

William "Papa" Bell Sr**Brief Highlights**

May 01, 2023

DOB

Mar 19, 1922

of Masters World Records = 6

of Masters American Records = 6

Received Masters Award(s) USATF Athlete of Week (July 17, 2013)
Age-Group-Field (2013, 2004, 2002)

All-Time US Ranked [Feb 1, 2023]

	PV
M65	---
M70	13
M75	2nd
M80	2nd
M85	2nd
M90	1st
M95	1st
M100	---

	Total	PV 1st # of Times	
US Ranked #1 (indoor)	2	2	
US Ranked #1 (outdoor)	10 [12]	10 [12]	Added 1998 & 1997
National Indoor Champion 1st	2	2	
National Outdoor Champion 1st	3	3	
WMA Indoor Champion 1st	---	---	
WMA Outdoor Champion 1st	1	1	

	Age	Event	Date	Mark
Masters World Record	M75	PV	7/19/1997	2.95
	M80	PV indoor	3/22/2002	2.75
	M80	PV	8/6/2004	2.60
	M85	PV indoor	3/23/2007	2.44
	M90	PV	7/12/2013	2.05
	M95	PV	7/15/2017	1.35

Masters American Record --- --- --- ---

Note: WR are also considered an AR.

Bell has won every US Masters National and WMA Championship that he competed in (6 OUT OF 6)

Bell is the father of PV Olympian Earl Bell. Earl Bell coaches pole vaulters at their Arkansas PV facility.

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Note: Information above will need to be rechecked for accuracy.

Note: US Rankings and US National Championship placing excludes international athletes.

US Indoor Rank # 1 PV: 2007, 2002

US Outdoor Rank # 1 PV: 2017, 2013, 2004, 2002, 2001, 1999, 1998 *, 1997 *, 1993-1996
Added 1998 & 1997 see "Other Pole Vault marks" listed below.

US Indoor Nat # 1 PV: 2007, 2002

US Outdoor Nat # 1 PV: 2017, 2013, 2004

US Indoor WMA # 1 PV: ---

US Outdoor WMA # 1 PV: 1995

US Outdoor Rank # 2 PV: 1992

Other Pole Vault marks:

Age	Event	Date	Mark
M70	PV	7/15/1995	3.10
M75	PV	12/6/1997	3.05
M75	PV	4/11/1998	3.05
M75	PV	9/17/1998	3.02
M75	PV	9/16/2000	2.84
M80	PV	2002	2.89