



Mr. John Crues Bell III

September 25, 1956 - April 21, 2024

John Crues Bell III, born September 25, 1956, in Spartanburg, SC, to John Crues Bell, Jr. and Doris Bird Bell, died peacefully and went to his heavenly home on Sunday morning, April 21, 2024.

Crues was the husband of Renee Calcutt Bell for 45 years and is survived by their three children, John Crues Bell IV (Paige), Catherine Bell Smith (Blake), Bryant Calcutt “Cally” Bell (Katy), and his most precious grandchildren who called him “Poppy”; Harrison Blake Smith, Rawlinson Crues Smith, and Stella Elizabeth Lynch. He is also survived by his sisters, Julia Bell Oliphant (Albert) and Cindy Bell Deschamps (Green), and many dear nieces and nephews.

Crues was raised in Bishopville and was a 1975 graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy, where he excelled in all sports. Golf continued to be his passion in work and play. Crues attended Francis Marion College in 1975 and was a member of the FMC Golf Team. He cherished his lifelong friendships from his college days.

Crues transferred to Horry Georgetown Tech to study Groundskeeping. He worked at many golf courses along the way, but his love & dedication was Bishopville Country Club. The memories and friends he made there were forever in his heart.

Crues established Bell Landscaping 13 years ago, which enabled him to continue his love for the outdoors. In the last few years he was thankful to have Cally join him.

He was a lifelong member of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, where he served as Deacon & Elder, and his faith was very strong in the LORD.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at Bishopville Presbyterian Church (215 S. Main St., Bishopville, SC). The Rev. Chris Parnell will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the graveside committal.

Serving as Pallbearers will be Pete Player, Tommy Randall, Keith Stubbs, Bob Ellen, Collins Gardner, Perry McCutchen, Don Watson, and Perrin Babb.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers will be William Watkins, Ray Arrants, Anthony "Amp" Hickman, Timmy Babb, Tom Kerr, Rae McDaniel, Wes Brand, Paul Fata, Joe Kennedy, Travis Windham, and Bill Hopkins Jr.

Memorials may be made in his honor to Bishopville Presbyterian Church, POB 66, Bishopville, SC 29010-0066.

The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery

215 S Main St
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bishopville Presbyterian Church
215 S Main St
Bishopville, SC 29010

Reception

APR 24. 12:30 PM (ET)

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
215 S. Main Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Cindy, my prayers are with you. Ya'll were such a cute couple..Will never forget.*



Mary Scurry - May 05, 2024 at 01:21 PM

MS

Aka Kathy Scurry

Mary Scurry - May 05, 2024 at 01:23 PM

NH

“ *Norman And Iris Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Norman and Iris Hayes - April 26, 2024 at 12:27 PM

HL

“ *I will always remember Crues as. Really goof player more than that a great guy who had a true passion for golf. I always enjoyed having Crues in our SCGA events. He was indeed an asset to Bishopville CC. RIP my friend
Happ Lathrop*

Happ Lathrop - April 24, 2024 at 09:41 AM

DF

“ Derrin Cooper and family. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Derrin Cooper and family. - April 24, 2024 at 05:31 AM

DF

“ Derrin Cooper and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Crues Bell III.

Derrin Cooper and family. - April 24, 2024 at 05:31 AM

RG

“ It was a pleasure to be Crues' classmate, teammate and roommate through our early adult life. Always an adventure. Prayers for his family. R.I.P. Crues!

Ricky Grantham - April 24, 2024 at 12:36 AM

FC

“ Fort Johnson Baptist Church purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Fort Johnson Baptist Church - April 23, 2024 at 06:30 PM

LS

“ It has been a blessing and an honor to have this man in my work life! He was a wonderful man!! He will be missed.
Love & prayers,
Lori



Lori Smith - April 23, 2024 at 10:29 AM

KB

“ Kris and Harrison Bell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Kris and Harrison Bell - April 22, 2024 at 04:27 PM

KB

“ Kris and Harrison Bell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Crues Bell III.

Kris and Harrison Bell - April 22, 2024 at 04:27 PM

EB

“ Eddie and Diana Bennett purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Eddie and Diana Bennett - April 22, 2024 at 04:07 PM

DN

“ *Deborah Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Deborah Nielsen - April 22, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JM

“ *Dear Rene' & family, so sorry for your loss. Crues was a fine man. I got to know him when I worked with Mr. Bell at Reeves so many years ago. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless & comfort all of you. Love & prayers, Janice Melton*



Janice Melton - April 22, 2024 at 03:24 PM

NB

“ *Nell Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



nell beasley - April 22, 2024 at 02:19 PM

JF

“ *Please know that we have all of you in our Thoughts and Prayers. Love, Jerry, Joe, June, Judith and families.*

Joe Fanning - April 22, 2024 at 02:11 PM

GT

“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for peace and comfort for the family during these difficult times. Gerrald Turner*



Gerrald Turner - April 22, 2024 at 02:06 PM

AM

“ *So sorry to learn this sad news. I have many neighborhood memories of all family members. Sympathy to and prayers for Renee and family, Judy, Cindy, and Mrs. Bell.*



Anne Stokes McGill - April 22, 2024 at 01:28 PM

KF

“ *Kevin Cox, Kim Shirley and Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.*



Kevin Cox, Kim Shirley and Family - April 22, 2024 at 12:49 PM

RH

“ *Rosalie Logan Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Rosalie Logan Hyatt - April 22, 2024 at 12:27 PM

RH

Sympathy and prayers for your family! May the Lord give you comfort and peace!

Rosalie Logan Hyatt - April 22, 2024 at 12:28 PM

SB

“ Stan And Myra Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Stan and Myra Brown - April 22, 2024 at 11:08 AM

KA

“ Myron And Kaye Arrants



Kaye Arrants - April 22, 2024 at 10:58 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry, Renee. May God cover you and your family with His comfort and peace.

Dianne and Fred Sandy - April 22, 2024 at 10:13 AM

MF

“ Michael Farver lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Michael Farver - April 22, 2024 at 09:49 AM

LB

“ Love The Beechers purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Love The Beechers - April 22, 2024 at 09:27 AM

AA

“ So sorry for your loss Renee, sending love and prayers for you and the family 🙏❤️🙏



Archie and Kay Amerson - April 22, 2024 at 09:24 AM

AH

“ Annette Logan Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Annette Logan Hopkins - April 22, 2024 at 09:16 AM

BF

“ Birt Fraser lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Birt Fraser - April 22, 2024 at 08:49 AM

NL

“ Nancy Laney Lindsay lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Nancy Laney Lindsay - April 22, 2024 at 08:06 AM

JR

“ Jason And Brooke Raley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Jason and Brooke Raley - April 22, 2024 at 07:51 AM

ER

“ Elizabeth, Nancy, Julia, & Robert purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Elizabeth, Nancy, Julia, & Robert - April 22, 2024 at 07:41 AM

KW

“ Kathryn Welch lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Kathryn Welch - April 21, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ *Dianne Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Dianne Williams - April 21, 2024 at 11:23 PM

DF

“ *Hadn't seen Crues in years, but I loved growing up with him in school*



Debbie Folsom - April 21, 2024 at 11:03 PM

JG

“ *Pray the Lord will bring you all the strength and comfort needed during this difficult time. Crues was loved by everyone who knew him.*



Jane Gardner - April 21, 2024 at 10:18 PM

KJ

“ *Crues was loved by so many! He put up a long hard fight but now is at peace. Renee..my thought and prayers are with you and your precious family in the days to come.*



Kathy Jackson - April 21, 2024 at 10:05 PM

SC

“ *Susie Chavis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Susie Chavis - April 21, 2024 at 09:39 PM

TD

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Crues. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of grief.*



Tommy Dampier - April 21, 2024 at 09:26 PM

LB

“ *Lee Dickinson Brunson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III*



Lee Dickinson Brunson - April 21, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DE

“ *Renee, I am so sorry to hear about Crues! You, Kathryn, John , and Callie are in my prayers.*
Debbie Elmore

Debbie Elmore - April 21, 2024 at 08:52 PM

HM

“ This is such a shock ... My best memory of Crues is on a golf course in the upstate where his son Callie was playing golf in a high school tournament .. waiting impatiently in our golf carts ,on some of the slower guys we're finishing up on the green ...when he chimed in with “ it's like watching paint dry.”We all burst out and laughter. He was always fun and pleasure to be around .Prayers for the family we love you ,! Lawrence and Hilda Morrow

Hilda Morrow - April 21, 2024 at 08:36 PM

CS

“ Chip And Rena Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Chip and Rena Smith - April 21, 2024 at 08:35 PM

S"

“ Scott Warren "Coot" purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Scott Warren "Coot" - April 21, 2024 at 07:55 PM

S"

“ Scott Warren "Coot" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Crues Bell III.

Scott Warren "Coot" - April 21, 2024 at 07:55 PM

ST

“ Susan O Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Crues Bell III



Susan O Thrasher - April 21, 2024 at 07:40 PM

ST

Renee, I am so, so sorry. Crues put up a long hard fight. Now he is resting in the arms of Jesus. Sending love and prayers for you and all of your dear family.

Susan O Thrasher - April 21, 2024 at 07:42 PM

WB

“ Willie Baldwin purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mr. John Crues Bell III.



Willie Baldwin - April 21, 2024 at 07:25 PM

WB

“ Willie Baldwin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Crues Bell III.

Willie Baldwin - April 21, 2024 at 07:25 PM

HT

“ We are saddened of your passing, but now your pain is gone and you are now with our savior, Jesus Christ.
Retta & Hugh



Hugh tindal - April 21, 2024 at 07:12 PM

CA

“ Renee, I am so very sorry for this loss.
Praying for you and the family.



Cherlyn Arrants - April 21, 2024 at 07:12 PM

MB

“ Praying for all of you!!



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - April 21, 2024 at 06:56 PM

RC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of your great loss.



Rebecca Crichton - April 21, 2024 at 05:53 PM

NH

*Prayers for the family. May God care for all during these difficult times.
Nelson Hendrick*

Nelson Hendrick - April 22, 2024 at 03:54 PM

CM

Renee and family so sorry to hear of the loss of your love one. Sending love and prayers to each of you in your loss. Crues was loved by all who knew, I'm sure my two sons Sam and Tim has greeted him into Heaven. May God give each of your comfort and peace. Clara McElveen

Clara McElveen - April 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM