



Joseph A. Campbell

January 5, 1927 - July 16, 2009

Joseph A. Campbell, Jr., 82, of Toledo, Ohio, went to be with the Lord and his beloved wife of 55 years, Millie Campbell, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on July 16, 2009. Born and raised in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, he was the only son of Joseph and Bernice Campbell.

Joe loved sailing, tennis, gardening, and was a handyman extraordinaire. He enjoyed building model ships and listening (and whistling) to music, particularly jazz. His kind-hearted and outgoing nature served him well in his myriad of volunteer and professional activities. Education was of the utmost importance to Joe; he provided college educations for each of his four children. His church homes were also very important to him and he found great joy in serving in many capacities. Young of mind and spirit, Joe was well known for his ability to relate to all generations.

Joe served in the Army Air Corps Service in World War II, and earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. After training in the Edgar Thomson Works of United States Steel, he joined Johns-Manville Corporation and spent thirty years in a variety of engineering and sales management roles.

He was active in Torch Club, Maumee Rotary Club, American Legion, and a member of Theta Chi Fraternity, American Ceramic Society, and the

Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh. Forever dedicated to his alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh, he participated in Alumni Band performances and student recruiting.

In his own words, "I consider myself to be one of the most fortunate, luckiest and blessed persons on Earth. I have had such wonderful parents, sisters, wife, children, friends, neighbors and experiences that have made my life so full, far beyond my wildest expectations. I just hope I have left our world a little better and been a good example for those that follow."

He is survived by son Joseph "Jay" A. Campbell III, daughters Mary Beth Emmons, Claire (Dave) Seeger and Nancy (John) Conrecode; grandchildren Ashley and Brian Conrecode; and sisters Louise and Ruth. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Millie and sisters Mary and Clare.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, Ohio. A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of First Presbyterian Church of Maumee, 200 East Broadway Street, Maumee, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Maumee Rotary Club, Hospice Center of Northwest Ohio or The First Presbyterian Church of Maumee.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Beth --*

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I know you probably have a lot of great memories that will continue to bring a smile to your face when you think of your Dad.

With Sincere Sympathy - Susan##imported-begin##Susan Nyland##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Beth and Family,*

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time. Laura Wade##imported-begin##Laura Wade##imported-end##

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“ *Mary Beth & Family,*

What a wonderful man your father was. Even though I did not personally know Joe, from reading the amazing things his children wrote about him, I am sure that he did leave our world a better place! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Lori Roberts (Mary Beth's friend) lori.roberts@irs.gov##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy is extended to the entire Campbell family. We will long remember our neighborhood ties and our Church relationships. May God bless and keep you all.##imported-begin##John & Martha Ingersoll jtingersoll@msn.com##imported-end##

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“ We will miss Joe and his amazing smile and kind words. Our Sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##John and Barbara Pike##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Beth and Family,
We received your note yesterday, and are so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. Even though death may be expected it certainly is not welcome. We will miss stopping in Toledo on our trips to Chicago. Your Dad was a great guy and good friend. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Marge and George Vurdelja##imported-begin##George and Marge Vurdelja##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathies to your family on your loss. We are thinking of you and praying for you during this time.

Judy Manhan, John and Maggie Blair##imported-begin##John Blair##imported-end##

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“ We would like to offer our condolences to all of your family in the loss of Mr. Campbell. We had the pleasure of meeting him in early May when we were having dinner with a friend who is a resident of Swan Creek Assisted Living. He was alone and there was an empty chair at our table so they asked if he could join us. We are so happy that he did. We very much enjoyed sharing our dinner together and having the chance to meet a very kind man. We wish that our pathes would have crossed again but since they did not we are grateful for the opportunity that we did have. God bless you during this most difficult time. We are sure he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Rich & Rita Henzler##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Joe Campbell I would like to convey my most heart felt condolence for the passing of your beloved Joe (Father & Grand Father). I knew Joe thru Rotary for the past 5 years and must tell you how much I and all of our fellow Rotarians thought of Joe. He was a wonderful, giving, gentle and greasous man, he will be missed and remembered fondly for years to come. I'm sorry I couldn't be there to share this with you since I'm unable to make it to today's visitation, and Monday's services. May God Bless you all, and know that your Father is now reunited with your Mother where they can spend the rest of eternity happily together. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers to try in help you get over the sorrow of your great loss.

Sincerely, Bob Navarro##imported-begin##Bob Navarro bobnavarro@att.net##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Joe in Virginia last year. His obit denotes a full life. My sincere condolence to MaryBeth and her family as they grieve over their loss.##imported-begin##Don Budowsky dbudowsky@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ I love all you guys and I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinkg od you all today at 2:00 pm.##imported-begin##Jerri Neelley jerrinity@netzero.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Marybeth, Joe, Nancy, and Claire,

I just wanted to let you all know how very sorry we (Paul, the boys, and I) to learn of your Dad's passing. One of the reasons we chose Joseph for our Kyle's middle name was in honor of your Dad and Paul's Uncle Joe as well who had already passed when Kyle was born.

One of the many things I will always remember about your Dad was his wonderful, distinctive laugh and the twinkle in his eyes when he was pulling your leg. And I will always be thankful that he always was a source of strength and comfort for his sisters, my Mom was very lucky to have him as a brother and friend.

I ran across the poem below recently, and I immediately thought of your Dad who lived his life to the fullest despite his valiant battle against his cancer and thought I would share it with you to honor his memory:

What Cancer Cannot Do

It cannot cripple Love, It cannot shatter Hope, It cannot corrode Faith, It cannot destroy Peace, It cannot kill Friendship, It cannot suppress Memories, It cannot silence Courage, It cannot invade the Soul, It cannot steal eternal Life, It cannot conquer the Spirit.

Your Dad will indeed be forever in our hearts. Please know we send each of you love, hugs, and prayers during this very difficult time.

Karen and Paul##imported-begin##Karen & Paul McFarlane km63k@nih.gov##imported-end##

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“ Dear Dad: we gave you a great send-off...lots of family and friends there to honor you. Say hi to Mom.
love mb###imported-begin##MaryBeth Emmons mary.b.emmons@irs.gov###imported-end##

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“ My wife, Karen is just one of Uncle Joe's wonderful nieces. He as a Great Uncle to our two sons, Ryan and Kyle, great in many ways. We will miss this gentle, giving man who did leave this world a better place for his having been a living example of a true gentleman. God will rest his good soul and Great Aunt Millie's as well. Love Always, Paul, Karen, Ryan & Kyle McFarlane (Olney, MD)###imported-begin##Paul McFarlane mcfar4pkrk@verizon.net###imported-end##

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