



## Mr William Campbell

January 14, 1924 - April 1, 2021

William B. (Bill) Campbell, 97, a longtime resident of Orange Beach and Fairhope, died Thursday, April 1, 2021 in Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Bill was born in Natchez, Ms. After graduating high school, he worked as a machinist in the Mobile shipyards. In 1943, he joined the Army Air Force, where he completed training to become a B-24 pilot. During a brief stay in a military hospital in New Orleans, he received particularly attentive care from a registered nurse by the name of Vergie "Sandy" Sanderson. They began their 71 year marriage in 1946.

Upon completion of his military service, he received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Mississippi State and his Master's degree from Georgia Tech in 1951. The family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where Bill worked at General Electric's Aircraft Engine division, helping to push the limits of jet engine design to power military fighter planes as well as the C-5 Military Transport.

After his early retirement from GE due to medical issues, the family moved to their longtime vacation home in Orange Beach in 1974, operating rental cottages on the grounds of the old Orange Beach Hotel, currently the site of the Coastal Arts Center and Waterfront Park. In 2000, Bill and Sandy, moved to Fairhope where they resided for 15 years before moving to Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Survivors include sons, David Campbell of Springboro, Oh., Donald Campbell of Marietta, Ga., Greg Campbell of Magnolia Springs, Al., and Mark Campbell

of Richmond Hill, Ga., Erick Myers of Brussels Belgium, twelve grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandy, and oldest son, Bill Campbell Junior.

Services will be Saturday, April 17 with visitation at 9 am, Chapel Service at 10 am, followed by a graveside service. Arrangements are being handled by Pine Rest Funeral Home in Foley, Al.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home  
16541 U.S. 98  
Post Office Box 328  
Foley, AL 36535  
(251) 943-5667  
info@pinerestfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.pinerestfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr William Campbell*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mr William Campbell*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



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**Mark Campbell** - April 27, 2021 at 10:01 AM

“ Today we mourn the passing of William Bowles Campbell, Bill to his friends, a man from humble beginnings who embodied the proud spirit of hard work and determination to succeed.

*As a young man, he, like so many others of this Greatest generation, left the comforts of home, to serve honorably in the US Army Air Corps in the Second World War. While his term of service began too late to be deployed overseas, he trained as a pilot flying B-24s, ready to answer the call of duty.*

*After leaving the military at the end of the war, my father brought these same values and determination into focus to study as a mechanical engineer and to work in the defense industry during the dark days of the Cold War.*

*He was an innovative engineer and was admired and respected by his fellow engineers and those around him. He loved airplanes and was still flying a small plane into his 80's. He loved cars and boats and liked to work on them. He was a do-it-yourselfer. He also enjoyed sitting in his Adirondack chair and looking out over Wolf Bay in the afternoon. He was a deacon of his church for years and strongly believed in God.*

*He faced health challenges which cut his career short, but with his grit and determination and the constant and loving care from my mother Sandy, he managed to live to the ripe old age of 97!*

*My Dad had an easy smile (sometimes) and a sense of humor (sometimes). When I told him about one of my daughter's stubbornness, he explained: "She simply has the courage of her convictions" and laughed. It's safe to say he was also extremely courageous about his own convictions.*

*In closing, my Dad was a thoughtful, serious and generous man who taught by example. He was a good provider. He went his own way in life and tried to help where he could. In the end, these simple*

*lessons have been examples to help me navigate through my life.*

*For our family, Bill's passing is an end of the era of the Greatest Generation. For so long, we have had the benefits of their wisdom, courage, and level-headedness. My father was the last of his generation on both sides to pass. The torch has been passed to us now and life goes on, and while we grieve for his loss, we celebrate the positive impact his life has had on our family and the people who knew him. He will be missed.*

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**David Campbell** - April 20, 2021 at 05:06 PM

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“ *Although I did not meet Dad until I was an adult, I had great respect for what he had accomplished in life. I admired him for his intelligence, work ethic, curiosity about everything, and his sense of humor. My children and their children felt a connection to Grandpa Bill that remains important to them. Having met him contributed to their understanding of who they are, where they came from and their larger heritage from generations before them. Thank you, Dad, for what you taught us over the years.*

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**Erick Myers** - April 17, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JF

“ *I would like to express my sincerest condolences to Dave, Donald, Greg, & Mark on the loss of their loving father. I am truly honored to have been able to say I knew this man & what a privilege it has been over the years! Unfortunately, I am unable to attend his "homegoing" due to Covid-19 & it truly breaks my heart. I am lifting you all up in prayer....may God continue to bless you, comfort you, strengthen you, & bring you peace in the long days ahead. Much love to all the family, relatives, & friends. He will be missed.....*

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**Jeff Fidler** - April 17, 2021 at 04:18 AM

