



## Kenton R. Bell

February 14, 1965 - December 8, 2015

Kenton Ray Bell,

50, of Jacksonville, FL, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away December 8, 2015. He was born in Fort Belvoir, VA, on February 14, 1965 to MSG Everett M. and Bobbie Jean Yates Bell. Kent was a graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School. He attended the University of Kentucky, IUPUI, Ball State University and UNF as a Statistician, known as Scorekeeper Extraordinaire. Kent was a published author of "Look Ma, No Hands, No Legs either" and his life story won an Emmy for Best Story of the Year. He was an avid sports fan, and advocate and activist for independent living for those with disabilities. He was profiled in national television and print media and had appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show. He was awarded the Florida Governor's award, and had previously been the host of an internet radio program on Advocate 4 Success. Kent departed this life and entered into Heaven on December 8, 2015 in Jacksonville, FL, having waged a heroic lifelong defiance of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Kent is survived by his mother and stepfather, Bobbie and Rev. John Paul Chestnut; brothers, Victor G. Bell, wife Mary of Oaklandon, IN, and Maj. Daniel A. Bell, wife Sabrina of Spring, TX; loving sister, Kimberly Rose Bell of Kingland, GA, Paula Groze (Andre) and Angie Davis (John); 10 aunts; 10

uncles; 15 nieces and nephews; 14 great-nieces and great-nephews; and dozens of cousins. Kent's father, Army Aviator MSG Everett Marshall Bell, preceded him in death. Kent is loved by all and will forever live on in our hearts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Indianapolis, IN 46229  
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# Tribute Wall

GF

“ I have very fond memories of Kenton.i have only just now learned of his passing.i loved his determination and his sense of humor.i used to take him to the ICE hockey games and he would keep stats . I always thought that was pretty amazing.i will think of him often,when I need strenth.i would also love to say hello to Kim.sorry for your loss Kim...  
I miss you.

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**Gregory I. Fitch** - June 09, 2017 at 08:28 AM

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“ Please know that Kent was loved by many and touched the lives of people you may never meet. At Brooks or strangers on the street. I know of other disabled people that didn't think life was much worth living - until they met Kent. And there's one thing I've learned living with my own disability - you never know who you might inspire just by being out in the world and wearing a smile. Kent understood that. Wishing comfort for you all,



Amy Quincy

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**Amy Quincy** - February 29, 2016 at 01:58 PM

“Kenton Ray Bell, 50, of Jacksonville, Fla., departed this life and entered into Heaven on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015, having waged a heroic lifelong defiance of seemingly insurmountable odds. He passed away at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.

*Kent was born Feb. 14, 1965, at Fort Belvoir, Va.*

*Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Bobbie Jean Chestnut (Yates) and stepfather, Rev. John Paul Chestnut of Kingsland; brothers, Victor G. Bell and wife (Mary) of Oaklandon, Ind., Maj. Daniel A. Bell and wife (Sabrina) of Spring, Texas, and sister, Kimberly Rose Bell of Kingsland; 15 nieces and nephews, 14 great-nieces and -nephews, many aunts and uncles and dozens of cousins.*

*Kent was preceded in death by his father, the late Army aviator Master Sgt. Everett M. Bell.*

*Kent graduated from Howe High School in Indianapolis. He attended the University of Kentucky, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Ball State and the University of North Florida as a statistician (Scoreboard Extraordinaire).*

*Kent was an author, “Look Ma, No Hands, No Legs Either.” He was also a sports super fan and an advocate and activist for independent living for those with disabilities. He was profiled in national television and print media, including the “Oprah Winfrey Show.” His life story won an Emmy Award. He was awarded the Florida Governor's award, and was host of an Internet radio program on Advocate 4 Success.*

*Funeral services and interment will be held in Indianapolis.*

*Allison Memorial Chapel and Funeral Home of St. Marys. Georgia is in charge of arrangements.*

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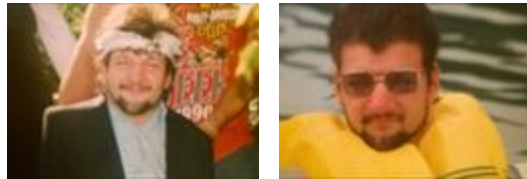
“ I remember my uncle as a happy and amazing person. He was a inspiration person! I love him and miss him so much! He is now in a better place in heaven and he has arms and legs. Love you uncle kent!!!!

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**Trinity** - December 17, 2015 at 07:28 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Photos



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**D A bell** - December 16, 2015 at 10:08 AM

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*Still thinking of you and missing you, my little brother!*

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**Dan Bell** - December 26, 2023 at 10:09 PM

MA

“ I first met Kent when I was a counselor at Camp Riley, where he and i went canoeing and played chess. A few years later, I ran into him again at Ball State. There, he was a fun loving young man who enjoyed meeting new people and attending b-ball games. I am sorry for the families loss.

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**Mark** - December 15, 2015 at 07:46 PM

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**Major D A Bell** - December 14, 2015 at 09:13 AM