William Charles Bell, retired professor emeritus of geology, died on July 3, 1979. He was 67.

Professor Bell was born on November 1, 1911, in Missoula, Montana. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Montana State University in 1934 and 1936, respectively. He was awarded a PhD from the University of Michigan in 1939.

Dr. Bell was an instructor at The University of Texas at Austin in 1940-41. After serving in the armed forces during World War II, he taught at the University of Minnesota from 1946 to 1953. He joined the permanent faculty of the University in 1953, where he taught until his retirement in 1972.

Professor Bell's research interests included Cambrian, Ordovician, and Pennsylvanian stratigraphy. He coauthored *Early Upper Cambrian Faunas of Central Montana* (1944). He also published a number of his research findings in the *Journal of Paleontology* and in the *Geological Society of America Bulletin*. He was a member of the Paleontological Society and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

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