

Charles Ludington Bell

Charles Ludington Bell (Age 65), of Washington, DC, died on September 1, 2016 after battling cancer for several years. Born in Miami, Florida, the son of Samuel Bell, Jr. and Anne Ludington Bell, he attended St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, University of Pennsylvania, PA and the School of International Affairs, Columbia University, NY. For over 30 years, he worked as a Senior International Trade Specialist in the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. His area of expertise was metals, specifically steel, and he was internationally recognized for his knowledge of the global steel industry and his analytical integrity. His work involved the analysis of the manufacture of steel in the United States, negotiations at the international level relating to steel trade, and efforts by the U.S. government to protect U.S. steel manufacturers from unfair trade practices by foreign countries. As the lead U.S. government steel industry analyst, Mr. Bell participated in a variety of international venues including the North American Steel Committee, the U.S.-China Joint Committee on Commerce and Trade Steel Subgroup, and the Steel Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. He represented the United States at meetings of the OECD in Paris for over 20 years serving as staff analyst, Alternate Head of Delegation, and Head of Delegation for the Steel Committee. In recognition of his work with the President's Steel Action Program, Mr. Bell was awarded a Gold Medal for Personal and Professional Excellence by the Department.

He is survived by his sister, Tiffany Bell and her husband, Richard Gluckman of New York, NY; two brothers, Samuel Bell, III and Nicholas Bell, both of New York, NY; and two nieces, Nell Gluckman and Marina Gluckman, of Brooklyn, NY.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th Street NW, Washington DC 20037 or at: www.worldwildlife.org

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