



## Martin Andrew Bell

October 31, 1950 - March 23, 2026

Martin Andrew Bell passed away peacefully on March 23, 2026, in Rolla, Missouri, at the age of seventy-five, surrounded by the memories of a life well lived and deeply cherished.

Martin was born on October 31, 1950, in Howes Mill, Missouri. He was the son of Noah and Melba (Counts) Bell. Martin graduated from Salem High School in 1968 and went on to build a life rooted in hard work, dedication, and love for his family.

On March 29, 1975, he married the love of his life, Brenda Jo Hayes. Their marriage was one of deep devotion and partnership until her passing on June 2, 2013. Martin and Brenda were blessed with two daughters, Angela and Andrea. Family meant everything to him.

Martin devoted many years of service as an equipment operator with MODOT, retiring in 2011. Known for his strong work ethic and quiet reliability, he took great pride in providing for his family and doing a job well. Outside of work, Martin found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved hunting, being outdoors, and, most of all, spending time with his family. He rarely missed an opportunity to attend his grandchildren's ballgames, where he could often be found cheering them on with pride and a smile.

Martin's greatest legacy is the family he loved so deeply. He is survived by his daughters: Angela K. Bowers and husband Justin of Salem, MO and Andrea Bell of St. James, MO; grandchildren: Alyssa Bowers and fiancé Matt Russell, Ashton Bowers and friend Randon Mahurin, and Josie Bowers; great-grandchildren: Millie Russell and Baby Boy Russell arriving in June; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his wife: Brenda (Hayes) Bell; parents: Noah and Melba (Counts) Bell; and his brother: Noel Bell Sr.

Martin will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather, and friend. A man of quiet strength, kind heart, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. His presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Funeral Services were held March 27, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Charlie Younger officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Lane Hayes, Matt Russell, Randon Mahurin, Stanley Hayes Jr., Wyatt Hayes, Randy Lea, Puck Hayes, and Joe Hayes. Honorary Pallbearers were Alyssa, Ashton, Josie, and Millie. Burial was in the Round Pond Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Martin Bell to Round Pond Cemetery and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Round Pond**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAR 27.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
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### Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



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**Wilson Mortuary** - March 30 at 05:38 PM



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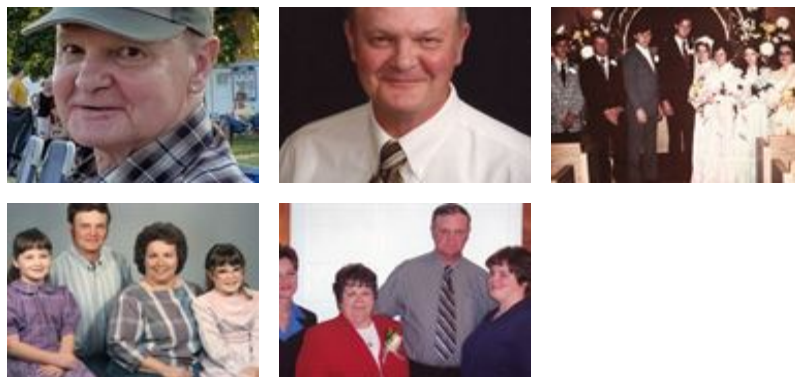


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**Wilson Mortuary** - March 27 at 09:15 AM



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**Wilson Mortuary** - March 26 at 05:57 PM

LB

“ My deepest condolences for your loss. All my childhood memories while visiting Salem always have included Martin and Brenda since Brenda and my dad,Larry, were cousins. I was the flower girl at their wedding and Puck was the ring bearer. They also hosted us on a few overnight stays when I was young so we could visit and my dad could go fishing. A kind, caring, good ol boy with a funny sense of humor is how I will always remember Martin. They are both greatly loved and sorely missed.

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**Lisa Babb** - March 25 at 06:12 PM

NB

“ This is a tribute song I wrote with AI about my uncle Martin:  
<https://suno.com/s/85yn7ljlqWE3mcF>  
I still remember as kids coming to Missouri in the summer and asking him to buy us the big chocolate chip cookie at the old A&w.



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**Noel Bell** - March 25 at 12:58 PM

DH

“ Martin and his wife Brenda were two very special classmates and friends to me from our childhood until their death's. This world was a better place with them in it. May they Rest In Peace.  
Diane (Murray) Hess

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**Diane Hess** - March 25 at 12:39 PM

PB

“ It has been years since I saw Martin and his brother! So sad to hear of their passing! My Uncle Howard was his mother's companion for many years. She was a loving woman to him. Martin and his brother would always share a kind word to my sister and me. Sometimes they would hold me on their shoulders to see a Salem parade. Brenda Bell was a kind loving woman as well. My sincerest condolences to his family. Penni (McClellan) Bouwers

Penni Kaye Bouwers - March 24 at 06:59 PM

DI

“ Thoughts and prayers for all the family. May God be with all and comfort you in the days to come. Martin was a good man and wiii be missed.



Dennis & Kathy Inman - March 24 at 05:57 PM

RD

“ Martin was a classmate and I always enjoyed visiting with him. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Rita Carroll Deckard - March 24 at 04:57 PM

NB

I will always remember coming to Missouri when my sister and I were visiting are father. I will always remember asking uncle Martin to get us the big chocolate chip cookie at the old A&w. He always did.

Noel Bell - March 25 at 02:54 AM