



Neil Campbell

July 4, 1960 - November 9, 2021

Neil Harold Campbell, 61, passed away from COVID-19 complications on November 9, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Neil was born on July 4, 1960, in South Haven, Michigan to Glenn Harold and Priscilla Mary (Barnes) Campbell. He married the love of his life, Linda (Bateman) Campbell on October 11, 1986. He was a proud father of four children, Andrea Campbell, Annette (Devon) Hobbs, Neil William Campbell, and Melissa Campbell. These loving family members survive him as well as siblings Allen (Deborah) Campbell, Vern (Shelly) Campbell and Barbara (Steven) Slagel, grandson Henry Hobbs, and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Big Rapids High School in 1979, Neil completed a bachelor's degree in heavy equipment technology from Ferris State University. He retired from John Deere in 2020 after a successful career as a Performance & Efficiency Engineer. He was fluent in German and often traveled to Germany and several mid-western states in his service to the company.

His talents were many and his dedication to any endeavor resulted in exceptional results. He loved to renovate vehicles, miraculously restoring several piles of rust to pristine beauty. He loved music, especially making music with his family, and was accomplished on guitar, banjo, and trumpet.

There were no downtimes for Neil - every spare moment was filled with music making. He shared these gifts freely with his church and with his friends and neighbors. He was a gifted farmer raising crops of soybeans and wheat on their farm, Bean Blossom. He often observed with delight how the wheat looked like waves in the wind. Neil especially loved the family cottage in Brimley, MI on beautiful Lake Superior and enjoyed spending most of this past summer with his loved ones there.

Visiting hours are from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021, at the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie. The funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. followed by burial at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Light refreshments will be provided after the burial at First Congregational Church, 2984 M-221, Brimley, MI.

Contributions in memory of Neil can be made to Oelwein Evangelical Free Church, 225 20th St. SE, Oelwein, IA 50662.

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Dear Linda, Andrea, Annette, Neil W., Melissa and family: Our deepest sympathies. Sorry we were unable to be there. Our continued thoughts and prayers are with all of you! With Love, Ron, Pam, Matthew and Miriam

Ron and Pam Powell and family - November 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Vern and Barb, I'm so sorry to hear about Neil. I'll always remember him learning to play the banjo, and his ping pong games with Vern. He never did anything halfway. This is so hard for us to understand, but he's safe in God's loving arms!



Daniel Dellar - November 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ The Williams Family (Ruth, Amy Jo, Lisa, and Craig Whipple) was so sorry to hear about Neil's passing and thinking of his family at this time. My mother (Ruth Williams) remembers Neil from High School as a very kind and polite student. My memories of Neil were the marching band at Big Rapids High School and he use the march right behind me! However, we did chat on Facebook because we used John Deere equipment on our farm. We pray and send our condolences to all the Campbell family. God Bless all!

Bob Williams Family - November 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Our deepest sympathy on Neil's passing he will be sadly missed by us and also by Ray & Shirley who spent many holidays from Norwich with Linda & Neil. We only met Neil once on a visit to Norwich but we had lots of contact with him on Facebook..



Peter & Jean Philp - November 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Praying for you all
With much love ,
Your cousin, Keith



Keith Bateman - November 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Sending love and prayers to the entire Campbell family. Neil was very gifted and talented with his music. We have enjoyed watching his YouTube videos along with his daughter Melissa at his side. A wonderful family man, husband, father, and brother. I only wished that we could of had more time to go camping together to listen to that music around the campfire. God only takes the best and heaven received an Angel this week. Until we meet again my dear cousin Rest In Peace.



Robert and Kathy Beck - November 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ so very sorry. I've never met a more kinder man. Bless your family during this time of sorrow
Ellen Watson and Craig Simpson



Ellen kay Watson - November 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Neil's passing. Our prayers were and are still with you all. We know how difficult and saddened this must be and we wish we could give some comfort to ease this pain but just know we really care and feel your loss of your husband and father and it's with much love and sincerity we pray for God's comfort and peace to be with you all! With our continue love and hugs for you all from us. God's blessings on you all!



Steve & Yvonne Vansledright - November 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM