

Honorary Pallbearers

Lonnie Griffin Earl Griffin Reyant'e Bell O'Ryun Bell Dante' Griffin Ray Griffin Adreon Bell Carter Lily

America Legion Post 515

Flower Attendants

Class of 1992, America Legion Unit 515 Friends, Family, Colleagues, and Community

Flag Detail Reserve Group

Interment

Willacoochee City Cemetery
School Road
Willacoochee, Georgia

Repast

House of Deliverance Social Hall 235 Old Florida Road Willacoochee, Georgia 31650

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Dr. Demetria "Bonita" Bell-Bryant, Commander, US Navy, will forever be grateful and are truly humbled by the expressions of love, sympathy, and kindness which have been shown during this difficult time in our lives. Your acts of thoughtfulness are a source of comfort and encouragement to each of us. May God's greatest blessings be with each of you as you share in our sorrow.

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The Life AND LEGACY OF



Commander (CDR), US Navy (USN)

*Sumuse*March 14, 1974

Junset
February 19, 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:00 PM

WILLACOOCHEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM School Road Willacoochee, Georgia 31650

> Elder Shawanna Alls, Eulogist Elder Harvey Williams, Officiating



Dr. Demetria "Bonita" Bell-Bryant, CDR, US Navy, was born in Ocilla, Georgia, on March 14, 1974, to Pompie Delouis Bell and Rose Marie Hester Bell. She was her father's "Pumpkin" and her mother's "feisty, independent, talkative, sweet daughter."

EDUCATION

Dr. Bell-Bryant received her formal education at Willacoochee Elementary School in Willacoochee, Georgia. She completed her high school education at Atkinson County High in Pearson, Georgia. She graduated with honors with the class of 1992.

She planned her life knowing that her steps would be ordered by God. She knew that education would be the key to unlock her future. She completed her undergraduate education at South Georgia State College and Valdosta State University. She went back to Valdosta State University and got her Master's Degree in elementary education and administration. Still aspiring to achieve more, she decided to pursue her Doctoral Degree at Argosy University in Sarasota, Florida. She completed the required studies to earn her Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership in the summer of 2004.

CAREER

Dr. Bell-Bryant began her teaching career in 1998.

As she continued to teach at Willacoochee Elementary, she became eager to expand her plans toward the military. Not knowing what a career in the Navy would be like, she applied for a direct commission.

Dr. Demetria "Bonita" Bell-Bryant, CDR, US Navy, was direct commissioned into the United States Navy Reserve as a Human Resource Officer in 2011. She earned her Professional Human Resource (PHR) Certification, Joint Professional Military Education Certification, and Navy Reserve Augment Unit Commanding Officer/Officer-In-Charge Qualification. Her initial assignment was with the Fourth Navy Expeditionary Logistics Regiment in Jacksonville, Florida, to serve as an assistant administrative officer. Within six months, she was transferred to Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Eleven in Jacksonville, Florida, to serve as the battalion administrative officer.

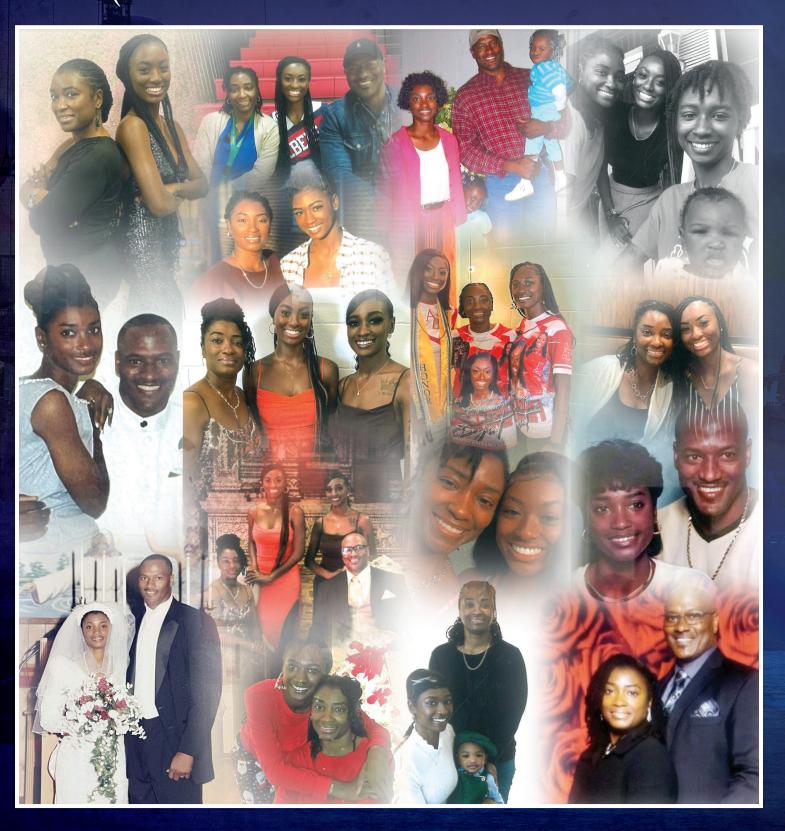
As a result of the Battalion gearing up for their mission operation readiness rotation and most senior officers having to deploy to the Pacific, CDR Bell-Bryant was designated as the Officer-In-Charge of Headquarters in addition to her admin officer assignment. She held both of those positions until receiving cross-assigned orders to Reserve Officer Training Command, Newport, Rhode Island, in February of 2014. She served as the lead Division Officer Leadership Course Instructor for the Reserve Unit from February of 2014 to October of 2017 at Officer Training Command Newport. Her duties included assisting the Active-Duty Officer Training Command Staff in facilitating Division Officer Leadership Courses to students who were in Officer Development School. She also served as the administrative assistant within the Reserve Command's administrative department.

