



Jodi Lynn Bell

December 16, 1958 - July 14, 2018

Jodi Lynn Bell, beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend, was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 14, 2018. She was born December 16, 1958 in San Antonio to John and Josie Newman.

Jodi dedicated her life to the Lord at an early age, and served Him faithfully her entire life. The oldest of four daughters, she always set a Godly example for her sisters to follow. Her parents said she was the perfect daughter.

On August 17, 1979 she married Dave Bell, the love of her life. For the next 32 years, she and Dave were constant companions. Together they built a family, ministry, and church that continues to touch countless lives.

She graduated from UTSA with a BA in education. Jodi loved to teach others. Her favorite classroom was in her own home, as she taught her sons the word of God.

After Jodi's husband David died in 2012, she continued to devote her life to her family and church. She excelled as the new leader of the family, showcasing her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. She poured love into her eleven grandchildren, loving each of them uniquely and perfectly. They were the joy of her life.

Jodi became an integral part of the ministry staff of Destiny Church, working tirelessly to expand the Kingdom of God. Through her role as missions secretary, she daily poured her life into the advancement of the Gospel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Bell and brother-in-law, Nathan Bell. Jodi is survived by her sons, Matthew J. Bell and his wife, Heather, Michael D. Bell and his wife, Jennifer, Mark A. Bell and his wife, Cari, Micah J. Bell and his wife, Zoe and Mitchell L. Bell; grandchildren, Heidi, Hunter, Faith, Judah, Ruthie, Hayden, Asher, Elsie, June, Charity, Twila and two on the way; her parents, John Newman and Josie Haile; her sisters, Jeri Tolbert, Juli Dickson, Joy Magatagan; numerous other family members.

SERVICES

Public Viewing & Visitation: 9-10 AM, Saturday, July 21

Memorial Celebration: 10 AM, Saturday, July 21

Destiny Church, 8635 Callaghan Road, San Antonio, TX 78230.

Burial service to be held at Mission Park North following Memorial Celebration.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Destiny Church
8635 Callaghan Road
San Antonio, TX 78230

Memorial Celebration

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ Jodi was a great woman of God. She had great virtues in every way. The one that stood out so brightly, was the patience and love she showed to her students. This will remain in my heart forever. Thank you Jodi for transmitting that love to those students and my children. May you rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord. My most sincere condolences to the Bell boys, Jodi's parents and siblings. May the Lord embrace you all with His love and comfort.



Mary Longoria and family

Mary Longoria - July 27, 2018 at 10:20 PM

LL

“ Jodi Bell was one of my teachers while attending Destiny Christian Schools. She was always laughing at the silly things I'd do, and she made my adolescence a little bit brighter. When I think of grade school and my teachers, she is one of the only ones to give me a smile. My condolences go out to her loved ones.



Lissette Longoria - July 25, 2018 at 12:05 AM

CD

“ Jodi was always an encouragement to us as we served in missions. We will miss her. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." Chuck and Joan Dewing resident missionaries in the Philippines 1976 until 2003 presently serving international seafarers through Tampa Port Ministry

Chuck and Joan Dewing - July 20, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



July 20, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



July 20, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



July 20, 2018 at 01:46 PM



Melissa Hartley

“ The morning after Jodi went home to heaven, I awoke with a giggle on my lips as I remembered a night many moons ago when a few ladies; Joy Glasgow, Cindy Sayre, Sandy Reavis, Jodi, and others were at my house for some late night ladies' fun. My cat, Muffin, decided to go into labor under my daughter's crib, and Jodi decided Muffin needed her assistance. Blankets and towels were gathered, as Jodi pulled our cat into the middle of our livingroom floor. We then all sat watching for a couple of hours as baby kittens were born with Jodi's assistance of course! Such sweet memories of one very special lady! Jodi always made everyone feel like they were so very special to her because they were. She truly had a heart as big as Texas!

Sending my love and prayers to her precious family... Melissa Hartley

Melissa Hartley - July 20, 2018 at 01:31 PM

HH

Jodi was a special person she touched so many with her compassion will always treasure her memories

Howard & Barb Hickman - July 21, 2018 at 09:10 AM

BJ

I was one of the girls that took care of Jodi and her sisters when they were very young. Even back then Jodi was a sweet loving girl. I loved her so. It makes my heart glad just to have known her and to remember her as she was! God bless the whole Bell family.

Bonita Johnson - July 21, 2018 at 01:47 PM

BJ

There is no flower sweeter than this wonderful lady!

Bonita Johnson - July 21, 2018 at 01:49 PM

MM

Truly a woman of God.

Maria McCommons - July 23, 2018 at 07:48 PM

DF

“ *David & Roberta Fischer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



David & Roberta Fischer - July 20, 2018 at 12:22 PM

RD

“ *Ron & Christi Bishop, Cameron & Letha, Joe & Dory purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



Ron & Christi Bishop, Cameron & Letha, Joe & Dory - July 20, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



July 20, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



July 20, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



July 19, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



July 19, 2018 at 11:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



July 19, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray* was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



July 19, 2018 at 03:21 PM

DV

“ Jodi was indeed a special person. As a missionary we encounter many adverse and trying situations. When Jody was called upon, she always responded with Godly wisdom and true compassion. She will be missed. Love and blessings to the Bell Family.
Missionaries, Don and Connie Vickery

Don and Connie Vickery - July 19, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



July 19, 2018 at 02:14 PM

EM

“ Esli Christine, Erick and Stephen Matta purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



Esli Christine, Erick and Stephen Matta - July 19, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



July 19, 2018 at 01:41 AM

BN

“ Beverly Newman purchased the Ocean Breeze S
pray for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



Beverly Newman - July 18, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Jodi Lynn Bell.



July 18, 2018 at 09:20 PM

DW

“ Only three months ago Jodi and I was in Jerusalem. We were
roommates and having an awesome time in the places where Jesus
lived and traveled. She just embraced life. Whether it was sharing a
meal or looking for gifts to take back to her family she loved people.
She was a joy and a blessing. I love Jodi and knowing that she is in
heaven makes it less painful. Sister Denise M. Willis

Denise Willis - July 18, 2018 at 08:46 PM

DW

“ Denise Willis lit a candle in memory of Jodi
Lynn Bell



Denise Willis - July 18, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



July 18, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



July 18, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you all as you celebrate the home coming of Jodie Bell. We were friends with both David & Jodie in our high school years. Even though we lost touch, we have find memories of their devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May their rich loving legacy live on through their sons and family!!
The Glenn Hoffman Family (Annette Hoffman McCaughtry)*

Annette McCaughtry - July 18, 2018 at 09:01 AM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Praying that the memories you have shared over the years will sustain you during this difficult time. Jodi and David are together again in the arms of our Lord.*

*Sincerely,
David and Sandra Hoffman*

David and Sandra Hoffman - July 18, 2018 at 08:56 AM

VS

“ *Vera Brown Steele purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jodi Lynn Bell.*



Vera Brown Steele - July 17, 2018 at 09:16 PM