



## Eva Brown Bell

March 20, 1927 - January 9, 2025

Eva Irene Brown Bell, age 97, was born on March 20, 1927 to the late Louis Brown and Molly Taylor Brown. She is the last child to pass away from that union. She entered into eternal rest on January 9, 2025, at her home. Eva was born and raised in Charles City County and attended school there. She joined Little Elam Baptist Church at an early age and attended faithfully until her health began to decline.

She worked at St. Philip Hospital in the Food Services Department for about 7 years. St. Philip Hospital was MCV's segregated hospital and served the Black patient community in Richmond and surrounding counties. It was in operation from 1920 to 1965.

Eva also worked at M&B Headwear in Richmond, VA for over 25 years until her retirement. She made many friends at M&B and became a "Mother Figure" to several of the young ladies who worked there. Some of them have kept in touch with her over the past and recent years, even as recent as December 2024.

Eva enjoyed planting flowers in her yard and growing vegetables in the garden. She also enjoyed sewing, singing and listening to gospel music. Most of all, she loved spending time with her husband (whom she lovingly called "Sug"), her children, grandchildren and other family members.

Eva was also a very good cook. She was constantly praised for her fried chicken and potato salad. She was also known for baking her delicious “from scratch” pound cake. It was all cooked with LOVE.

In addition to her parents, Eva was preceded in death by her loving husband, Rufus Bell, Sr.; son, Benjamin Bell; daughter, Edith Greene; granddaughter, Kelly Miles; grandson, Michael Bell; great-grandson, Kennedy Greene; Daughter-in-law, Alfreda Bell; and Son-in-law, Glenn Bowman, Sr.; four sisters, Lash Cotman, Hazel Jones, Julia Hampton and Frances Cotman.

Eva leaves to cherish her precious memories, her six children; Annie Bowman, Lash Bell, Rufus Bell, Jr., Eva Bell Pugh (Kevin), Etta Charity (Roscoe, Sr.) and Gail Thompson (Hugo); Son-in-law, Dwight Greene, Sr. She also leaves her nine grandchildren; Glenn Bowman, Jr. (Gayle), Lorna Braxton (Kevin), Victor Miles, Lynn Greene-Spruel, Dwight Greene, Jr. (Melinda), Courtney Bell, Roscoe Charity, Jr. (Ashlei), Nelson Charity, Sr., and Jermaine Miles (Luketia); several great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and a countless host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Special thanks to devoted cousins, Clara Harris, and Florence Silver; devoted nieces, Molly Charity, and Carrie Williams; and her long-time neighbors who are “like daughters”, Joyce Bradby and Nora Hampton. ere are many others who have shown so much love to Eva. The names are too numerous to list-- Love and thanks to all of you.

A funeral service will be held 1PM Friday, January 17, 2025, at Little Elam Baptist Church, Charles City, VA. A viewing will be held from 6PM-8PM Thursday, January 16, 2025, at Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge, VA.

# Cemetery Details

## Little Elam Church Cemetery

8840 Church Ln  
Charles City, VA 23030

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Little Elam Baptist Church  
8840 Church Lane  
Charles City, VA 23030  
(804) 829-2053

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Delores Johnson lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



Delores Johnson - January 19, 2025 at 04:13 PM

JH

“ *To the family of the late Eva Bell, extending my grateful condolences to you'll. I was classmates with Etta, Eva, Gail and Rufus. Trust in the Lord with all your heart!*

joie howell - January 19, 2025 at 08:32 AM

HE

“ *Hattie C. Evans lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



Hattie C. Evans - January 17, 2025 at 08:17 PM

MH

“ *Muriel Hedgepeth lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



Muriel Hedgepeth - January 17, 2025 at 05:47 PM

RW

“ *Praying for your family. Chaplain Rick Wilson*

**Rick Wilson** - January 17, 2025 at 03:18 PM

TC

“ *Trish Carter lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



**Trish Carter** - January 17, 2025 at 06:00 AM

DP

“ *Delcenia Prentiss lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



**Delcenia Prentiss** - January 16, 2025 at 08:49 PM

MC

“ *sorry for your loss!*



**Michael N. Christian** - January 16, 2025 at 04:14 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



Sandra Johnson - January 16, 2025 at 11:38 AM

MA

“ *Mildred B. Adkins lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



Mildred B. Adkins - January 15, 2025 at 02:10 PM

CT

“ *Cierra L. Tyler lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



Cierra L. Tyler - January 15, 2025 at 09:35 AM

BF

“ *Brian & Shereen Bradby-Ghee & Family lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



