



## Ralph W. Bell Jr.

December 16, 1929 - January 31, 2026

Ralph W. Bell Jr., age 96, of Concord Twp. passed away peacefully on January 31, 2026, at Vista Springs Quail Highlands with his beloved wife, Jeanette (Balogh) Bell, at his side. Ralph was born on December 16, 1929, in Bedford, OH to Ralph W. Bell Sr. and Ruth (Prestage) Bell.

Ralph attended the College of Wooster, where he studied Mathematics and Physics. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Ralph continued his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and went on to get his M.B.A in Industrial Management. He met his wife of sixty-nine years, Jeanette, when she was a senior in high school, and they married on September 8, 1956. They were blessed with many years together in which he faithfully upheld the vows “to have and to hold.” Even as his health declined, Ralph always cared for his wife, ensuring “his Jeanette” was looked after.

Throughout his career, Ralph worked as an engineer at Thompson Products/TRW and Cleveland Machine Controls. He went on to serve as a founding member of Lakeland Community College and worked there for many years as a professor and administrator, having a profound impact on his students and the college. He always valued education and pursued his passion for learning throughout his life. In addition, he was a very active member of his church, always gladly serving the Lord. Ralph was exceedingly devoted to family. He enjoyed taking walks on the boardwalk in the woods,

eating pizza with loved ones, and reading books. When over for a visit, he always had questions to ask and truly listened to the responses. Ralph's sense of humor brought joy to others, and he genuinely put his heart into all of his endeavors.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents; older brother, Richard (Evalyn) Bell; son, Ralph W. Bell; infant daughter, Johanne; and son-in-law, Michael Davison.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette (Balogh) Bell. Survivors also include his daughters, Jeanne (John) Everett and Julie Davison (Tony); his daughter-in-law, Jami Bell (Doug); his grandchildren, Jennifer (Rick) Charlton, John (Sarah) Everett Jr., Joshua (Ellie) Davison, Jacob Davison; and great-grandchildren, Aubrie Everett, and Ethan and Ella Charlton.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the funeral home.

A private family interment will be in Concord Twp. Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to First Presbyterian Church; online at [www.fpcwilloughby.org/giving.html](http://www.fpcwilloughby.org/giving.html) or to Traditions Hospice, 677 Alpha Dr. Unit H, Highland Heights, OH 44143.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Concord Twp. Cemetery

11650 Concord Hambden Rd  
Concord Twp, OH 44077

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jenny (Balogh) Kendall and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph W. Bell Jr..

Jenny (Balogh) Kendall and family - February 09 at 09:36 PM

JF

“ Jenny (Balogh) Kendall and family purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Ralph W. Bell Jr..



Jenny (Balogh) Kendall and family - February 09 at 09:36 PM

JH

“ Ralph was one of my Professors at Lakeland College from 1967 to 1969 and I eagerly looked forward to any of his classes. His way of teaching was unique and he empowered his students to learn. In 1973 Ralph contacted a close family member of mine asking what I was doing and to see if I would be interested in interviewing at a manufacturing company owned by one of the founders of Lakeland. I interviewed with that company, was awarded the position and worked there for 25 years so thank you Ralph. I will always remember him as being a good and kind man. Blessings to his wife, family and friends.

James Hirsch - February 09 at 11:18 AM

DL

“ Dear Jeanette,

*Bob and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. We have fond memories of the years we spent together at LCPC and Willoughby Presbyterian Church. You are both such good Christians and church workers, your talents have been missed. Ralph did so many good deeds at both churches and your many friends thank him for all those services.*

*Jeanette, we would like to be with you at this sad time, but we are now at Vitalia of Strongsville and it is difficult to go places but know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Bob and Dorothy Lawyer*

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**Dorothy Lawyer** - February 07 at 05:09 PM

TA

“ Todd, Jayne, Megan Allen, Little Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph W. Bell Jr..

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**Todd, Jayne, Megan Allen, Little Allen** - February 07 at 03:42 PM

TA

“ Todd, Jayne, Megan Allen, Little Allen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ralph W. Bell Jr..



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**Todd, Jayne, Megan Allen, Little Allen** - February 07 at 03:42 PM

LF

“ *Love, Johanne Losz, Vicki, Kris & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph W. Bell Jr..*



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**Love, Johanne Losz, Vicki, Kris & family** - February 07 at 01:12 PM

TK

“ *The Pedersen Family - Nancy, David, Ken purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph W. Bell Jr..*



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**The Pedersen Family - Nancy, David, Ken** - February 05 at 11:54 AM

BH

“ *Ralph was such a gentleman. He was dedicated to his family and to his church. Even in his last years he interacted with visitors with interest and respect. He will be missed by many.*

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**Beth Hutton** - February 04 at 08:16 PM