



Mr. William David Campbell

March 29, 1946 - March 27, 2016

Albany- William David "Grumpy" Campbell passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday (March 27, 2016) at the age of 69. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 11:00 am at Porterfield United Methodist Church, with a visitation and reception to continue at the Shackelford House. A private graveside service is to follow. Reverend Leanne Raynor and Dr. Donald M. Kea are officiating the ceremony.

The son of the late Virginia Watkins Campbell and William Robert Campbell, David was born at Phoebe Putney Hospital on March 29, 1946. Diagnosed with polio at the age of five, he overcame the disease at the age of 12 after receiving extensive care at Warm Springs hospital. After conquering polio, he became one of the "Merry Pranksters of Watkinsville" on Third Avenue. David rose to the occasion of playing high school baseball, distinguishing himself as a pitcher for the Albany High Indians under the tutelage of the great Paul Eames. After graduating from high school, he attended Mercer University. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. David graduated in 1968. It was at Mercer that David met Lynda Medley, whom he married in 1967. After graduation, David and Reed Jackson joined their father-in-law, Gaines Medley, in his restaurant supply business. David and Reed, along with Mr. Medley, shaped Medley Hotel and Restaurant Supply into one of the most successful food service companies in the country. David was a legend in the industry he worked in for 43 years and cherished his peers. He loved the food

service industry, and was so proud of the company they built. Their client list included some of the greatest names in the restaurant industry—names such as Outback Steakhouse, Chic-Fill-a and Sea Island Resorts. After retirement in the food service business, David started his second career with his son, Stewart, and Bo Henry to purchase Merry Acres Inn and Shackelford House. There, he continued his passion to serve the community through hospitality. As an Albany community leader, David's contributions to his hometown, its people, and various charitable organizations are monumental. These contributions include some of the following: Member of the General Electric Business Leadership Conference, President of the Georgia Restaurant Association/ Southeast Chapter; Chairman of the Advisory Committee—Georgia School Food Service Association 1977-1979; Vice Chairman of Board of Directors for the YMCA, Chairman of Deerfield Windsor School from 1984-1986 (initiated the creation of the Sustaining Fund at Deerfield Winder School); Board of Directors of Albany First Federal Savings and Loan 1985-1990; Hobart Dealer Council 1989-1993; SWGA Advisory Board—Nations Bank 1991; trustee of Mercer University 1992-1997; President of the College of Liberal Arts at Mercer University Alumni Association 1993; Board of Directors—Radium Springs Foundation 1994-1996; Chairman of Finance Committee for Mercer University 1997; Chairman of Pastor Parish Relations Committee—Porterfield Church (1998); Board of Directors for FEDA (Food Equipment Dealers Association), 1995-1999; Convention Chairman—FEDA Conference (1999); Executive Vice President of Strategic Foodservice Equipment Company; Board of Directors—AB&T National Bank (2010); Chairman of the Board of Directors—AB&T 2010-2015; Chairman of the Executive committee—AB&T (2010-2015); “Exhausted Rooster” of the Indoor Birdwatchers society; Principal with Oakland Partners; and Board Member of the Paula Dean Bag Lady Foundation (2015-2016).

Along with his distinguished career and contributions, David was the recipient of numerous awards, including the following: The Meritorious Service Award from Mercer University; Top Performer on the Board—NationsBank (1998);

American Cancer Society Hope Ball Recipient; and the Sertoma Club Man of the Year (2015).

David was the warmest of souls and touched all that he came in contact. Always concerned about everyone except himself, David had a generous heart that was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was always sensitive to the plights of others and a cheerleader for the underdog. He was true to his principals and beliefs, a father and friend to all that knew him. David embodied all the great qualities of a family man, husband and friend. He delighted in surprising the love his life, Lynda, with gifts and trips. A true gentleman, his handshake was his word. He was a mentor to those who would listen and was loved by everyone (except those on the other side of a business deal but they still respected him). An energetic spirit that was contagious and motivating, dignified, yet humble, with unwavering integrity. These are just a few qualities that made him so special.

David's favorite activities included work, business deals, more work, vintage cars, reading, music, grandchildren, and quail hunting with his brother Edgar, family and friends. For the past 50 years, he enjoyed going to the YMCA during his lunch break. Occasionally he would go on a vacation, only if that destination had great restaurants and fine hotels. Wednesday "Study Group" at the Manor House was always a great time. A member of Porterfield United Methodist Church, fellowship with his Alpha Sunday school class always gave him comfort.

