



## Elizabeth Moreton Bell

January 15, 1945 - July 16, 2025

Elizabeth Moreton (Anderson) Bell, age 80, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and formerly of Reading, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2025, after a brief battle with cancer.

Beth is survived by her husband, Colonel (Ret.) William H. Bell. Also survived by

her children: Sara Hyjek and her husband Jason of Brooklyn, NY; Alissa Buckley

and her husband Jeff of San Francisco, CA; and Ross Anderson and his wife Joyce Chen of Redwood City, CA. Lovingly remembered by her siblings

Nancy

Tilton of Pepperell, MA; Donald Moreton of Moore, SC; and John Moreton also of

Moore, SC. Beth's former husband Bruce Anderson of Wilmington, MA also survives her. Fondly remembered by her stepsons: Colonel (Ret.) David Bell, MD

and his wife Rachel, of San Antonio, TX; and Steven Bell and his wife Mia, of Aldie, Virginia. A joyful grandmother to Sachin, Lucas, Leela, Ethan, Owen, Kai,

Madeline, Fiona, Dagen, and Dahlia. She was preceded in death by her brother

William A. Moreton, and her son-in-law Stan Piaseczynski.

Born on January 15, 1945, in Spartanburg, SC to TSgt. William L. Moreton and S/Sgt. Louise (Burnett) Moreton, Beth was the oldest of five siblings raised in Lynnfield, MA. Beth graduated from Lynnfield High School in 1962, and went on to earn her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1966.

A gifted artist and designer, Beth began her professional journey creating designs and illustrations for published textbooks and advertising projects. She continued to work after the birth of her children as a freelance graphic designer and later full time for a major publishing company. In her spare time she completed painting and fabric art commissions, including wall hangings, soft sculptures, period costumes, and wearable art.

Beth was an accomplished fine artist known for her portraits, often rendered in oil or pastels—as well as calligraphy and fabric arts. She created many landscape oil paintings inspired by her travels and the nature around her homes. She collected antique dolls her whole life, and enjoyed building miniature room and house models. She was an avid dress maker and quilter, sewing both of her daughters' wedding dresses and filling her own wardrobe with garments of her own design. Many pieces of her art can be viewed at Beth Bell Art Gallery, <https://www.facebook.com/BethMoretonBell>

In her later years, she joined with and married Bill in North Carolina, where they lived first in Southport, NC, next to the Intracoastal Waterway, which was an

inspiration for many of her oil paintings. With Bill, she enjoyed traveling around the world seeing sights such as Machu Picchu, the Scottish Highlands, and Great Wall of China. They recently relocated to Hendersonville, NC where Beth enjoyed reading, quilting, and painting the many landscapes near her in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

A celebration of Beth's life will be held in the Blue Ridge Mountains later this year. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to either the UNC Pardee Hospital Foundation at 561 Fleming Street, Hendersonville, NC 28739 or to the Four Seasons Hospice at 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. The family would like to thank the professional staff at both facilities for their outstanding care, kindness, compassion, and the dignity they provided to Beth in her final days.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ We’ve known Beth for over 50 years and she was one of the most talented artists I’ve ever met. Her generosity and caring personality was an attribute to all who had the honor of meeting her. Beth gifted me and my wife Debbie the most beautiful portraits of our grandchildren Maya and Mikko and our daughter Rachael that we will cherish forever. My condolences to Bill and her children, grandchildren and all who loved her. She will be missed.  
Love, Dick and Debbie Hannus

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**richard hannus** - July 30, 2025 at 06:33 PM

JW

“ Dear friends, we are so terribly sorry to hear your sad news. Loosing a parent is so very painful. Your mom was an amazing woman. I have fond memories playing at the big Reading house. My parents also still have an oil painting your mom did of me when I was maybe 6-7 yo. It has been a prize possession of theirs! I remember sitting for it, in the dining room with sunshine shining through a window. Please know our family has all of your family in our hearts! With love, Ethel Holland, Jannique Williams and family

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**Jannique Williams** - July 29, 2025 at 10:18 AM

BJ

“ So sorry to hear this news. Beth was a unique individual and a perfect match for Bill. I was constantly amazed by the variety of her artwork. My deepest condolences to the entire family. --Bob Jensen

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**Bob Jensen** - July 25, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ I was Ross’s girlfriend the summer before college. Beth and I were kindred spirits through our love of art, historic things, and creative expression. She was such a kind woman, showing affection through small meaningful gestures like a home cooked favorite meal. She would always remember things about you and surprise you with them later in little token gestures. Sending comfort as you all grieve a special woman.

