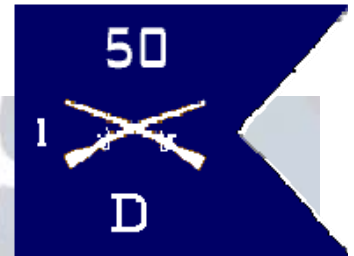




**1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY  
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, HEAVY WEAPONS  
PLATOON AND  
"DELTA DEVILS", "D" COMPANY**



## Obituary for George Bell

Mr. George Elmer Bell, 67, of Fairburn, Ga. passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2010. He is the son of the late Elmer Bell and Peggy Bell. Those left behind to cherish his memory include his loving wife: Merita Bell; children: Shayla Bell and Gwendolyn Mathis; brother: Pierre Bell; and grandchildren: Derrick Mathis with many nieces, nephews, and friends. Services honoring Mr. Bell will be held at Open Word Christian Ministries 6250 HWY 92 Fairburn, Ga. 30213, October 30, 2010 at 1:00pm with Rev. Gary Taylor officiating. Interment will follow the service at Lakeside Memorial Gardens.



Those wishing to leave online condolences may do so at [www.hollyhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.hollyhillfuneralhome.com)



Former Staff Sergeant George E. Bell was a squad leader with the Heavy Weapons Platoon of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry in 1967 and moved with his platoon to the new "D" Company in late October of that year. More than simply a leader...he was a mentor and father figure....very well respected by all the men in his platoon.

George Bell received many awards and decorations during his service with the 50th Infantry, the highest of which was the award of the Silver Star for his actions during what became known as the Battle of Tam Quan...specifically during the "D" Company contact with elements of the 22nd NVA Regiment near the village of My An (2) above Bong Son in Binh Dinh Province on December 10th, 1967.



George Bell was sought out by former members of the Heavy Weapons Platoon...being found living in Georgia in 2008, George attended the Change of Command at the present day 50th Infantry Battalion in June of that year. George became a Life Member of the Association of the 50th Infantry on the tenth of March of 2009. George also attended our reunion in August of 2009 with his wife Merita.

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## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF GEORGE BELL



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

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### AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

For Gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Bell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 10 December 1967, while serving as a squad leader with Company D, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry during a search and clear mission near Bong Son, Republic of Vietnam. When his armored personnel carrier was hit by enemy recoilless rifle fire, Sergeant Bell exposed himself to the hostile fire as he stood up to locate the enemy positions. Spotting the enemy bunker, he rushed forward and destroyed it. He then returned to his disabled vehicle and administered first aid to his wounded comrades. Sergeant Bell's gallant action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



Combat Infantry Badge



\* The awards and decorations shown here are those awarded during George's time with the 50th Infantry. George earned many other awards during his service in the United States Army. The Association of the 50th Infantry is not certain as to these other awards and has not listed them here.