



Glenn "Bellzie/Boogie/Dad" Bell

June 29, 1933 - April 3, 2023

Glenn "Bellzie/Boogie/Dad" Bell, of Annapolis, Maryland and Sarasota, Florida passed away peacefully April 3, 2023, at home with his family. Beloved husband of Kathy Bell with whom he shared 64 years of marriage. Loving father to Staci Johnston (Ian) of Lafayette, CA, Juli Bell of Mishawaka, IN, and Lisa Warhover (Jeff) of Bedford, MA and a dedicated grandfather "Boogie" to six grandchildren.

Glenn Kim Bell was born June 29, 1933, in Port Clinton, Ohio to Rose and Orth Bell. With his father in entertainment, his family moved often: New Jersey, Philadelphia, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado. Glenn graduated in 1951 from Lamar High School in Colorado, where he first started working in radio and playing a ukulele for fun. In 1955, Glenn received a BA in Radio Management from the University of Denver, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, while working at a local radio station. He was in the Army from 1955-1957 stationed at Camp Carson, CO and Fort Knox, KY.

In 1958, Glenn married Kathleen McMahan, daughter of Lillian and Dennis McMahan in Englewood, CO. Known as Bellzapoppin' and Boogie Bell, Glenn was a popular rock 'n roll disc jockey for KIMN radio in Denver. With the addition of two young daughters, Staci and Juli, Glenn decided to leave the airwaves and move into management. The family moved to Chicago, where Glenn became the program director at WMAQ. In 1967, he accepted an offer

to manage KSO radio in Des Moines, IA. Glenn joined Tom Stoner in building a successful radio broadcasting company with 18 radio stations during their 27 years together. While in Des Moines, Glenn was an elder at Mount Olive church and was involved in Toastmasters, Cambio Club, Christian Business Men's Club, Indian Princesses, and as a board member for National Traveler's Life, Goodwill, YMCA, and the Radio Advertising Bureau. He was also an avid jogger, golfer, and picked up playing the banjo, co-founding The Cow Paddie Daddies and playing gigs around the city. Glenn was a self-made man from a humble background. He was known to read multiple books at a time, across many diverse topics, including business, self-improvement, non-fiction, astronomy, and mysteries.

In 1986, when Stoner Broadcasting moved its headquarters to Annapolis, Maryland, Glenn, Kathy and daughter Lisa moved east as well. As President and CEO of the company, Glenn traveled around the country visiting stations. He also embraced his new East Coast life, taking up power boating and crabbing off their dock. An entertainer at heart, Glenn began playing his banjo and singing with both the Severna Park Bums and Dr. Rick Hochman's Dynamic Dixieland Band. He enjoyed playing in all their shows, from a gazebo in Severna Park to the main stage at Ram's Head Tavern. In Maryland, Glenn also continued to perfect his golf game and was a member of Annapolis Rotary, the Annapolitan Club, Dyne-a-longs, and the Sherlock Holmes Club.

After retiring, Glenn and Kathy began splitting their time between Annapolis and Sarasota, Florida and accelerated their love of travel, touring several countries around the world. In Florida, Glenn continued with Sarasota Rotary and was a radio broadcast consultant. Glenn kept up with his banjo playing and singing, joining the Bradenton Mummers and then the Gulf Coast Banjo Society at Snook Haven, where he told a joke and sang each week. He was known for his faith, zest for life, and sense of humor. He was always ready with a funny story and a smile. Glenn also enjoyed spending time golfing with

his Geezer buddies, reading, listening to music, philosophizing, and most importantly, spending time with his friends, family, and the love of his life, Kathy.

The church has always been a central part of the Bell family life. Kathy and Glenn are members of Woods Presbyterian Church in Annapolis, MD and associate members of Pine Shores Presbyterian Church, in Sarasota, FL. Philanthropic giving has also always been a core value for Kathy and Glenn.