David was preceded in death by his mother Virginia Watkins Campbell and his father William Robert Campbell. He is survived by his wife, Lynda Medley Campbell of Albany; son Stewart David Campbell and his wife Fran of Albany; daughter Cynthia Campbell Adams and her husband James Dillard Adams Jr. of Cumming, GA; grandchildren William Finn Campbell, Charles Gaines

Campbell, James Dillard Adams III, William Campbell Adams, David Grayson Adams; brother Robert Edgar Campbell and wife Judy of Albany; and multiple nieces and nephews.

In Lieu of flowers, Please share donations with :

Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church

2200 Dawson Rd

Albany, Ga 31707

Pancreatic Action Committee

1500 Rosecrans Ave, Ste 200

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Willson Hospice House

320 Foundation Ave

Albany, GA 31721

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Visitation and Reception

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Shackelford House
1801 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William David Campbell*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. William David Campbell*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. William David Campbell*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Lynda, Stewart, Cyndi, Reed and family,*

I just found out about David's passing. I'm not very good at expressing my sorrow. I'm saddened knowing David is no longer here, but extremely happy he had so many friends - everywhere. I know all of you are proud of him because he literally left his mark. What a legacy!

David gave me a tremendous opportunity to work at Medley. I am very proud to say; because of my Medley experience I have grown as a better person - to serve... just like David did.

Thank you David for so many great memories.

Peace be with you.

Matt Schultz, Auburn, AL

Matt Schultz - April 06, 2016 at 08:36 PM

KW

“ David was the most honest and caring person that I ever met in the Food Service industry. We were both good business and personal friends. He was a great mentor to me. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. God Bless!

Kurt Wacker

Kurt Wacker - April 01, 2016 at 02:37 PM

WG

“ Lynda, Cyndi, Reed and family,

You may recall that David was a great friend to me when I went to college at Mercer as a freshman. As a senior he took me under his wing. More recently, he was very supportive in helping me coordinate lodging, meals and a gathering place for my family when my mother passed away a few years ago. Typical David!

During the last few years whenever I came back to Albany I always stayed at Merry Acres and always looked forward to seeing David at breakfast or on the porch. While I was aware of his medical issues, he never wanted to dwell on his challenges, but remained upbeat and positive. Again, typical David.

The next time I come back to Albany for a visit in a couple of weeks, I suspect the sun will shine a little less brighter without his presence.

My thoughts are with you.

*Walt Green
Chicago, Illinois*

Walter Green - March 31, 2016 at 01:19 PM

CT

“ Rest in Peace David Campbell. Our prayers are with the family. You will be missed by many. Cindy and Bobby Turnipseed, Mike and Mark Turnipseed.

Cindy Turnipseed - March 30, 2016 at 11:30 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear that he has passed away. My heart goes out to the family. I have many memories of my middle and high school years with Mrs Campbell as my teacher and baby sitting Stewart when he was a baby. Mr Campbell is certainly with God. My prayers are with the family. God blesses you every day. Janet Bryan Beshear.

Janet Bryan Beshear - March 30, 2016 at 07:16 PM

SD

“ Our family feels so fortunate to have known David. He was such a fine, sweet man. My brothers, Bill and Bob were childhood friends. Everyone loved him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his dear family. Sandy Evans Deiter

Sandy Deiter - March 30, 2016 at 07:09 PM

MB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Lynda, and all of your family. I cannot imagine how much you will miss him. David always made everyone feel welcomed and that he was your good friend. That was one of his gifts. He will be missed by all of us who call him our friend. Praying for God's comfort and peace to be yours. Love, Marilyn Trawick Bishop

Marilyn Trawick Bishop - March 30, 2016 at 03:43 PM

TD

“ David was a gentle soul! I remember him always trying to help others. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during these difficult times. Tammy Duncan and family

Tammy Duncan - March 30, 2016 at 03:43 PM

VM

“ It was a great honor to serve with David at the Hotel. He took a lot of pride in providing for the guests. Service was important to him. He always wanted everyone to have pleasant experience and to walk away with warm memories. I grew very fond of Him and his whole family. Bo and Stuart I know will miss him but I am sure they will carry on in His honor. The Hotel will be in good hands. I know that is what David would want. Love and Prayers to the family. May the pain in your hearts be healed.

