

## James William Campbell

July 25, 1930 - November 2, 2013

James William Campbell of Charlotte Hall, MD died on November 2, 2013 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Campbell was a School Administrator with Charles County Public Schools for 38 years where he was a former principal of Lackey High School, Bel Alton Middle School, La Plata High School, and Charles County Vocational Technical Center and a recipient of the Washington Post Distinguished Principal. He also coached football, baseball, track, and wrestling. He was a graduate and football player at the University of Pittsburgh. He was an avid woodworker and loved Ledo's meatball subs. He also loved to go to casinos in Atlantic City and being with his grandkids.

He is the son of the late Guy Robbins Campbell and the late Margaret McGinnis Campbell. He was also predeceased by his wife Ruth Alice Sheriff Campbell; daughter, Carol Campbell; brother, Harry W. Campbell; and sister, Kathryn Krall.

He is survived by his sons, James J. Campbell and wife Joyce, John R. Campbell and wife Kelley, and Louis Watts and companion Roxanne Johnson; his sisters, Anna Ruth Koskey and Mary Lou Hugus; and six grandchildren, Amy, Jake, Sarah, Joshua, Kaitlyn, and Reagan.

Friends received on Thursday, November 7, 2013 from 5-8PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646 with Funeral Service on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 10AM at Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church, 13025 Good Samaritan Drive, Waldorf, MD 20602.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc., PO Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646 (Attention: James W. Campbell for Charles County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Fund).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church  
13025 Good Samaritan Drive  
Waldorf, MD 20602

# Tribute Wall



“ *James William Campbell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *James William Campbell*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Coach Campbell passing, He was a tough football coach and I can still remember him getting down in the trenches and teaching us how to block.*

*Mike Lengyel, Class of 64*

**Mike Lengyel** - December 13, 2013 at 12:46 PM



“ *I write to offer my sincerest sympathy to the family for your loss and also to say 'thank you' from the bottom of my heart to have worked for and known such an incredible man as J.C.*

*To say he was 'one of a kind' doesn't even come close to an accurate description ... although it's in the right direction.*

*Mr. Campbell was a real man, every day, every hour, and I was honored to have worked for him and grateful I stayed in his good graces; well, most of the time, anyway.*

*I was the band director at La Plata in the early 70s and still to this day, I look back on those years fondly, and had then and have now nothing but utmost respect for J.C.*

*I am sorry for your loss.*

*Jim Kundreskas (Mr. K)*

**Jim Kundreskas** - November 08, 2013 at 02:17 PM

BR

“ *Jim, Joyce and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So  
sorry for your loss.  
The Richards Family*



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**brenda richards** - November 08, 2013 at 05:42 AM

JR

*I was a student at JBJ in Boswell Pa. when Mr. Campbel taught there.  
He was a great teacher and a well respected man! He will never be  
forgotten!*

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**Joan Rager** - November 11, 2013 at 12:37 PM



“ *Jimmy, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family. From Brenda  
Whitmore Carver*

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**Brenda Whitmore Carver** - November 07, 2013 at 10:16 PM

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“ It was with sad hearts that we read of Jim's passing in the Greensburg Tribune-Review. Wow, did it bring back memories! His sons may remember some of the same things from when they lived in Ligonier. Jim and Dave Carnes were two of the most involved dads in the neighborhood, and Dave loved to tell of the year that Christmas would not come until all the kids were in bed and asleep. According to the story, Ruth, (Jim's wife) and Polly, (Dave's wife) manned the coffee pots and wrapping patrol, while Dave and Jim ran back and forth across the street ALL NIGHT decorating both houses, trees and all. Needless to say, they only did this once, as once was enough!! There was also the time, after the Campbell family moved to Boswell, that the families got together there on the 4th of July for a cook-out and picnic. However, it was too cold to eat out. In fact, it was so cold, that Jim and Dave stood out on the Campbell's back porch in their winter coats, WHILE SNOW FLAKES FELL and cooked out!! After the Campbell's moved to Maryland, we visited back and forth a few times, but kind of lost touch. However, through family members we kept up with what was going on.

