



## Terry M. Bell

January 20, 1963 - August 11, 2018

Retired Police Chief, Terry M. Bell, age 55 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, August 11, 2018, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born January 20, 1963, in Mattoon, IL, the son of Betty J. Mehl (nee Bell).

On December 27, 1992, he married Brenna J. Perkins at Collinsville, IL.

He was a member of Southern IL Police Chief Association; Southern IL Law Enforcement Commission; National Police Chief Association; FBI National Academy; Highland Rotary Club; Lee Iten American Legion Post # 439 Highland, IL.

Terry was born in Mattoon, IL and 1981 graduate of Mattoon High School where he starred in basketball. He attended Lakeland College where he also excelled in basketball. He joined the US Marine Corps and drove amphibious landing craft at Camp Pendleton, CA. After his hitch in the service he attended McKendree College and St. Louis University earning a BA in Criminal Justice and a Masters from Lindenwood University in Human Resources Management. He worked as a police officer at National City and Freeburg. The then worked in Law Enforcement for 20 years in Collinsville. He retired as Assistant Chief in 2009. In 2007 he graduated from the FBI Academy. He

came to Highland in January of 2009 as Police Chief, retiring August 3, 2018. Terry enjoyed fishing, spending time with his family, camping, traveling, hiking, collecting Police Pins and Coins, and kayaking. Terry was very devoted to the Highland Police Department.

Survivors include:

Wife - Brenna J. Bell, nee Perkins, Highland, IL

Daughter - Jessica M. Bell, Highland, IL

Daughter - Jenna G. (Jonathan) Biernbaum, Saint Peters, MO

He was preceded in death by:

Mother - Betty J. Mehl, nee Bell - Died 7/24/2010

Sister - Willie R. Estrada - Died 2006

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, August 17, 2018, at Highland Middle School in Highland, IL.

Public Safety-Walk Through, will be held from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, August 17, 2018, at Highland Middle School in Highland, IL.

Second Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at Highland Middle School in Highland, IL.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at Highland Middle School at 2813 State Route 160 in Highland, IL 62249.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christmas with A Cop-Highland PD; Backstoppers; Child Advocacy Center Wood River; Relevant Pregnancy Options Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland City Cemetery

12301 Koepfli Lane  
Highland, IL 62249

# Previous Events

## Evening Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Highland Middle School  
2813 State Route 160  
Highland, IL 62249

## Morning Visitation

AUG 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Highland Middle School  
2813 State Route 160  
Highland, IL 62249

## Funeral Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Highland Middle School  
2813 State Route 160  
Highland, IL 62249



# Tribute Wall

CI

“ 12 files added to the album *Funeral Services for Terry Bell*



Cindy - August 22, 2018 at 02:45 PM

JZ

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Jessica Zobrist - August 21, 2018 at 11:14 AM

DB

“ Brenna,

*I just wanted to reach out with a short note of condolence. I was not aware of Terry's passing until this weekend, and I was filled with sorrow for you and your children.*

*I was a friend of Terry's, attending Mattoon High School and Lakeland with him.*

*Terry was always upbeat and positive, and had countless friends. If you didn't like Terry, something was wrong with you!*

*We had a lot of great times together. I think the most memorable was attending a Commodores concert at the Checkerdome. It had to have been around 1982. Terry loved his music and loved life.*

*I feel bad I didn't stay in touch with him. I moved to Texas and then North Carolina, so while I kept track of Terry and all his accomplishments, I had not talked to him.*

*It appears he touched a lot of lives, including mine, and we are all better people for that.*

*God bless,*

*Doug Brunswick*

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**Doug Brunswick** - August 20, 2018 at 01:06 PM

MB

“ Dear Brenna,

*The world lost a wonderful husband and father, a highly respected police chief, a great friend, and we lost a beloved cousin. We're remembering and missing our favorite Bell Family Sundays in Neoga, and later watching Terry play basketball at Lakeland. All of us mourn his passing with you and your girls.*

*Every life has a story and we are beyond proud of our Terry's many career accomplishments and the family he built with you, and how he put up a good fight and was so courageous during his long illness. He will always be missed. Wishing you much peace and love today and always.*

*Much Love and Prayers to your family Brenna,*

*Marla Burtcheard  
Anthem Arizona*

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**MARLA BURTCHEARD** - August 19, 2018 at 10:24 PM

BR

*Thanks Marla <3*

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**Brenna** - August 20, 2018 at 04:06 PM

CD

“ *Clinton County Sheriff Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Terry M. Bell.*



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**Clinton County Sheriff Department** - August 16, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terry M. Bell.*



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August 15, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *Love and Prayers, Curtis and Patti Kuppler purchased the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of Terry M. Bell.*



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**Love and Prayers, Curtis and Patti Kuppler** - August 14, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Brenna, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your husband Terry. I did not know him but from what I have read, he seemed like he was an awesome husband, father and police officer. You and your daughters, as well as the Bell family, are in my thoughts and prayers. Keep his memory close to your heart by remembering all the great times you had with him.*



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**Curtis Kuppler** - August 14, 2018 at 09:57 AM



*Thanks Curtis. I hope you and Patti are doing well.*

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**Brenna** - August 16, 2018 at 10:54 AM

MR

“ *Marty Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Terry M. Bell*



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**Marty Rinderer** - August 14, 2018 at 07:22 AM

LM

“ *Brenna, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Terry at the Collinsville PD. He was way too young to pass. Just remember all the good memories. My condolences to you and your daughters.*  
*Laurine Mandeville*

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**Laurine Mandeville** - August 13, 2018 at 09:43 PM


KI

“ *Karmak, Inc. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Terry M. Bell.*



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**Karmak, Inc.** - August 13, 2018 at 03:32 PM

 Diania Spinner

“ *I attended Mattoon High School with him and over the years kept in touch with him. He was a very good friend, and had a very unique sense of humor. He loved his basketball, and was always striving to be the best at whatever he participated in. He will be missed by very many people and I'm sending prayers to his wife and children.*

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**Diania Spinner** - August 13, 2018 at 01:32 PM

MB

“ Worked with Terry for 14 yrs at Collinsville PD. Will always remember him as a Good Friend, Great Supervisor and a Brother Marine. Several great Memories of him.

*"Terry, may the Road rise to meet you. May the Wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in his hand."*

*Mike Bell  
Collinsville Police Department*

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**Mike Bell** - August 12, 2018 at 11:41 PM

MB

“ Terry was the best. Very personable. Very caring a good friend. A great Christian man. Always had a smile on his face. Loved his family and friends. I will truly miss him. He was the best and would do anything for anyone. An awesome asset to this community. He will be an angel watching over his family and friends. My thoughts prayers and love goes out to Brenna and his daughters.



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**Mary Beth Broughton** - August 12, 2018 at 09:12 PM

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“ Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Terry M. Bell



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**Mary Beth Broughton** - August 12, 2018 at 09:03 PM

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“ *Mary Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Terry M. Bell*



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**Mary Beth Broughton** - August 12, 2018 at 09:02 PM

RB

“ *I worked with Terry for many years in Collinsville and we became good friends, he was someone you could always count on for help if you needed it.*

*Sgt. Ron Borkowski Ret.  
Collinsville P. D.*

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**Ron Borkowski** - August 12, 2018 at 08:41 PM

PL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Terry's family and friends. He was such a monument in the community and I had the privilege and honor to work with him a few years ago. I know he will be missed. RIP my friend your suffering is over*

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**Pam Lecerf** - August 12, 2018 at 05:00 PM