



James William Campbell Sr.

June 17, 1954 - February 14, 2025

James William Campbell Sr., age 70, of Pickford, Michigan, passed away at his home on February 14, 2025. He was born on June 17, 1954, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to James “Herman” and Euline (Stirling) Campbell.

Jim grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School with the Class of 1972. After graduation he attended Michigan State University where he earned a degree in Agriculture Science in 1974. He met Lori Kay Jenks, from Sault Ste. Marie, while attending a relative’s wedding, Jim and Lori were married on February 18, 1978, at the First Baptist Church in Sault Ste Marie. Jim spent his whole life working on his 7-generation family farm East of Pickford. He also worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections for twenty-seven years before retiring in 2013.

Jim was a member of the Rosedale Community Church, a member of the Farm Bureau, was the Dairy Superintendent for the Chippewa County Fair, and he was a volunteer coach for Pickford Panther football. Formerly, Jim had also been a 4-H livestock leader and a volunteer for the Pickford Ambulance Corp.

Jim enjoyed fishing, especially with his family and friends at their annual fishing trip to Canada. He loved camping with his family, both at the U.P. State Fair and at Tahquamenon Falls. Jim enjoyed reading books and watching

sports on television, always rooting for the Minnesota Vikings, the Detroit Tigers, and the Michigan State Spartans. Jim was a fixture at any and every Pickford School sporting event. He coached flag-football for thirteen years, assisted Coach Rye with stats for his JV football teams, he volunteered at home track meets, sold 50/50 tickets at most of the sporting events for twenty-six years, and he always was there supporting and cheering-on whichever sport that his kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews were participating in. When it came to his grandkids, Jim was always ready to make a road trip to anywhere their travel or college teams were playing.

Jim is survived by his wife of forty-six years, Lori Campbell; children, Cheri (Ben) Bush of Sault Ste. Marie, James Campbell Jr., and Christina Campbell of Pickford; grandchildren, Matthew and Laura Bush; siblings, Janet Campbell, Jake (Jo Ellen) Campbell, both of Pickford, and Cindy (Lee) Wentzel of Portage, Michigan; sister-in-law, Cheri Shagena of Pickford; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews who will all miss him dearly.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Euline Campbell; sisters, Judy Campbell, Carolyn (Gary) Cottle, and Connie Leavitt; brothers, James "JL" Leavitt, and Cal (Fran) Leavitt; stepmothers, Helen Campbell and Irene Mitchell; brother-in-law, Dennis Jenks; and father and mother-in-law, Lyle and Vera Jenks.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 24549 S. M-129 Pickford, MI 49774. The Funeral Service will follow at 3:00 PM.

Memorials may be left in Jim's memory to Pickford School Athletics, 333 S. Pleasant St. Pickford, MI 49774.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jim’s passing. Always remember his kindness, humor and his love of family. Sending prayers of comfort and strength.

Julie Thom - March 02, 2025 at 05:41 PM

TC

“ The Cook children purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James William Campbell Sr..



The Cook children - February 21, 2025 at 12:51 PM

TC

“ The Cook children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James William Campbell Sr..

The Cook children - February 21, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing, he will be missed. Jim was a fantastic father, leader and teacher. He legacy lives on with his children and grandchildren.
Tami Kokko

Tami Kokko-Wojnaroski - February 20, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James William Campbell Sr..*



February 18, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *My condolences to the family and beyond. Jim has left an amazing heritage and legacy. What a deep loss*

With love- Patricia Newby

Patricia - February 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William Campbell Sr..*



February 17, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James William Campbell Sr..*

February 17, 2025 at 09:42 AM

GK

“ Our thoughts are with Jim's family. words can't express our sorrow for all
He always had kind words and his involvement with all he did will be missed!!

Gary Klop - February 17, 2025 at 07:49 AM

JE

This sudden loss really hits home with me & our family. Such a great man & loved by so many. When I was a really young boy we would have 4-H meetings at the Campbell's farm with Herman & Eileen. Jim & Jake taught us leathercraft. We always played kick the can, after lots of great food. They always treated us all like family. To this day I consider them all as family. They were precious days. I am honored that GOD put them all in my life while here on earth. Will miss you greatly brother, but take great solace knowing you knew & loved your Savior Jesus Christ. Heaven truly received another angel. Fly high until we meet again!

John Edington - February 17, 2025 at 11:49 AM

KC

*Jim was so very kind with his words. I am so sorry for your loss of such a man. 🙏
GOD is great*

Kathy Christensen - February 17, 2025 at 07:14 PM

SM

Lori, Cheri, Jim and Chrissy -- our deepest sympathy. Jim was a wonderful man and loved by many. We have many fond memories of Jim of camping at the fair. Jim was always helping with some sport -- he was always a great teacher and mentor for the kids. Fly high Jim.

Shaon, Kim, James, Paula & Mackenah - February 20, 2025 at 08:04 AM