After Dave died in 2009, one of the first calls to Polly was from Jim. He knew first hand what she was going through, and just wanted to offer his shoulder, his condolences, and his memories, as well as his prayers. And now it is our turn to offer the same to you, Jim's family. Think of the reunions that are going on in Heaven right now, with Jim and Ruth, Jim and Carol, Jim and his parents and siblings, and yes, Jim and Dave. Look out Lord, they are on the loose!!

Seriously, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and we ask for strength and comfort for you all during these difficult days.

With our love,

Polly and Pam Carnes  
Ligonier, PA

*Chuck Carnes and family  
Newark, DE*

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**Pam Carnes** - November 07, 2013 at 11:47 AM

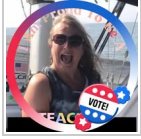
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“*Jim Campbell or as I knew him "Mr. C" was a true gentleman. He taught us in so many intangible ways, many that stick with all of us to this day. His love, care, sternness, guidance, and mentoring was just a few of the things that attracted us to him. You never wanted to disappoint & were always willing to go or do that little extra. We have lost a great person. My heart felt condolences go out to his family. You will be missed Mr. C.*

*Donald Oberpriller  
Class of 1985  
Lackey Highschool*

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**Donald Oberpriller** - November 06, 2013 at 09:42 PM



“ *Mr. Campbell - what a precious and kind soul! I have such fond memories of him while I was a student at Lackey High School in the 1980's. He came in like a tornado, stirred up an incredible sense of excitement, and Lackey became better because of it - "Lackey's Back---Lackey Fever...Catch it!".*

*My two fondest memories:*

*After doing what I remember feeling was the most humiliating things ever- asking the entire school to stand for the pledge of allegiance over the and then proceeding right into the announcements without reciting the pledge, and then thinking I would never live it down. For what seemed like weeks people laughed and made jokes about it. He told me, "Lisa, two things are certain - (1) this will soon be long forgotten and, (2) you will most assuredly do something much more embarrassing in life! He was right on both accounts! The 2nd thing I remember vividly was having a long encouraging discussion with him at my 5 year reunion - (Yes he came to our 5 year reunion when we invited him - to this day I'm certain that we (The Class of '85) were his favorite graduating class ever!) After sharing with him that I had begun my own teaching career following college graduation - he share with me incredible advice and wisdom - I still keep his advice close to my heart!*

*Always the encourager, inspirer, and educator - Mr. Campbell you a will be missed! Thank you for your service both as a veteran and as an educator! My deepest sympathies to his family - thank you for sharing him with all of us! Lisa Buckner*

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**Lisa Buckner** - November 06, 2013 at 06:25 PM

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“ We send a warm tribute to salute an outstanding educator and caring mentor to many, many students over the years. His influence and guidance meant a great deal to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His students missed him greatly when he left Lackey High School. We send our condolences to his family.

*The Oberpriller Family - Don, Pat, Donald (Class of '85) and Lori (Class of '86)*



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**Pat & Don Oberpriller** - November 06, 2013 at 03:46 PM

JR

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr. Campbell hired me for my first job as a Physical Ed teacher at Lackey...will always be grateful. Remember him saying that the band should play the National Anthem on Wednesday, instead of before a Friday football game in Boswell....He was a POD teacher, and football coach early in his career. RIP

*Joanne K. Roland*

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**joanne roland** - November 06, 2013 at 02:40 PM

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“ Mr. Campbell was such a positive influence on me during my high school years. Many fond memories of his kindness. Wishing his family strength at this difficult time.

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**Paul Sullivan (Lackey Class of '85)** - November 06, 2013 at 01:11 PM

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“ *JC will be missed by many, he impacted many, many lives.*

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**Sam Oliver** - November 06, 2013 at 10:22 AM

AP

“ *Arol Pyle lit a candle in memory of James William Campbell*



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**arol Pyle** - November 05, 2013 at 11:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James William Campbell.*



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November 04, 2013 at 11:09 PM