



BELL-RANSOM FAMILY NEWS

May 2019



"God could not be everywhere,
and therefore he made mothers."
Rudyard Kipling

*"Dreams are
renewable. No matter
what our age or
condition, there are
still untapped
possibilities within us
and new beauty
waiting to be born."
Dale E. Turner*



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Sharing Family News



Soweto, Johannesburg,
South Africa

Joydan Wellman

traveled to South Africa with a group of her Wilson high school classmates during Spring Break in March. Joydan is the daughter of Tashida Wellman and granddaughter of Freida Wellman.

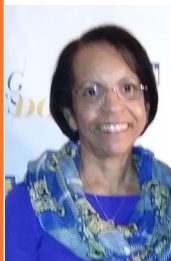


Crystal Belfield

celebrated 25 years as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. during the March regional conference in Raleigh.



Abriil Makaylah Gadson, the granddaughter of David Cheek performed in the Concrete Rose Dance Academy dance recital held recently.



Linda Bell Strickland will be inducted into the Society of Golden Aggies with the Class of 1969 as part of their 50th anniversary class reunion during NC A & T SU Alumni Week-end in Greensboro May 10-12.



Autumn Reveley is a member of the crew team at National Cathedral School. The private school is located on the grounds of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Autumn is the daughter of Dawn Douglas Reveley and granddaughter of Sandra Bell Rosser.

Deborah Branch Franklin is shown below with sons Chad and Ross enjoying dinner in celebration of her April 12th birthday. Deborah is the daughter of the late Gillie Bell Branch and James Branch and granddaughter of Alice Ransom Bell. Deborah lives in Laguna Beach, California.



Save the Dates August 2, 3, 4, 2019 for the 41st Annual Bell-Ransom Family Reunion



May

4 Geraldine Clark (99)

4 Crystal Belfield

9 Samuel Hawkins

12 Taylor Gardner

19 Cary T. Bell

30 Claudette Belfield

31 Chad Franklin



Please keep the sick, shut in and those suffering in any way in your thoughts and prayers. Among them are: **Janice Gee-Pettus** (in rehab recovering from a major stroke), **Almeda Scott Carroll**, **Kay Frances Rawls** (seriously ill in nursing home care); **Maxine Hill** (recovering from successful heart procedure) Willie Hill (hospitalized following a fall) **Seheran Ransom Knight** recovering from kidney transplant, **Sonya Person**, **Garland Turnage**, **Mazie Jackson**, **Vincent Anyaso**, **Viola Boone**, **Hal Reynolds** and **Keith Bell**

Get Well!

Stay Well!



Sharing More News

A tragic note: the Sumner F. Bell, Jr. family home in the Occo-
neechee Neck burned in March. (the house at "the fork ")

Alexis Douglas, a rising senior at N.C. State University is starting an internship with Adidas in Portland, Oregon. Her twin sister, **Ashley Douglas**, a rising senior at the University of Pennsylvania is interning with Capitol Records in Los Angeles, California. They are the granddaughters of Sandra Bell Rosser.

Mrs. Almeda Scott Carroll celebrated her 99th birthday dinner at Bethesda North Hotel and conference center.

Terry Bell participated in the 25th Women's Empowerment & Networking Expo at PNC Arena in Raleigh April 27.

Mrs. Geraldine Clark celebrates her 99th birthday on May 4. She will be treated to dinner at one of her favorite restaurants by her family.

Beatrice Gardner and family members traveled to Arizona for the wedding of granddaughter, Amanda Gardner.

Madelyn Bell was the Halifax/Northampton top Girl Scout cookie seller, selling 1,537 boxes.

Chemeka Turner-Williams reigns as Ms. Black N.C. She is the granddaughter of the late Geneva Bell Gee and Lawrence Gee.



Congratulations

We Sadly Report



We extend our sincere condolences to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one since the publication of our March/April newsletter. The following have been reported:

Dement C. Person of Halifax, son of Sonya Person and the late Dement C. Person, Sr and sister of Erika Person;

Robin M. Manley of Rocky Mount, niece of Hazel Bell

Ruth Underdue of Bayshore, New York, daughter of the late Fletcher and Mary Underdue and sister of Margaret Richardson, Mamie Cumberbatch, and Nancy Whitfield and brother of Kirk Francher

Devoria Brooks of Riverhead, NY, daughter of Mary Ransom Walker and mother of Renee Brown

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10



From the Reunion Scrapbook

Hold on to the Memories of Reunion 2007

“Remember the past, plan for the future, but live for today, because yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come.” St. Luke





Deeply Rooted in Love

Margaret "Tot" McGee is the 2019-2020 Halifax County Schools Teacher of the Year Nominee for Everetts STEM Academy.

Valencia Hawkins Turnage was among the thousands of North Carolina educators participating in the 2019 Rally for Respect Walk in Raleigh on May 1.

An Easy Recipe for a May Gathering

Dump Cake

- 1 20-ounce can cherry pie filling
- 1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 box (2-layer size) golden or butter cake mix
- 1 stick butter, melted



Spread the cherry pie filling in a greased 9 by 13-inch baking pan. Arrange the pineapple over that and sprinkle with the coconut and pecans.

In a mixing bowl, stir together the cake mix and melted butter until crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over the mixture in the pan. Pat down lightly. Bake the cake in a 350° oven 1 3/4 hours, or until it is golden brown on top. Serve warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Makes 15 servings.

From: *Miss Mary's Down-Home Cooking* by Diana Dalsass



Bell-Ransom

**Family Reunion
41**

August 2-4, 2019

Reunion News

The 2019 reunion registration information was mailed on May 1, 2019. If you did not receive a copy via the post office or e-mail, please let me know.

The 2018 family photograph on the front of the registration shows us gathered after a memorable reunion celebration. It shows us after a day that honored our heritage by continuing the Bell-Ransom legacy. Let's gather again in

2019 to remember, celebrate and tell the story of a legacy continued. You are part of that story. Be there!

It is imperative that we all submit our registration fees by the designated deadline. Those fees are our operating funds and how we pay the bills for the reunion. We want to continue a tradition of doing our best to make the reunion an enjoyable and memorable weekend. **YOU** are the reason that we have been successful at celebrating 40 reunions. Let

us make Bell-Ransom Family Reunion 41 just as successful and just as memorable. I hope to see you there.

