

### *Acknowledgements*

With sincere appreciation your loving thoughts  
extended during their hour of bereavement.  
Continue to bless each of you.

### *Repast*

Held at First Baptist Church West  
Following the Memorial Service

### *Psalm 23*

My shepherd; I shall not want.  
Green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
For thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou art with me in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou preparest a table before me; my cup runneth over.  
Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Entrusted to the caring staff of: ~

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## *A Memorial Service*

## *Celebrating the Life of*

# *Laura Watson Bell*

Sunrise:  
September 6, 1922

Sunset:  
May 30, 2015



Thursday, June 4, 2015

10:30 A.M.

## *First Baptist Church West*

1801 Oaklawn Avenue  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. Ricky A. Woods, Senior Pastor  
Dr. Herman E. Thomas, Associate Pastor



## *of Service*

..... Audwin Ross, Organist/Pianist

.....Dr. Ricky A. Woods, Senior Pastor

More" ..... Organist/Pianist

..... Congregation

..... Audwin Ross, Organist/Pianist



## *Obituary of Laura Watson Bell*



Laura Watson Bell was born in Edgefield, South Carolina in September 6, 1922. She was the only child of the Reverend William Marion Watson and Mary Ethel Butler Watson. She departed her earthly life on May 30, 2015 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

During her formative years, she lived in Columbia, South Carolina, then in Greenville, South Carolina. As a minister's daughter, she moved where her father was called to service.

She earned a degree in English from Spelman College in 1944, and later a Masters of Arts degree from Columbia University in New York City. Her passions were English literature and music. She loved to teach Shakespeare, especially Hamlet and Macbeth. During her early years as a devoted teacher, she would go to her student's homes when for some unexplained reason they didn't come to class. She loved talking with her former students and called them all "her children".

She was a talented organist and pianist who was blessed with a beautiful alto voice. She performed in choirs most of her life. As long as her health allowed she was a faithful member of First Baptist Church-West.

Mrs. Bell moved to Charlotte in 1953 when she married the late Charles V. Bell who practiced law in the city. She taught in several schools upon moving to Charlotte. But no matter where she was assigned, she always backed the Lions of West Charlotte High School. She enjoyed the team's recent success in basketball. She was a member of Les Savantes and the Moles and Mules of Charlotte

When her health declined, she moved to Wilmington to live with her daughter Charlene, and her son-in-law. In Wilmington, she was tenderly cared for by a team of wonderful ladies consisting of Ms. Mary Nixon, Ms. Isabelle White, Ms. Shirley Foreman, Ms. Cheryl Furlow and Ms. Pamela Jones.

She is survived by her daughter Charlene Bell Richardson, her son-in-law Terry B. Richardson, and other family and friends.