



## Ronald L. Campbell

June 8, 1938 - October 17, 2025

Ronald L. Campbell Sr, was born in Detroit, Michigan June 8th 1938 , his parents were Lorraine & George Campbell , he was their only child.

His family moved to East Detroit in the 1940's

He attended St Veronica's church and elementary school, Oakwood Junior High & East Detroit High School , he did not complete his senior year as he felt led to serve his country in 1955, joining the United States Navy, He joined the Navy with his buddies, and his lifelong friend Bob Robbe , they both graduated basic training in the winter of 1955 at Great Lakes Naval Training center, and became electricians,

Dad ship was on the USS Reaper (MSO 467)

After completing his duty , he returned to Michigan and was hired at Chevrolet Gear and Axle working on the brake line with and started a 66 year friendship with Tom Henson, Dad retired in 1991. He hired in as a brake builder, on to an EIT electrician, then spent the last 25 years of his career as supervisor, wrapping up his 32 year career with General Motors in 1991

In February 1960 he married the Love of his life Maryann Douglas , she stole his heart and kept it forever.

In September of that same year they welcomed their one and only son Ronald Campbell Jr. known for years as Ronnie or Ron Jr. They tried and tried to have more children , but it was not in the Lord's plans, over the next 15 years

they lost 9 children (sigh)

When dad retired in 1991, it was to take care of his bride Maryann who was in the midst of fighting cancer since 1985, she departed and got her glory promotion on October 1995

With a broken heart, dad pressed on working at Blue Water Transportation & Macomb Township as a Bus Driver , finally retiring in 2012

But he stayed busy playing euchre with the local Eagles , VFW , and churches, he was also a very good cribbage player , even playing in a sanctioned cribbage league , playing euchre 3-4 times a week.

Dad was a patriot and a very proud veteran, if you saw dad in and around macomb he was wearing his Navy Veteran Hat , he would share stories of his time at sea and or his travels as a sailor in Japan.

His pride was his Son Ron Jr, his Grandchildren's Military service , plus his great grandchildrens military service, pictures filled his house.

As he was in his last week on earth, his direct quote to the fantastic Staff at Henry Ford St Johns was

" I'm 87 .5, I have lived a full and great life, seen my son, grandchildren, even great grandchildren , I was married, rode motorcycles , traveled to Vegas and the Smokies, I have done it all , I am ready to go, I am done"

He is survived by his son Ron Jr & his bride Kathy Campbell

Grandchildren Stephanie & (Glen) Bates, Gary Campbell, Renee Waniolek & (Ken), Sheri & (Adrian)Angeles

Great Grandchildren Conner Bates & (Emily) , Dakota & (Marissa Bates), Cayden Bates & (Emma)

The family would love to thank dear friends who stepped in and helped weekly , Bob & Sherri List, who brought meals, groceries and Loved my dad, keeping a close eye on him and cared for him with joy & excellence.

A very heartfelt thank you to Henry Ford St John's Detroit Cardiac ICU ,  
Fourth Floor North & Wendy A. & her hospice team superior care, Dad lacked  
for nothing.

Much gratitude for Jowett Funeral Home , Terry Jowett & Cathy for coming  
alongside of us on our hardest days & providing peace, answers, solutions &  
sweet closure

We would like to take peace in knowing Dad's eternal home is Heaven  
But that has been our biggest heartbreak & has filled this last weekend with  
tears. Why?

Dad's spiritual condition & destination is a mystery to us, we shared the Love  
of our Lord Jesus Christ with him, he would reply , son I'm glad you got  
religion and that it works for you.

As we gather his things he left behind, we hold out hope, as there are  
remnants of some sort of conversation and or faith journey, he left behind  
several Gospel CD's & some notes about a song from Rascal Flatts that made  
dad feel like God was talking to him from Heaven , he also listened weekly to  
Great is thy Faithfulness by Alan Jackson

We can only hope and pray, a Pastor once told me, you'll be surprised by who  
you see in heaven and who you don't see in heaven, as we close out this  
tribute to my dad.

