



## Sammie L. Wells

January 14, 1943 - April 17, 2016

Sammie Lee Wells—retired educator of the Atlanta Public School System—was born on January 14, 1943 in Pompano Beach, Florida as the youngest son of the late Mrs. Zula Mae Wells and Mr. Lee Smith. Affectionately known to many as “Bro,” “Road Man,” “Tex,” or “Wine,” Sammie Lee was educated in the public schools of Broward County, graduating from Blanche Ely High School where he lettered in football and basketball. After graduation, he attended Kittrell College in North Carolina before matriculating at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, where he met and married Christine Thomas. Married in 1968, they became guardians of a niece (Shanda Johnson), and after her passing, they became guardians of her two youngest children (Raven and Micah). At an early age, Sammie Lee professed his faith, joining Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Pompano Beach; as an adult, he became a member of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church. Realizing the value of an education, he received an AS degree from Kittrell College, a BA degree in physical education from Morris Brown, and the MA in counseling as well as certification in educational administration from Atlanta University. His extensive career was spent in the Atlanta School System as a high school coach, a counselor, an administrator, and a special liaison counselor for children housed at Oak Hill Homes for Dependent Children. Included among his accomplishments are charter life member of the TAY Club of Morris Brown College, MBC Hall of Fame inductee, and Outstanding Coach of the Year for Roosevelt High School. “The Road Man” made his last sojourn on April 17,

2016, transcending this earthly realm at DeKalb General Hospital.  
Home Going services will be on Friday, April 29, 2016 at 11AM at Beulah Baptist Church-2340 Clifton Springs Rd., Decatur GA. Reverend Jerry D. Black- Senior Pastor. Viewing/Visitation will be Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 10-8pm at the South DeKalb Chapel of Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home. WAKE from 6pm-7pm. His final resting place will be at Kennedy Memorial Gardens-2500 River Rd., a Ellenwood Ga. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes, Inc-4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur GA. (404) 241-5656

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Wake Service

APR 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Interment

APR 28 (ET)

Kennedy Memorial Gardens  
2500 River Road  
ELLENWOOD, Ga

## Service

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APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church  
2340 Clifton Springs Rd  
Decatur, GA 30034

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Jimmy and Beverly Harvard purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Sammie L. Wells.*



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**Jimmy and Beverly Harvard** - April 27, 2016 at 09:15 PM

DA

“ *Dave Anderson purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Sammie L. Wells.*



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**Dave Anderson** - April 27, 2016 at 07:20 PM

VH

“ Man, this is a tuff one, but let it be told. My Uncle was the Greatest Uncle a boy can ever dream of. I remember Summer Vacations spending Summer Vacations therre in the ATL from a child . the Greatest time of my life. Summer Vacations for my family was scheduled that could not come too soon. We found out that all we had to do was call Uncle Bro and we spent a extra month with him and my Aunt Chris. There was numerous of us 7-8 kids, he would ATL come get us and sometimes turn around and bring us back home with him. The day would start with a Big Breakfast prepared by Aunt Chris and he helped . Going to Roosevelt and shooting hoop, visiting Parks in the ATL area, he would introduce to some very nice people . Yes he would always take us to Fulton County Stadium and watch Hammering Hank, Ralph Garr and Cha Cha Cepeda. Me and my Brothers, how about sitting through a double headers vs the the Mets, Grant Park, Six Flags, Stone Mountain, MLK visits, he educated, counseled and showered us with Ultimate Love and Affection. I remember crying when it was time to leave and come back home to South Florida. My Uncle was the Best that ever Did it. Love that Man, Father Qualities, Well Educated, and Gave, Gave, Gave and asked nothing in return, Truly a Role Model, a role to follow. Don't forget about the stories, he was also a great Athlete during his High School days told me unlimited ones and so true they were. SIP till we meet again in Christ. Love you UNC, Your Nephew Vernon Acosta Holloway

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Vernon Acosta Holliday - April 25, 2016 at 06:33 PM

KH

“ My first memory of meeting him was at the age of 8. His loving and giving spirit had a lasting impact on my life. He would do anything for his family, to the best of his ability, and I always admired him for that. I didn't have many opportunities to see him but I'll always appreciate the times that I shared with him. Rest in peace Uncle Bro. I'll miss you :-\* :-(

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Khira - April 23, 2016 at 04:07 AM

BW

*Christine and family,  
Please accept my condolences in the loss of your loved one,  
"Roadman". He will be missed by the MBC family.*

*Beatrice Tann Woods  
MBC Class of 68*

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**Beatrice Tann Woods** - April 29, 2016 at 09:49 AM

CC

“ *Please allow God's word to calm and comfort your hearts. "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). And I hope that it helps to know that others care.*



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**c. collier** - April 21, 2016 at 02:55 PM

YO

“ *S.I.P Uncle Bro., and you will be Greatly missed, especially your giving and jovial spirit.*

*Yolanda Holloway  
Your niece in So. Florida.*

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**Yolanda** - April 20, 2016 at 05:35 PM

JL

*..as a child,while at my grandpa funeral. i saw the people weep..an from that moment until today(45yrs later).ive always wondered "why"do people cry?...now i why!...cause sometimes "it just hurts"!..and now i know how it feels to hurt..and now i know how it feels to cry!...he teaches me even in his passin..eternally indebted,love always..james liverpool*

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**James Liverpool** - April 29, 2016 at 06:14 PM

DS

“ I was a co-worker of Mr. Wells for many years as he served as APS's Educational Liaison for Oak Hill Homes He really cared about the children and was unbiased in giving direction to have the education system best serve youth in foster care. He was a big man with a big heart. The original Black Cowboy. May he rest in peace..Dianne Sharp

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**Dianne Sharp** - April 20, 2016 at 06:37 AM

DH

“ Coach Wells,  
As we celebrate your life we give honor and thanks from each and everyone of us that you impacted that attended Roosevelt High and Morris Brown College, You truly made a difference. Rest in Peace!

*Derrick Harris*

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**Derrick Harris** - April 19, 2016 at 01:26 PM

JO

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of your most precious loved one Sammie Wells. I pray that the wonderful memories of him will always live in your hearts and that you will find the peace of God to get you through these most difficult times. How good to know that our loving heavenly father deeply cares for us! He has promised that the time will come when we will see them again by means of the resurrection. What a wonderful time that will be! Once again I am truly sorry for your loss! John5:28-29

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**Joy** - April 19, 2016 at 09:36 AM

SL

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the Wells family. Sammie left so many memories that no one can steal. RIP!

Sylvia Sheppard Lowe

Sylvia Lowe - April 19, 2016 at 08:04 AM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Mr. Wells and may God be a refuge and strength in your time of sorrow.(Psalms 46:1)

P. Watts - April 19, 2016 at 07:13 AM

BP

“ The "God of all comfort" promises a future when "Your dead will live.... They will rise up." ~Isaiah 26:19. Remember..."God sent his only - begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." ~1 John 4:9. Jesus assures us: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." ~John 11:25.



B. Parks - April 19, 2016 at 06:44 AM

BF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort continue to be with you and your family during this difficult time. We all look forward to a time when death will be no more- Rev 21:4. Our prayers are with you.

Boyd Family - April 19, 2016 at 04:53 AM

RK

“ *Coach Wells,  
Words can't express what you have done for me as a man. I love  
you and I am going to truly miss you! Rest in Peace!*

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**Ronnie Kitchens** - April 18, 2016 at 01:23 PM