



## Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell

November 21, 1954 - August 2, 2021

Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell was born on November 21, 1954 to Marcus A. Doornbos and Charlotte Macy Doornbos in Bozeman Montana. Trudie was born into a Dutch immigrant family and was one of the youngest of the second generation.

Trudie grew up on a ranch in Montana with her younger brother Richard (Butch). They grew up driving tractors, riding horses and hunting in the mountains. She and her family moved off the ranch to Belgrade, Montana when she was a teenager. Trudie attended school in both Belgrade and Bozeman Montana.

Trudie attended Montana State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology.

Trudie met her husband William M Bell III in Russian language class. Bill had decided that he was going to marry Trudie after their first date and after a short courtship they were engaged. Trudie and Bill married December 22, 1979. They moved to Tallahassee with a plan to only stay for five years.

Trudie's first job in the Tallahassee area was at Olin which would later become St. Mark's powder plant. After her oldest son was born Trudie was hired by The Florida Department of Natural Resources which became DEP, in environmental permitting. Trudie spent the remainder of her career after DEP working in the environmental field in one capacity or another.

Trudie and Bill among other things were diligently involved in family history work and taught genealogy weekly at the Latter-Day Saints genealogical

Center. Together they have compiled a comprehensive family history including 44,444 different individuals dating as far back as 200 BC.

Trudie is survived by her husband William Bell retired State of Florida environmental administrator, her three children (Bill, Kellen, KC) and daughter in law Ana and grandchildren (Liam and Mila). Trudie also leaves a legacy of love behind in the many people that grew up in her home as well, to one extent or another and knew her also as mom. They are not alone in their grief, because Trudie leaves a legacy of service and love.

Trudie died August 2, 2021 in Tallahassee Florida surrounded by her family at TMH hospital.

Her memorial service will be August 7th at 2pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Stake Center, 5347 Buck Lake Road, Tallahassee, FL.

To watch via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98150381058?pwd=Qzg3eXFrQkIHcGZxVjR3eUFIS3dldz09> (Meeting ID: 981 5038 1058 / Passcode: 225838)

Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Bell family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
5455 Buck Lake Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Our deepest sympathies are sent to Kelan and family. Pat and Lori Walsh*

Lori Walsh - August 07, 2021 at 02:17 PM

LW

*I'm so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in your beautiful memories. Our deepest sympathies. Pat and Lori Walsh*

Lori Walsh - August 07, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.*



August 05, 2021 at 10:37 PM

TF

“ *The T. Hernandez Family purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.*



The T. Hernandez Family - August 05, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.



August 05, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.



August 05, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ Your Gray Shared Services Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.



**Your Gray Shared Services Family** - August 05, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ Jennipher Grace purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.



**Jennipher Grace** - August 05, 2021 at 06:14 AM

TE

“ I have many sweet memories of Trudie, especially at girls camp. I will never forget the time we pitched the tent in a down pour only to have it quit raining as soon as the last steak was in. We just started laughing so hard we cried. She loved to serve, she was the best visiting sister I have ever had.

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**tammy earnest** - August 04, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.



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August 04, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Trudie Martha Doornbos Bell.



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August 04, 2021 at 04:43 PM

DM

“ Where does anyone begin to tell of their special opportunity to know, love, and work beside Trudie? She was tireless in her crusade for finding her ancestral line and enthusiastic in helping others to do so with thoroughness. As her counselor in Relief Society, I loved hearing her endearing words of counsel that she shared she had received from Heavenly Father to be sure no one was ever overlooked or forgotten as we planned moments of service and instruction. Her goal to protect wildlife, her family, and her faith often comingled, and basics were foremost in her mind and in deed. I loved our sessions together that involved learning...to make butter, pick blueberries, create items from cloth, crochet altar cloths for the temple, and joyfully serve others side-by-side. She seemed to know how to do just about anything, and what she didn't, she was willing to learn or try. Trudie loved her family so much, and as you find comfort in your sweet memories of her, please also find comfort in knowing how proud she was of all of you and readily shared how well you handle your obstacles and magnify your talents. Thank you for sharing her with us so we could love her, too.

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**Diane Meresse** - August 03, 2021 at 02:32 PM