



Mr. Robert E. Campbell

October 3, 1926 - September 25, 2013

Robert E. Campbell, 86, of Lexington, just short of his 87th birthday, died at his home in Lexington, MI after a courageous battle with cancer on September 25, 2013.

Bob was born on October 3, 1926 to Earl and Louise Koenig Campbell in Battle Creek, MI. He was drafted before his high school graduation into military service in World War II serving in the Navy in the Pacific theater. A grateful recipient of the GI Bill, he attended Kalamazoo College, received a BA in education from Central Michigan University and an MA in counseling from University of Michigan.

Bob had two careers. He was a teacher and a bi-vocational pastor of the Midland Community of Christ. He taught mostly history and English at Central Intermediate in Midland for 33 years. Not only did he enjoy his students, he was an advocate for teachers serving in education associations at the local, state and national levels. He served on the Board of Directors for both the Michigan and National Education Associations. In his role as pastor, he was a spiritual companion, mentor, counselor and devoted friend to many through the years.

Most people would have known Bob as a brother, loving husband, father and friend. He was predeceased by brothers Harry, William and Art and sisters

Edna Latta and Rosemary Carr (twin) and his wife of 47 years Elna Burke Campbell. Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Carol Cease Campbell and children Anne Campbell (Erick) Drake, Matthew (Donna) Hanes and Glenn David (Dana) Shaw. Grandchildren include Craig D., Allan and Laura, Craig W., Zoe, and family and friends who all called him "Uncle Bob".

He was a man of many talents and interests including making clocks, sailing on the Saginaw Bay, earning his solo pilot's license, building a house, gardening and writing books of poetry. Not only did he visit all 50 states, he also enjoyed international travel where he walked on the Great Wall of China and visited villages inside the Arctic Circle, explored the Great Pyramids, walked in the steps of Jesus and the prophets in Israel and explored jungle archaeological sites of Central America.

Bob will be missed but live on through those whose lives he touched.

A Celebration of Robert's Life will be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Community of Christ Church, 4920 Lapeer Road, Kimball Twp.

A Committal Service will be held Friday, October 4th, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Midland Cemetery.

Cremation arrangements by Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave. at 17th Street, Port Huron.

Memorial tributes may be made to Outreach International or Blue Water Hospice.

To view obituary and share memories visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Midland Cemetery

Midland, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Community of Christ Church - Wadhams Grove
4920 Lapeer Road
Kimball, MI 48074

Tribute Wall

ZN

“ I didn't know Mr. Robert, but, feel a small connection to him through an item that he once owned. I am a habitual collector of many different things. When I was a young boy, my Dad had a special flashlight called a Big Beam. I have been looking for a model 164 like my Dad had. While they are not that hard to find---it is difficult to find one in the condition as the one that belonged to Mr. Robert. He was definitely particular with his possessions. Most had battery corrosion.....but not his.
It still has the original dust covers on both switches. Anyone can restore anything with enough effort. Things are only original once. I hope both he and his family know that this old flashlight that he obviously cared for will be cleaned and polished to its new looking luster. He was the type of man I wish I had met many years ago. I feel that we viewed the world in a similar way.
Zane O. Nelson

Zane Nelson - November 30, 2024 at 09:10 PM

CC

“ It's been almost three years - still love and miss him.

carol cease campbell - September 20, 2016 at 05:52 PM

ES

“ I have many fond memories of growing up in Midland and enjoying countless fun family times with Bob, cousin Elna, and the Burke & Asch families.
I hope that comforting thoughts of friends and family will surround Carol and Anne at this sad time.
Love, Ellen Asch Shertzer

Ellen Shertzer - September 29, 2013 at 09:26 AM

RB

“ Renee Bentley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert E. Campbell



Renee Bentley - September 28, 2013 at 12:16 PM

RB

Many hugs going out to you, Bob, and your family.

Renee Bentley - September 28, 2013 at 12:18 PM

GK

“ George And Connie Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Campbell



george and connie kelly - September 27, 2013 at 05:27 PM

MH

“ Matt & Donna Hanes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Campbell



Matt & Donna Hanes - September 27, 2013 at 12:20 PM

ER

“ Elizabeth Ramey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Campbell



Elizabeth Ramey - September 27, 2013 at 08:19 AM

LH

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Laura Heck - September 26, 2013 at 07:50 PM

EH

“ Carol. My heart goes out to you. My prayers are with you and the family. Ellie Heacock



Ellie Heacock - September 26, 2013 at 07:44 PM

RS

“ Carol, Anne and family,

I'm sorry for your loss. May God grant you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Uncle Bob and Aunt Elna meant so much to me and my family. I am grateful to have had him in my life. I will always remember his infectious smile and kindness. Another angle has earned his wings. Rest in peace Uncle Bob I love you.

Rhoda March Shumake-Filcek



Rhoda March Shumake-Filcek - September 26, 2013 at 06:47 PM

JB

“ *Thinking of you Carol as you meet the challenges of this part of your journey. You have persevered through so many and I know your faith and friends will assist you with this one too. God's richest blessing shower you with love during this time of transition for both you and Bob. Joan Brown*

Joan Brown - September 26, 2013 at 05:28 PM

RF

“ *Bob was always standing in the front part of the Church making sure everyone was greeted with a smile when they arrived. He was a friend to all.*

rose fleming - September 26, 2013 at 05:09 PM