Brian & Shereen Bradby-Ghee & Family - January 14, 2025 at 08:29 AM

BR

“ *Extending our deepest sympathies for the loss of your mother. Sending healing prayers and comfort during this difficult time.*

*John and Brenda Bailey*



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**Brenda** - January 13, 2025 at 08:52 PM

RP

“ *Prayers and condolences to the Bell families in the loss of your mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friends. May the fond memories you shared with her comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

*Our heartfelt sympathy. Ruffin and Del Prentiss.*

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**Ruffin and Delcenia Prentiss** - January 13, 2025 at 06:43 PM

EC

“ *To the Bell family so sorry for your loss sending our condolences and prayers to you all. May God continue to bless each of you.*



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**Eugene and Judy Crump** - January 12, 2025 at 10:48 PM

RE

“ *Rennie lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



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**Rennie** - January 12, 2025 at 09:00 PM

DA

“ Mrs Bell will be missed , sending condolences to the family 🙏



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**Deborah Allen** - January 12, 2025 at 08:09 PM

LJ

“ So sorry for your loss Lorna and the Bell family. Praying for you all during this difficult time. 🙏



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**Lisa Jones** - January 12, 2025 at 02:41 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



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**Thomas Widgeon** - January 12, 2025 at 07:18 AM

MM

“ My condolences to the Brown Bell Family.

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**Marilyn Morton** - January 12, 2025 at 12:50 AM

VG

“ *My deepest sympathy. I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



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**Valerie Bowman Gardner** - January 11, 2025 at 09:30 PM

YB

“ *My sympathy and condolences to the Bell Family. Ms. Eva was always such a sweet, loving person. May you all find comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering. She is at peace, in a better place.*



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**Yvonne Bradby** - January 11, 2025 at 06:45 PM

WM

“ *Send Love and Prayers to our Family. Love Wanda, Willie and Warren. Love you all.*



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**Wanda May** - January 11, 2025 at 04:17 PM

FC

*Hello Family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Eva was always such a sweet and loving person. She will always hold a special place in my heart. She's in the hands of God now. May God give you all the peace and comfort . Especially to my friends Gail and Hugo. Love y'all.*

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**Frank Craddock** - January 13, 2025 at 08:40 AM

EB

“ *The Bradby family sends condolences and prayers to the Bell family for the lost of a true pioneer. Mrs. Eva blessed my heart everytime I saw her at church and I loved her and mama's friendship. She will be truly missed as a neighbor and friend. God Bless and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Agnes Bradby and family.*



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**Ella Bradby** - January 11, 2025 at 03:32 PM

FB

“ *To our family. We will always remember the times at Mama Eva's on the weekend and seeing her at church. We are praying for you all and love you all.*



*Felicia and Bert*

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**Felicia B** - January 11, 2025 at 02:30 PM

LJ

“ *Rest in Peace Ms Eva Our deepest sympathies to the Bell family*



*Lois & Michael Jones*

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**lois jones** - January 11, 2025 at 12:23 PM

WB

“ *Extending our deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Eva Bell. I will always remember her beautiful smile and kind, gentle spirit. May you all find comfort in knowing she’s free from the cares of this world and now rests in Abraham’s bosom. God bless you.*



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**Warren and JoAnne Bell** - January 11, 2025 at 11:21 AM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Eva Brown Bell*



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**Kenneth Tabb** - January 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM

KT

*Mrs. Bell was a very nice person.*

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**Kenneth Tabb** - January 11, 2025 at 10:47 AM

WJ

“ *William Braxton Jr  
Rest in Peace  
Momma Eva*

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**William Braxton jr** - January 11, 2025 at 09:31 AM

FJ

“ you and your girls were just like two peas in a pod, everywhere you went they went just like your showders (smile) REST IN PEACE  
Mrs.Faye Johnson and Dale Jones



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Faye Johnson - January 11, 2025 at 08:48 AM

EB

“ My sincerest condolences to the family, I will keep you all in my prayers!!!🕊️🕊️🕊️  
Love, Erica and Eryn



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Erica Bowman - January 11, 2025 at 08:31 AM