

The Passing of Albert Bell

In the five years of the Asylum Hill News & Views we have never written an obituary until now. The recent passing of Albert Bell has changed that. His memorial Service took place December 16th at Grace Lutheran Church where he had been an active member for many years. Grace was just one of the many parts of his life that while saddened by his passing, came together to celebrate his living.

Besides his faithful attendance at Sunday services at Grace, he was a regular fixture at the Friday night Gatherings over the last seven years. He was also an early Board member of AHNA and often came to the monthly meetings to speak his mind. Even in doing so, he did not call a great deal of attention to himself, but rather to the cause that he was most concerned about at that moment.

Recently that was the apartment where he lived, 10 Marshall St. When a special meeting was called by Pastor Rick Kremer with Mayor Bronin to discuss the problems there, Albert did not hesitate to speak his mind clearly and forcefully.

He also had a weekly service that he performed at the Betty Knox housing, ministering to the residents there. And he had a large family including nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

It was all of these who came to Grace on that Saturday and stretched a one hour remembrance into a two hour celebration of his colorful life.

The photo above was taken at a Friday night Gathering in November where he, among others sat for a portrait to be added to the wall of portraits there.

On the Friday after the funeral, the photo was put on the chair that he often sat in when he came. It's still there now.

For photos of the Celebration of Albert's life go to

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