Glenn was predeceased by his parents and brother Dale. In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by one niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent to the following organizations: Woods Presbyterian Church, Severna Park, MD, Pine Shores Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, FL, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Annapolis, MD, or Southeastern Guide Dogs, Palmetto, FL.

A Celebration of Life will be held June 29, 2023 in Annapolis, at Woods, and November 22, 2023 in Sarasota at Pine Shores.

Glenn, Bellzie, Dad, Boogie ~ How blessed we are to have had you in our lives. "God bless you real good," and keep you, until we meet again. We love you.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Bellsie my friend, man I am really gonna miss you . You were always happy and ready to sing a great song, but you will be remembered as a good friend and buddy. You were one of the good guys my friend.*

John Wildeman - July 14, 2023 at 04:00 PM

KD

“ *I have very fond memories of my time with the Bells when we lived in Des Moines. My thoughts go out to each of you as you reflect on all of the good times you shared.*

*Best,
Kris Kokochak Duffy*

Kristine Kokochak Duffy - April 21, 2023 at 11:41 AM

JC

“ *The Campbells--Shirley, Julie, and Doug--send their love and deepest condolences to the entire family.*

J. Campbell - April 20, 2023 at 10:07 AM

GB

“ *Though words of any kind are awkward at best at a time like this, perhaps the following words might bring Kathy and your family some comfort:
A butterfly lights beside us, like a sunbeam. And, for a brief moment, it's glory and it's beauty belong to our world. But then it flies on again and, though we wish it could have stayed, we feel so lucky to have seen it. In sympathy, Glenn & Kathy Babcock*

Glenn Babcock - April 16, 2023 at 10:55 AM

RM

Good bye to a great friend and a fun friend to be with. You now may rest in peace, God Bless, in sympathy, Russ Morton

Russ Morton - April 16, 2023 at 11:21 AM

DM

“ Kathy Bell is my cousin and I worked with Glenn many years ago at KGMC Radio in Englewood, Colorado. He was always a fun guy! I'm feeling very sorry for Cousin Kathy right now. Love you Kathy! Hang in there!

Dick McMahon - April 15, 2023 at 03:41 PM

MA

“ So sorry to hear of Glenn's death. I thoroughly enjoyed the relationship I had with him. My condolences to Kathy and the Bell family. Marvin Winick

marvin - April 14, 2023 at 09:13 PM

ST

“ Thank you for reading Glenn's full obituary. Kathy & the Girls

Staci - April 12, 2023 at 03:02 PM

MS

*Dear Kathy & Girls,
Jenny and I are heartbroken 💔!
Glenn was a best buddy to me for 30 years. No matter what kind of day it was it got brighter when Glenn walked in. He was better than any doctor I knew. With his great smile, the jokes, the golf tips, the books we shared and the high powered breakfasts at the diner, he always made me feel better. The music, skits and golf banquets we shared were a hoot! He was one in a million. Kathy, there was no better wife. He loved you and we know that you were the loving daily support that kept him going.
Glenn, as you would often say,
You are a great American and a credit to your zipcode.
Rest in piece my friend.
With love and great respect,
Mark & Jenny Sussman*

Mark & Jenny Sussman - April 12, 2023 at 08:35 PM

KP

*We were shocked to see Glen's obituary in the morning paper. We are so, so sorry. We enjoyed our friendship with you and Glen. He was a great business friend to Jim. You will be in our prayers.
Karen*

Karen and Jim Pittman - April 14, 2023 at 12:26 PM

PM

Dear Kathy, terribly sorry to learn of Glenn's passing. It took me back to those great times in the Cambio Club and Glen as my partner at numerous events at Des Moines Golf. It's great that you family to give you comfort. Be assured you and your family will be in my prayers. God Bless You All. Paul Meginnis

Paul Meginnis - April 15, 2023 at 03:31 PM

TS

I worked shoulder to shoulder with him for 25 years I neve had so much fun and there was never a better man. Tom Stoner

tom stoner - April 16, 2023 at 06:14 PM