

Frances Brock Bell

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Prior to retirement and return to her native South Carolina, Frances Bell, a twenty-five year employee of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* defied the left-of-center editorial positions of her employer and openly participated in numerous political activities in Georgia.

At her 1998 retirement, Frances was not only engaged in anti-NAFTA, pro-Confederate State flag endeavors in Georgia, but CofCC-related activities in South Carolina as well. Her return home, however, did not deter Frances from later attending Geor-

gia CofCC meetings in Helen, Dalton, Atlanta, Jackson, Crawfordville and many other locales.

In South Carolina, Frances published a newsletter supporting CofCC objectives there, including a spirited defense of the Confederate flag flying atop the State Capitol in Columbia. Her contributions to the CofCC were many and her ability to communicate exceptional, extending from recruiting members to effectively



lobbying the South Carolina House and Senate. No job was too trivial nor, in spite of her illness, too overwhelming; and no meeting, rally or mass demonstration too distant to be prohibitive.

Frances earned a deep respect from those with whom she worked, attaining membership on

the CofCC National Board of Directors and Chairmanship of the South Carolina Council of Conservative Citizens.

Sermon at the Memorial Service for

By Rev. Robert Slimp, M.Div.

Dear Family Members and Friends:

We are gathered here in memory of an elect lady. Mrs. Frances Bell. I use that Biblical term to describe a lady especially chosen by God. John writes in his second Epistle, "The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth."

Mrs. Bell was such a lady, chosen by God to be a good witness of the truth, and especially of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Frances Bell was born in Iva, South Carolina 72 years ago. She was a daughter of the late James and Annie Mae Campbell Brock. She died Monday, the Fourth of July at her home here in Windsor after a long illness, including cancer for 11 years, and more recently to a malignant and

on earth, we would have to fight very hard to preserve our Constitutional Republic. She had a unique ability to learn from past history and apply it to the present, so that we might win the future. One of her favorite quotes was from Robert E. Lee when he said, "a country that does not know what it was yesterday will not understand what it should be today."

Frances also had her own life to



The Confederate Flag, arranged all in flowers, placed at the grave for Mrs. Bell's funeral service. Songs included "I'll Fly Away" and "Dixie."

Frances Bell is no longer with us, but she is alive and extremely happy in the presence of her Lord Jesus Christ. My friend, the Word of God has good news for us. Death comes to all of us sooner or later. The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest does not know how soon. The grim reaper comes to the great and the small, the good and the bad, to the king in his palace and to the pau-

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