In November of 2017, CDR Bell-Bryant received orders from the Navy Reserve Navy Recruiting District, Detachment Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida. She served as unit Assistant Officer, training officer, operations officer, and safety officer while coordinating reserve support to Navy Recruiting District active-duty commands. She was mobilized in June of 2020 as US Forces-Afghanistan Over the Horizon Qatar (Officer-in-Charge of Future Operations in Support of the US CENTCOM and Resolute Support Mission to minimize the spread of COVID-19 within the CENTCOM Area of Operation and maximize Afghanistan retrograding efforts within the timeline that had been provided relating to January of 2021).

Family



Cherished Memories



She was selected to serve as Officer-In-Charge of Navy Reserve Pay & Personnel Detachment Center East in Jacksonville, Florida, on March 1, 2021. In November of 2021, she was instructed to assist with the coordination of preparing her Unit to relocate to Norfolk, Virginia. In November of 2022, the Navy restricted billets leading to her Unit being decommissioned. She was then assigned to the newly formulated unit known as Navy Reserve Navy Personnel Command Navy Pay & Personnel Support Center where she continued to serve as Unit Operations & Readiness Officer. She was promoted to the rank of Commander (0-5) in October 2023. She served as Assistant Principal at Atkinson County Middle School for five years. She was promoted to serve as Interim Principal at Willacoochee Elementary School in February 2024.

Naval awards included the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various other campaign and service medals.

Dr. Bell-Bryant, CDR, USN, was a missionary for the Lord. She touched the lives of all whom she met. She left a lasting impression everywhere she went.

FAMILY

She married Daryl Bryant. To this union, two beautiful daughters, Demeria and Decaria, and grandson, Christian were born.

She was preceded in death by two grandmothers and two grandfathers.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Daryl Bryant; two daughters, Demeria Bryant (Janard Walker) and Decaria Bryant; father, Delouis Bell; mother, Rose M. Bell; two brothers, Martin (Patsy) Bell and Ryan (Kenya) Bell; one grandson, Christian Jace Walker; uncles, Lonnie, Dant'e, Earl, and Ray; aunties, Carol, Josephine, Jean, and Diane; nephews, Reyant'e, Adreon, O'Ryun, and Carter; nieces, Adaesha, Khalia, Kayden, and Braylin; mothering auntie, Burnell Griffin; adopted godfather, Sherman Hall; goddaughter, Trinity Day; adopted aunt, Barbara; a special cousin, Breanna McCrae; and a host of other cousins and friends.



Early Ofears



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Prder of Service

Elder Harvey Williams, Officiating

Prelude	Ms. Alma Jean Hill
	"Don't Call the Roll"
Processional	Final Glimpse
Selection	
	"One Day at a Time, Sweet Jesus"
Invocation	
Selection	
	Dr. Bell-Bryant, CDR, US Navy favored selection
	"Precious Lord, Take my Hand"
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Obituary	Read Silently, Please
Scripture Readings:	Ms. Demeria Bryant
Old Testament	
	Ms. Decaria Bryant
New Testament	Elder Harvey Williams
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Reflections:	6,0
As a Classmate	Mr. Shea Browning
	Mr. Damon Morgan, USN Retired
	Rear Admiral Michael Schwerin
Family Tribute	Mr. Ray Griffin
	Mr. Dant'e Griffin
Resolution	American Legion 515
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Fulogy	
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