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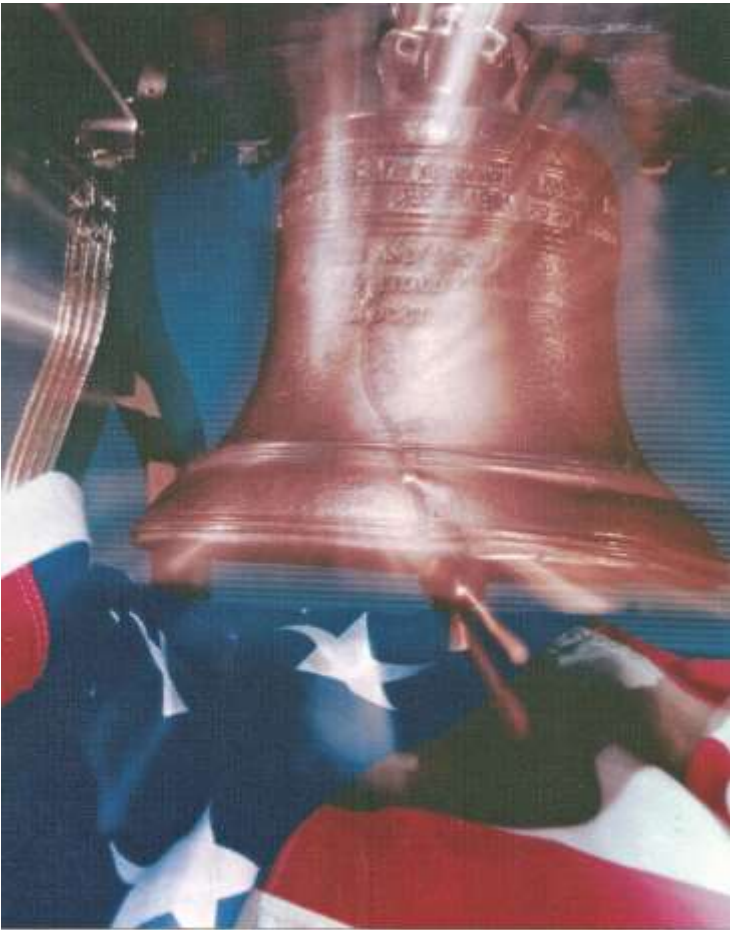
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He is survived by his daughter, Carol, and her long-time friend, Wilson Kelly; son, David, and his wife, Catherine; sister-in-law, Alene (Bob) Eddy; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one sister, and three brothers.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a local charity of your choice or to the Parkinson Wellness Recovery/PRW!, 134 Ft. Lowell, Tucson, AZ 85716.

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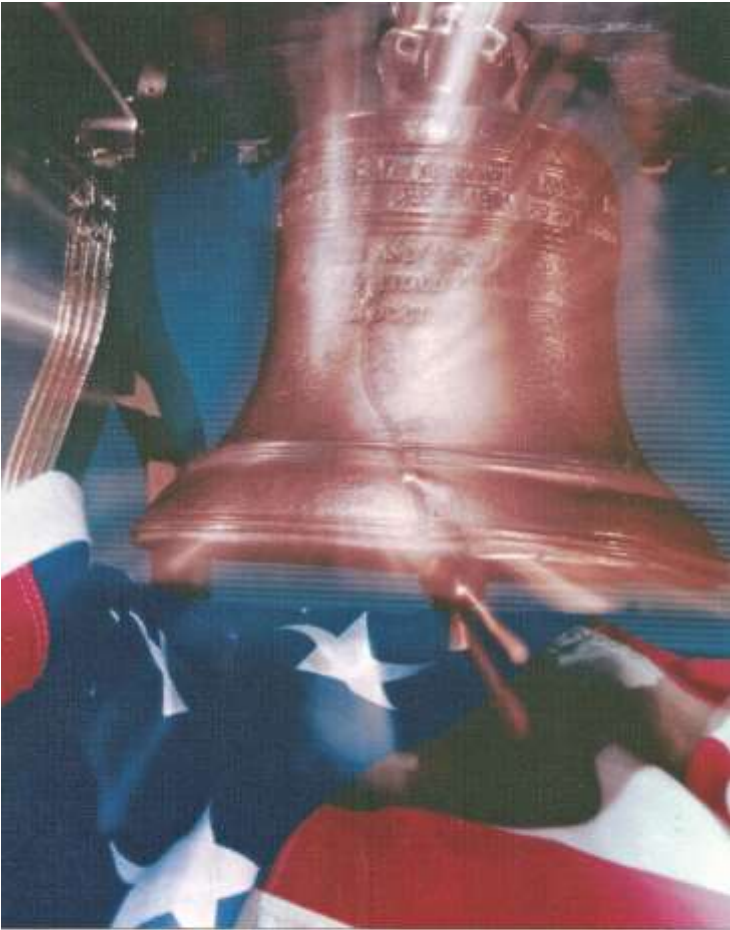
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