

## **Bill Bell's Obituary – October 1994**

William "Bill" Bell, 61, of 5665 Cornell St. SW, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1994, in Mercy Medical Center of a ruptured aorta. Celebration of life: 3 p.m. Tuesday, Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home, led by Steve Carpenter. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy; two sons, Dennis of Los Angeles and Larry of LaJolla, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Jill; grandchild, Madaline Rose; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Niel and Margaret Bravener of Fredericksburg; brother-in-law, Bill Bravener of Watertown, Wis.; his dogs, Charlie Brown and Little Bit; and a host of listeners.

Born Jan. 11, 1933, in Boston, he spent his early years in Craddick, Va., Hollywood, Fla., and San Diego, San Francisco and Long Beach, Calif. He attended Long Beach City College, graduating from Cal Berkeley. He was recipient of the Kenneth Priestly Award at Cal. Bill spent two years in Korea on Armed Forces Radio and returned to the San Francisco area, where he was a disc jockey for several years, later moving to Los Angeles. In 1964, he opened Bell Sound Studios in Hollywood. The studios specialized in recording commercials for radio and TV. Bill produced, wrote and directed many award-winning commercials. He married Sandra Bravener on May 18, 1981. They moved to Iowa in 1984, and he had been with KCCK radio since then. He was active on the MS and Variety telethons and did much for Tanager Place, Four Oaks and the community as a whole.

Instead of flowers, contributions may be made to Four Oaks, KCCK or a charity of the donor's choice.