Vicki Marchman - March 30, 2016 at 03:40 PM

BR

“ David was a fine man, a good friend and loved by anybody that was lucky enough to have known him. He was a genuine asset to his community and his passing leaves a void that can not be filled. My condolences to Lynda, Edgar, Judy, his entire family and circle of friends-Bill Russell

Bill Russell - March 30, 2016 at 01:19 PM

KS

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Kelley Wages Sparks - March 30, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William David Campbell.*



March 30, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ *Lynda, Edgar and family, David fought the fight caring for others during the duration and he has been daily in my prayers. Albany lost another champion, a wonderful man who supported it through many ups and downs. You all will continue in my prayers as you face these days knowing he is at peace now but missing him all the more. I pray that God will bring to you many wonderful memories to make your smiles come quicker when tears seem to flow. Peace and love, Bland Cleesattle*

Bland Cleesattle - March 30, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *Was saddened to here of David's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. Mr Campbell was not only a trusted business associate over many years, but also a true friend to both me and my father. I and our industry will miss him!*
Sincerely,
Danny Graham

danny graham - March 30, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Campbell Family. Mr. Campbell was the kindest, most remarkable man. He was a True Gentleman and it was a pleasure to know him.*

Lorrie Jackson - March 30, 2016 at 09:18 AM

YG

“ *Your Friends at Premier Equipment Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William David Campbell.*



Your Friends at Premier Equipment Group - March 30, 2016
at 09:11 AM

KA

“ *I haven't seen David for many years but "back in the day" considered David as a very good friend. I am saddened to learn of his passing and want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to Lynda and the entire family. Nothing but great memories of David. He will be missed!*

Ken Adams - March 30, 2016 at 07:16 AM

JM

“ *Lynda, Edgar, and Family,
David was really a fighter to the very end. He was loved by everyone, and a friend to all.
Our prayers are with you now and in the days to come.
May you find peace in your hearts, and joy in the memories David gave to you.
We are sending love to you and will miss him so much.
Ken and Phiny*

Josephine Musgrove - March 29, 2016 at 11:00 PM

MU

“ *A wonderful man and a great gentleman. We were friends and classmates, and I'll never forget his help in picking out all my kitchen needs for my first apartment!*

Michael Usry AHA '64

Michael D. Usry - March 29, 2016 at 09:58 PM

LL

“ *Lynda, Edgar and Family, So regret your loss. Albany loses another treasure. What a fight he put up! Strong will and faith! God knows when it is time. Give time time. You are in my heart and prayers. Love, Lark*

Lark Ledbetter - March 29, 2016 at 09:46 PM

MF

“ *Mark Barrett, US Foods purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Mr. William David
Campbell.*



Mark Barrett, US Foods - March 29, 2016 at 05:51 PM

RG

“ David was first an important customer and later a valued friend. He was certainly one of the nicest, most gracious people I have been blessed to know. I will treasure our business dealings, quail hunting adventures and perhaps most of all the vacations that Pat & I enjoyed with David and Lynda.

Linda, our thoughts and prayers will be with you and the rest of the family.

Rich Gleitsmann

Rich Gleitsmann - March 29, 2016 at 04:40 PM

JJ

I'm saddened to hear this news. David's life was all about service to others and stepping up to the plate to assume leadership roles. He was a gracious, loving man whose contributions to the Albany area will not soon be forgotten. RIP my fellow southpaw. You were always such a great competitor and teammate. My prays to Lynda and the family. May God comfort you in your time of loss.

Jim Jarrett

james jarrett - March 30, 2016 at 07:55 AM

LB

“ David was the most wonderful mentor. He saw potential in me I didn't know I had. I will surely miss my friend. Lisa Bashline

Lisa Bashline - March 29, 2016 at 04:15 PM

TF

“ Lynda, I was so sorry to hear about David. He was loved and admired by so many people in Albany. He will be missed! My prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.

tricia fountain - March 29, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William David Campbell.*



March 29, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Linda, Cyndi, Stewart & Family, Please know that our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. David hired me 22 years ago and gave me my start in the industry. I am honored to not only call him a former employer but also a friend. He treated all of his employees like family and he will be dearly missed. May God bless you in the days ahead.*

Richard Scarbrough

Richard Scarbrough - March 29, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Campbell family at this time.*

Buster & Kelly Haddock

Kelly Haddock - March 29, 2016 at 12:59 PM



“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Donna and I send our sincerest condolences to you all. God Bless.*

Ronnie and Donna Flowers.

