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Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life.

Brian K. Bell, ‘60

November 6, 1945 – March 18, 2026

Brian King Bell Sr., 80, of Norfolk, passed away March 18, 2026.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia to Wallace Samuel Bell and Billie Jane Mitchell. He was raised by his dad Wallace “Wally” Samuel Bell and his maternal grandmother Leone King Mitchell, following the death of his mother.

During his childhood he attended Augusta Military Academy, and later Granby High School. Following school, he was employed at Ford Motor Company Norfolk Assembly Plant until being drafted by the Air Force, where he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan during the Vietnam War. After serving in Japan, Brian was then stationed at the Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona, where he met his wife of 56 years Nancy Colgan Shott. After military service, Brian and Nancy returned to Norfolk where he resumed his employment at the Norfolk Ford Assembly Plant, as a paint department supervisor until his retirement in 1999.

Brian had many things he loved to do when he was younger that included yard sales, renovating houses, and working on his antique cars. A favorite pastime was taking cross country road trips to car shows in his award winning 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster. Later in life he enjoyed repairing lawn mowers and the thrill of finding “a great bargain”.

Brian was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 9, 1974, in Indian River Masonic Lodge No. 252. Following the merger of Indian River Lodge with Great Bridge Lodge, he continued his Masonic journey as a member

of Great Bridge Lodge. In April 2024, he was proudly presented with his 50-Year Masonic Veterans Certificate, marking fifty years of faithful service to Freemasonry.

Brian is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy Bell; sons, Brian Bell Jr. (Chalice), and Andrew Bell (David); granddaughters, Brittany Bell-Edelheit (Jacob), and Lindsey Bell, as well as other nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted 4:00 p.m., Saturday March 21, 2026 at Briggs Funeral Home and Crematory located at 1748 Battlefield Blvd S., Chesapeake Va 23322. The family will receive friends during a reception following the service.

At AMA Brian was “F” Company; Pvt. 1; Cpl. 2; Baseball; Golf.

To see 1960 cadet life go to: https://archive.org/details/augusta-military-academy-recall-1960