



Bill K. Campbell

August 1, 1929 - June 2, 2022

A lifelong resident of Bluffton, Indiana, Bill K. Campbell, age 92, passed away Thursday morning, June 2, 2022, at River Terrace Retirement Community.

Bill was born in Bluffton, on August 1, 1929, to Doyle and Helen (Kershner) Campbell, they preceded him in death. He married Nancy M. (Mossburg) Campbell in Fort Wayne on Feb. 3, 1951; she preceded him in death on January 11, 2004.

Bill was a 1947 graduate of Bluffton High School and earned a BS in Business Administration from International Business Collage. In 1987, he retired after 38 years at Franklin Electric Co. Some of his greatest accomplishments were becoming an Eagle Scout, winning the mile run at the County Track Meet his senior year, taking the boy scouts to Philmont, New Mexico, driving a bus of girl scouts to New York and running in half marathons after the age of 50. Besides being in Scouting over 25 years, he camped along the Wabash River as a youth and in many state and national parks with his wife and children. Before the digital age of photography, he accumulated over 10,000 slides and negatives. Most of his pictures were of nature or his grandchildren. Bill loved to be outdoors and could still be seen walking the neighborhood at age 90.

Bill attended First Reformed Church and Life Community Church of Bluffton. He enjoyed photography, camping, hunting, hiking, and making walking sticks

in his workshop.

Bill is survived by five children, James (Carolyn) Campbell of Grabill, IN, David (Paula Beaty) Campbell of Fort Collins, CO, Judy Campbell of Liberty, KY, Rick (Susan) Campbell of Bluffton and Dian (Campbell) Steffen of Fort Wayne; twelve grandchildren, Kiersten (Joe Henz) Campbell, Liane (Jason Bacha) Campbell, Brian (Sheena) Campbell, Merrie (John) Gabriel, Jacob (Mia) Thomas, Hannah Kruspig, Haley (Eric Yoder) Kruspig, AJ (Tess) Campbell, Stacy (Greg) Lehman, Matt (Ashlie) Campbell, Janelle Steffen and Grant (Amanda) Steffen; 9 great-grandchildren, Emma, Moses, Isaac, Jonah, Caleb, Hunter, Colson, Baylie, and Easton; and longtime companion, Lynn Elliott of Bluffton.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is preceded in death by his sister Peggy (Lloyd) Spichiger, one daughter-in-law Vernie (King) Campbell and two sons-in-law, Theodore Kruspig and Randall Steffen.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation hours will be held from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Tuesday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Ouabache State Park.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill K. Campbell*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 07, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Bill K. Campbell*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Such sweet memories of your parents, Bill and Nancy, walking hand-in-hand down Parkway, Drive... I can picture them doing that now in the here-after:Heaven ...💖*

laurel sutton - June 09, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ 127 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - June 06, 2022 at 04:25 PM

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“ *The Campbell Family,*
In my memories of Bill Campbell, I will picture him in the yard at his Lake Gage cottage doing some type of chores. That list of chores includes: putting in and taking out the pier, working on the pump, mowing the yard and using a chain saw numerous times. If there are outdoor chores to do in heaven, I'm sure he is tackling them with great energy & enthusiasm!
Susan (Myers) Scheidt

Susan Scheidt - June 06, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill K. Campbell.*



June 06, 2022 at 10:12 AM

KG

“ Dian and the Campbell family - I'm so sorry to hear about your dad passing. Your parents were always so nice to us nutty girls when we were at your house. I will never forget the time we snuck over to TP your house and they both came out to offer us treats and hot chocolate! Truly a great dad to his family.

Karen (Harty) Garay

Karen Garay - June 05, 2022 at 03:39 PM

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“ I had the privilege to live beside Bill for about 10 years. This man was the the neighbor everyone wishes they had. He taught my son many valuable life lessons that he and I still talk about today. He added value to everyone of my children's life. One of my favorite stories is this. Bill I believe was 88 or 89 and I caught him on his ladder. I said Bill, maybe it's a good idea not to be on your ladder. He looked at me and said, "Have a good day, Andy." He then went on with his task. A few months later I was on my roof after a snow storm unplugging a vent and I heard Bill yell up to me. "Andy, it might not be a good idea for you to be on that roof with all that snow." Thanks Bill for everything and being the best neighbor ever!!!

Andy Yergler - June 05, 2022 at 11:49 AM

DS

“ We are so very sorry to here about the passing of Bill and to the entire Campbell family we are sending our deepest condolences and to say you will be in our thoughts and prayers.. RIP Bill.. Otis and Donna Smith



Donna Smith - June 04, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ Another great man has gone ahead. I feel a loss in my life, as Bill Campbell was always so good to me, and to Joe. I grew up knowing that he was an extension of our family, a special friend. However, my heart is lightened by knowing that Bill and Nancy, and Gene and Marilyn are having a heavenly reunion--probably with long conversations, lots of laughter and joyful friendship!

Debbie Elkins - June 04, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ I remember Bill as a caring father in law. He loved to camp and had all the equipment stowed in an organized way. I remember his yellow and white speedboat that he made and drove around Lake Gage. He also made the best pineapple upside down cake over the fire. My condolences to all the kids, Jim, Dave, Rick, Judy and Diane.

Janet Langley Chubinski - June 03, 2022 at 11:04 PM

JC

“ My dad, wow, where to begin. My dad was the best dad ever! For me I loved to follow him around and watch as he worked on this or fixed that. He taught me to watch football because I liked the half time shows and he would work at half time and come back for the third quarter. He bought me my first guitar, and my second after I had one stolen my freshman year. I still play. The skills he showed me were very priceless when I decided to try homesteading in Kentucky. Of course he thought I was nuts but I knew how to live primitive from camping with the family and learning how to prime a pump, carry water and do without. (I am "on grid" now but it took hard work to get there). He taught us to pray and to go to church. But mostly fun! He always ran and dove into a lake, no matter the weather. He would throw rolls across a dining room table at dinner. He could name all the trees and birds; I am still learning. He held my hand if I cried, did first aid like a pro, and cried if he needed to. I love you Daddio! He was the one who called me Jude! Judy Campbell

Judy Campbell - June 03, 2022 at 10:10 PM

VJ

“ Thinking of you all. Valerie Wilson Jackson



Valerie Wilson Jackson - June 03, 2022 at 07:53 PM