Lynne Gauthier - July 24, 2025 at 12:02 AM

DS

“ I didn’t know Elizabeth, her daughter Sarah is my daughter in law she looks exactly like her mom. I’m sure Elizabeth was like Sarah really like it’s vise versa both two beautiful ladies one is gone now, and the other has to wait RIP Elizabeth Sarah live your live to the fullest God Bless You💔💔💔🍀🌹🌹🌹🌸🌸🌸

Dolores SteckerHyjek - July 22, 2025 at 06:00 PM

HM

“ My heart goes out to Bill, her children, and everyone who loved her. For years we enjoyed annual cousin’s reunions in Vermont, and other family events. She painted a portrait of my beloved cat that had me dancing for joy because she had captured him so well. I will always remember her for her generosity, her artistry, and her sparkling upbeat nature. Rest in peace cousin Beth.  
Helen Merena, Brattleboro, Vermont

Helen Merena - July 22, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SL

“ I have wonderful memories of Beth. We went to school, Sunday school, camp together. It was through Beth that I met my husband. Beth never forgot my birthday. I will miss her.  
Sandra Monroe Lufkin

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**Sandra Monroe Lufkin** - July 22, 2025 at 03:31 PM

MK

“ Beth and her many talents will be missed by all of us. I'll never forgot the beautiful wedding dress she made for her niece Heather. It was the most gorgeous dress I have ever seen. Her art was always spectacular. What a gift to all of us.

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**Mary Lynn Kiley** - July 22, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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“ I remember Beth as a great artist. Our family visited Beth when she made these giant puppets. She was an outstanding person.

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**Kevin Kiley** - July 22, 2025 at 10:14 AM

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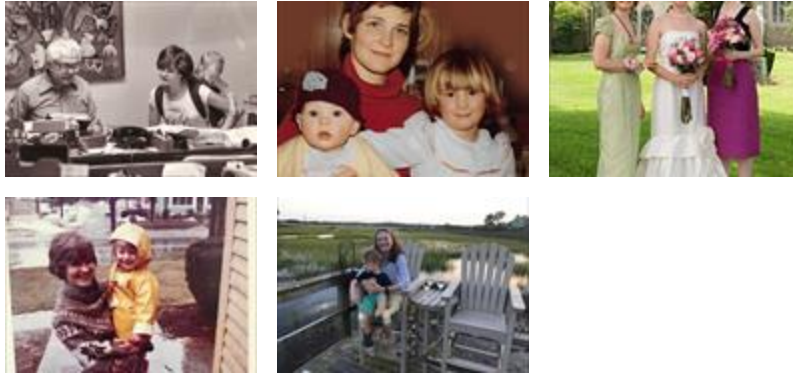
“ I met Beth through Bill, with whom I worked as a volunteer EMT in our Fire Department. I loved her straight away for her wonderful upbeat spirit. My most treasured memory is of that Halloween party when she and Bill were married and I was privileged to be one of their witnesses. It was a total surprise for all of us and such a happy moment. My condolences to the family, but celebrate Beth for the joy she brought to all. Peach xxx

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**Peach** - July 22, 2025 at 03:46 AM

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“ 14 files added to the album *Beth Bell Photos*



Sara Hyjek - July 21, 2025 at 07:35 PM

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“ *Beth was my older sister of 22 months. I was able to learn about life as she experienced things before me. I kind of followed in her footsteps but could never keep up. She made my wedding dress and was my main of honor.*

*She also made many, many more wedding dress for others including my daughter Heather's. When I was small she used to make me stuffed animals for my birthday and never used a pattern. I was so fortunate to have a sister like Beth. You will be sorely missed. Gone way too soon. I loved my sister*

Nancy Moreton Tilton - July 21, 2025 at 06:02 PM

JL

*Such a sweet tribute. Having Beth as an older sister probably was awesome! I was just her baby sitter ( okay, she turned that into a cool job!) A.d every day I came home saying...look what Beth did...in 2 minutes! As a young teenager she blew my mind.. However, if she was my sister....just kidding Beth, you absolutely know we love you!*

Jennifer Beckwith Lemoine - July 21, 2025 at 11:14 PM

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*My sincere condolences to Beth's whole family. Our families were close, as their Mom was my one of my kindergarten teachers at their Lynnfield, MA home. Beth was such a kind and loving person and in my opinion very humble of her many talents. Thinking of you all.*

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**Nancy Potter-Desjardins** - July 22, 2025 at 07:14 AM