May we share our heartfelt prayers & issue a charge

God is never late, God is never early, God is always right on time  
Put your trust, your faith and your hope in the Lord Jesus Christ as your  
personal Lord & Savior, and as your advocate , not a religion but a  
relationship, Jesus does save.

With Love from the family of Ronald L Campbell Sr.  
Until We Meet Again.

Hebrews 11:6

Micah 6:8

Romans 1:16

Romans 8:1

The Campbell Family would love to thank you all for your support, Love,  
Prayers, Texts, Emails, Notes, Calls & Meals  
Allow us to share some good news with you from the Late Pastor Voddie  
Bauchman

The Good News of the Gospel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdom3sGIGAI>

Dad's final wishes were to be cremated & be placed at Great Lakes Cemetery  
where he will lay alongside his bride Maryann

Dad was laid to rest with the Love of His Life, Maryann (Mother) on the  
afternoon of Wednesday November 12, 2025.

As their Son, I am thankful for that symbolic reunion, plus my heart is grateful  
for family and friends that joined us that day. In closing, Great Lakes National  
Cemetery is a Lovely, Patriotic place of rest and reflection.

Be intentional this holiday season 2025, in Love, Grace, Deed's and Actions,  
as this life is a vapor and we are here just for a moment passing through.

Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring.

What is your life? For you are the mist that appears for a little time and then  
vanishes. James 4:14.

As we start 2026 very soon, allow Micah 6:8 to cover you, guide you and  
bless you.

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

With abundant Grace, Mercy and Love

The Campbell family.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-New Haven.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Dad, it's October 30th 2025.

*You passed 13 days ago.*

*Every day since has truly been surrounded by you.*

*Memories*

*Photos*

*Sympathy cards*

*Going through your home, clothes, possessions.*

*Its been good, somewhat therapeutic.*

*Just some out loud observations.*

*How many \_\_\_\_\_ did you need?*

*Flashlights*

*Tape measure*

*Nail clippers*

*Razor knives*

*Socks*

*Multi Colored Stafford Shirts*

*I stopped counting at 100 shirts.*

*19 pairs of Levi's.*

*Plus astonished to see some Gospel CDs!!*

*I even listened to both Alan Jackson's Precious Moments CDs today.*

*Just thinking out loud.*

*Did you meet the Lord Jesus along your path of 87 years in your*



*life?*

*Dad....*

*I understand your catholic upbringing, history.*

*I know you were a seasoned, salty veteran*

*I knew we would lose you to death*

*One day*

*Some day*

*Just had no idea it would be October 17th 2025.*

*Yes, your death is sad, it hurts, it really does.*

*But. . . not knowing where you will spend eternity is a heartbreaker for sure.*

*So I cannot say goodbye I am more hopeful than saying until we meet again that will be the biblical hope that I will cling to.*

*Thankful that Kathleen has been at my side*

*We Love You*

*We Loved you*

*We believe we finished strong at your side.*

*Thankful for family, friends, our church family and the multitude of prayers that have kept us going.*

*Love*

*Ron jr.*

*Xox*

*Hebrews 11 :6*

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**Ronald Campbell** - October 30, 2025 at 07:45 PM

RC

“ *Mom*  
*(Maryann Campbell*  
*Dad*  
*(Ronald Campbell Sr.)*

*April 06 1992*



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**Ronald Campbell** - October 30, 2025 at 07:30 PM

RJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

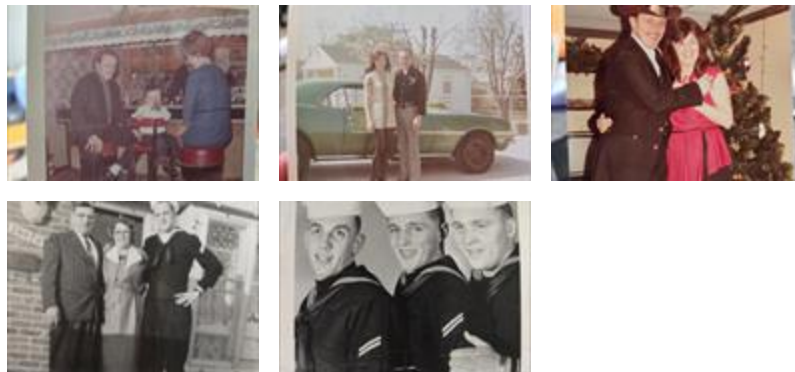


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**Ronald Campbell Jr** - October 28, 2025 at 10:48 AM

RJ

“ 8 files added to the album Dad Living Life



Ronald Campbell Jr - October 28, 2025 at 10:28 AM

RS

“ *"Ronbo", so sorry to hear of the passing of you Dad. I had many foremen over the 30 plus years at GM and he is one of the names I remember. He was always fair and treated all with respect. Side note, I bought a trash compactor from him, back in the day. Again. so sorry. May God be with you and yours.*

Roy A Steacy Sr. - October 24, 2025 at 05:37 AM

RC

*Hey Honolulu!*

*Thank you for the compliments on Ron Sr ( Dad)  
Especially the 1980's story!*

*Stay Alright!  
Hee Haw*

*Ron Jr.*

Ronald Campbell - October 28, 2025 at 08:35 AM

LC

“ *Jr I worked along side your father for half a lifetime and to a person never heard anything but respect when he was involved. You have been blessed with role model and a father figure that builds families, faiths, and live long friendships. Some old school stuff Ron was a for runner in the Pick Up truck phenomenon that has taken over the motoring world in the early 1970s like all vehicles so clean you could eat off of it ! NAME HILLBILLY CADILLAC!*

Leonard Lee Culbert - October 21, 2025 at 05:09 PM

RC

*Leonard.*

*Ty for a sweet Tribute.*

*Yes my dad had that 1971 bright yellow C10 Chevy pickup and on the back tailgate bed it was painted and said hillbilly El Dorado what a great memory*

Ronald Campbell - October 23, 2025 at 09:26 PM

RC

“ *Just a glimpse of pictures that brought my dad  
JOY*



Ronald Campbell - October 21, 2025 at 03:46 PM

CK

“ We'll miss your Dad at New Baltimore Civic Club Euchre.

Cheryl Koehs - October 21, 2025 at 10:28 AM

KD

“ I remember going to uncle Ron's house. I always like going there. He was pretty cool. I remembered he liked playing guitar and had some instruments and Rob was learning how to play the drums and they would have little jam sessions in the basement. My mom and aunt Maryann hung out upstairs and I would remember how much fun that was always love going over and visiting him and aunt Marianne. I had the utmost respect for uncle Ron as a veteran as a father and as an uncle and I really liked him showed up on his motorcycle all the time it was so cool Tell aunt Marianne I said hi uncle Ron, you will be missed.

Kevin Douglas - October 21, 2025 at 02:54 AM

RJ

Cousin Kevin, ty for the sweet reflection on my dad, your Uncle Ron!

ron jr - October 28, 2025 at 11:11 AM

DM

“ When Ron was our neighbor in North Street he was always helpful and friendly.He was a proud veteran who was very handy with many things and willing to lend a helping hand or instructions to make the task easy. A hard working down to earth individual that was easy to like.He will be missed for sure.Condolences to family who he loved and spoke of often.R.I.P. Sir !

Dale C Mills - October 20, 2025 at 10:08 PM

RJ

*Dale*

*Up on the hill, dad told me many stories of your friendship & you being a solid LEO*

*Bless you for staying current with Dad and the gifts you often brought!*

*TY*

*Ron Jr*

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**Ronald Campbell jr** - October 28, 2025 at 08:36 AM