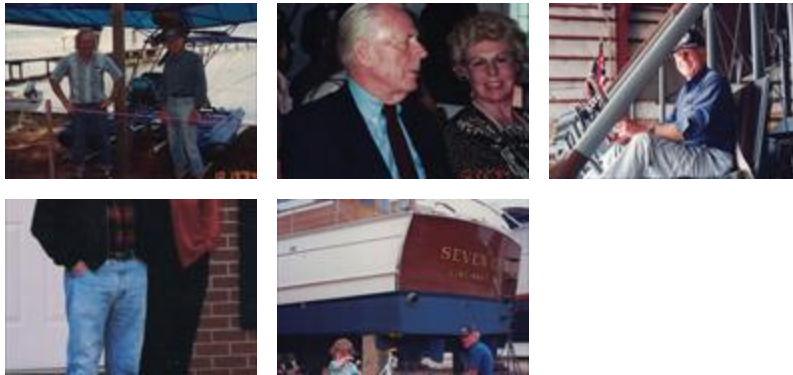
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“ *Mr. Campbell always treated me with great respect & was always cordial & interested in my life & life events. I have the utmost respect for him. He was a highly intelligent individual & could analyze, break down, & repair anything he set his mind to do. His son, Greg, and I, have an enduring friendship that has lasted for many years & will until I die. May you rest in peace, sir. I know you are with your loving wife once again & you're talking about flying with you oldest son, Bill. I have been honored to know you, sir, & you have enriched my life!!*

Jeff Fidler - April 17, 2021 at 03:58 AM

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Mark Campbell - April 16, 2021 at 10:26 AM

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“ Bill was a great guy. I miss him. We had mutual interest, Both of us owned a classic wooden Chris Craft cruiser. I have fond memories of visiting his place in Orange Beach. I remember him having the ultra-lite on floats there on the beach. I enjoyed visiting his hangar at Collier and conversing about aviation and also his interest in antique hit and miss engines. He was a great role model and I'm sure he had a positive effect on many people during his lifetime. I will be out of town this weekend and unable to attend his service. My prayer will be a thanks that I was privileged to know Bill Campbell.  
Bob Irwin

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**Bob Irwin** - April 16, 2021 at 08:47 AM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 16, 2021 at 08:40 AM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 15, 2021 at 03:59 PM

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Mark Campbell - April 15, 2021 at 11:01 AM

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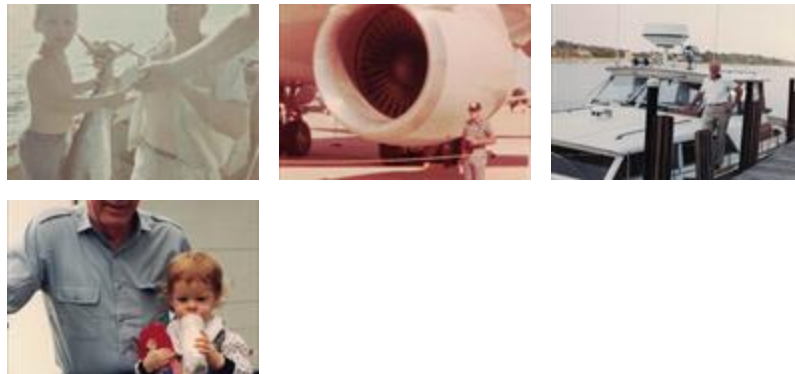
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Mark Campbell - April 14, 2021 at 03:19 PM

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Mark Campbell - April 14, 2021 at 01:06 PM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 13, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr William Campbell.



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April 12, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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**David Campbell** - April 11, 2021 at 11:32 AM

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David Campbell - April 11, 2021 at 12:16 AM

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David Campbell - April 11, 2021 at 12:14 AM

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David Campbell - April 11, 2021 at 12:12 AM

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David Campbell - April 10, 2021 at 11:55 PM

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David Campbell - April 10, 2021 at 11:48 PM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 10, 2021 at 03:13 PM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 09, 2021 at 01:59 PM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 09, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 08, 2021 at 01:57 PM

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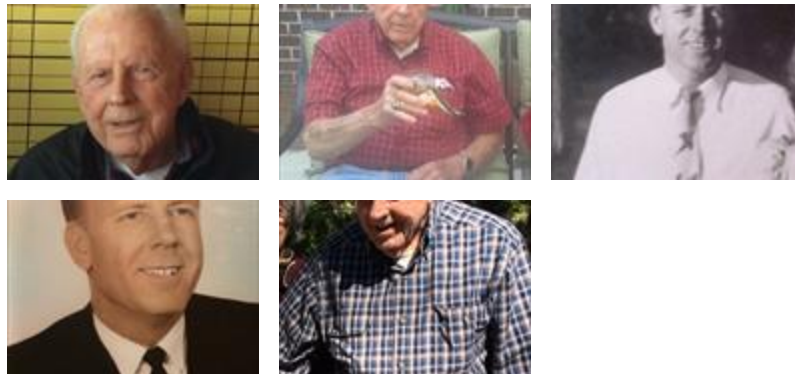


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**Mark Campbell** - April 08, 2021 at 08:57 AM

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**Mark Campbell** - April 07, 2021 at 05:10 PM

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“ *Mark Campbell purchased the Distinguished Service Casket Spray for the family of Mr William Campbell.*



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**Mark Campbell** - April 07, 2021 at 04:54 PM