Ronnie Flowers - March 29, 2016 at 10:35 AM

CF

“ David and I were schoolmates at Albany High in the early 60's. David loved baseball and gave it all he had every time the opportunity arose to enter a game. He was a left handed pitcher if I remember correctly. The community has loss a great man. I am praying for the family as they deal with their loss.

cecil fowler - March 29, 2016 at 09:56 AM

TI

“ My prayers are with you during this difficult time. I came to know David as he continued to "knock on our door" here at Chick-fil-A. He was persistent and finally our partnership with Medley was off the ground. He was always cheerful and kind to me personally.

Tami Weaver, Chick-fil-A, Inc. - March 29, 2016 at 08:36 AM

BB

“ Lynda, Cyndi, Stewart and Family, I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. David helped me get on with Hobart Corporation, and for that I will be forever grateful. The last time I was able to spend time with David, he gave me, my wife and two young boys a tour of Merry Acres. I could tell that he was very proud of it. He was a person that I admired and respected tremendously. He was a good man, and will be missed by many. Will continue to keep your entire family in my thoughts and prayers.

Bryan Burruss

Bryan Burruss - March 29, 2016 at 08:35 AM

GW

“ Linda so sorry to hear of David's passing. Melanie and I have been praying for you all. I owe my career in the Restaurant Industry to him. He taught me all about it. I will always cherish my memories about him. May God bless you in the coming days.

George and Melanie Williams

George Williams - March 29, 2016 at 07:11 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about David. I will be praying for all of you. May the God of Mercy pour out His Comfort to all of you and hold you up in your time of sorrow. We will miss him. He was a gentleman.

Donna Sills - March 29, 2016 at 04:15 AM

BB

“ Lynda, Stewart, Cindy, and Family may God be with all of you during this time. I have many fond memories of my travels with David during my time as part of the Medley Family and my time at Strategic. David was a great boss and a true friend. He will surely be missed.

Bill Busch

Bill Busch - March 28, 2016 at 07:43 PM

PN

“ Lynda, my heart is breaking for you, but I know, as you do, that he is whole now and that he is with God. I also know that God has his great arms of love and comfort around you and your family. I am holding you in my heart.

Love,
Payricia Nipper

patricia nipper - March 28, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ Lynda, Stewart & Cyndi,
David knew and loved so many people. Many of us could honestly call him our best friend because that's how he treated people...and we loved him for that. He was always there for me, especially when I had cancer, and for so many others. The world will be different without him and I will miss my friend dearly until we next meet. God bless you all.

Bill Salter

Bill Salter - March 28, 2016 at 05:46 PM

PM

“ Lynda and family:
How sad to learn of David's death. He was in incredible trooper and fought with everything in him. He was such an encourager to those of us who were experiencing cancer in any form or fashion. I will miss him. My sincere condolences to each of you.

Patsy Maartin

Patsy Marrtin - March 28, 2016 at 04:58 PM

FV

“ Lynda and family...David and I go back to our days as children at Palmyra School...loved him so dearly as did everyone who had the honor of calling him friend...he will be so missed...to all of you...we send our heartfelt love, thoughts and prayers to you in the days ahead...we love you...you all have been such a strong support to him...he was a warrior...he fought long and hard, and I pray that you take comfort in knowing that he is healed, whole, and in the presence of Jesus...love you all...Franklin and Gayle Vorse

Franklin and Gayle Vorse - March 28, 2016 at 04:47 PM

JR

“ David will be missed by all who had the honor of being called his friend. My heartfelt sympathy to Lynda, Cindy, Stewart, and all the grandchildren. Love to all. Jane Rhodes

Jane Rhodes - March 28, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JD

David always had a smile and we know a kind heart. We will miss him in the Alpha Class. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynda and family. Jim and Grace Dendy

jim and grace dendy - March 30, 2016 at 09:22 AM

JS

David was our classmate from Palmyra to AHS 64. Always sweet, kind and a smile on his face! It was so good to see him at the reunions and I admired what he had done with Merry Acres!
He was certainly an asset to the Albany area.
Sad to lose him, he will be remembered fondly in our hearts

Jenny and Billy Seymour - March 31, 2016 at 05:35 AM