname to run "in quotes," between the first and the last, Mark J. "Cool Papa" Bell. And as Mitzi mentioned earlier (because you also liked attribution), the "Gentle Giant" moniker is just as fitting for your all-too-short time among us. You were a great writer, a great editor and a great friend. This world won't be the same without you and I hope to see you again in the next one. In the meantime, keep cracking jokes in that *Fourth Estate* in the sky...And deepest condolences to Alaina and Holly. And the nephew!

Tom Jewell - February 08, 2019 at 06:27 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear about Mark. I worked with him when we were both young journalists at *The Intell*. He was a great guy and a delight to hang with. Thoughts and prayers for his friends and family.

Joe Myers - February 08, 2019 at 04:19 PM

DS

“ My thoughts are with Mark's family. He was a friend and professional colleague. Worked with Mark and a great crew of people for several years in Wheeling at *The Intelligencer* and *Wheeling News-Register*. A good person, journalist and friend, you appreciated Mark's sense of humor and intelligence. Working with Mark made me a better journalist, editor and person. I hope the family finds comfort in the fact so many people respected and loved Mark.

— *Don Smith, executive director, WV Press Association.*

Don Smith - February 08, 2019 at 10:12 AM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Mark was my first city editor when I joined *The Intelligencer* staff in 2001. He was a great editor and I learned a lot from him. He was also a nice man. He will be missed.

Shelley Hanson - February 08, 2019 at 09:35 AM