

BELL, M. David

May 7, 1996. Residence: 56 Pratt St., Providence. Beloved husband of Laura (Martin) Bell. Devoted father of Joshua Bell of Providence; Jonathan Bell of Cranston; and Michael Bell of Ames, Iowa. Dear brother of Bernard Bell of Providence; and Miriam Smith of Miami, Fla. Loving grandfather of six grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Parkinsons Disease Assn. Shiva will be observed at the home of Jonathan Bell, 55 Columbia Ave., Cranston, Thursday 7-9 p.m.; Friday 2-4 p.m.; and Saturday 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle Ave.), Providence.

M. DAVID BELL, 72, of 56 Pratt St., a teacher and writer until retiring in 1985, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Laura (Martin) Bell.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Joshua and Annie (Burke) Bell.

Mr. Bell was a political ghost writer, and had worked at the Providence Journal-Bulletin in the 1960s. He suffered for many years from Parkinson's disease.

He was a member of Temple Beth El in Providence, the Boy Scouts of America, and was president of Ecology Action of Rhode Island in the 1960s. He was a veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Joshua Bell of Providence, Jonathan Bell of Cranston, and Michael Bell of Ames, Iowa; a brother, Bernard Bell of Providence; a sister, Miriam Smith of Miami, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

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