



Robert F. "Bobby" Campbell

December 11, 1940 - February 9, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Robert F. "Bobby" Campbell

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CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Robert F. "Bobby" Campbell, 83 years old, passed away peacefully at his residence in Carbondale, IL. on February 9, 2024. He was born December 11, 1940 to Heddy (Shroyer) Campbell and Harold Campbell in Washington, D.C.

Bobby was raised in Champaign, IL. He attended schools there and graduated from Champaign High School in 1958. He then enrolled in Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and earned his B.A. in Liberal Arts.

After graduation, he began work in sales for IBM. He received many awards based on his knowledge, his reliability, and his legendary energy. Bobby continued to work in computer sales his entire life. He retired to Carbondale in 2002.

Bobby's time in Carbondale gave him a great love for SIU. Throughout his life

he attended every possible athletic event with his alumni friends. He wanted to be involved in everything "Saluki".

Bobby loved the SIU "Education in Retirement" programs. He was also dedicated to The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute for educational speakers, encouragement of open dialogue and a free press.

The highlight of Bobby's year was always the Memorial Day Weekend Pig Roast. In 1963, Bobby helped organize the first annual Memorial Day Pig Roast, with pals from a small underground spot known as "The Rat Hole". His alumni friends would trek from across the country just to get together and celebrate the "Memorial Day Weekend Rat Hole Pig Roast".

Bobby's favorite event was always the Saturday night "Best Joke of the Year Contest". As time went on the crowd thinned out, the location changed to a more "accessible" spot, and the "Rat Hole Pig Roast" became a one afternoon event. Bobby attended every year including the 60th anniversary party in 2023.

This year will be a reunion as always, with a remembrance for all those who have slipped away, this year for the first time including Bobby.

Bobby also loved his St. Louis Cardinals, thoroughbred horseracing, golf, tournament poker, and being home with his dog, Maxine. He enjoyed life and every one of his deep, long-lasting friendships.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Heddy & Harold Campbell, as well as mentor & friend Ms. Carrie Baines.

Bobby will be deeply missed by his beautiful little sister and her husband, Patricia & Tony Furio, their two children, and three grandchildren. Friends

across the country and Paul Satko will surely miss Bobby as well.

Seven years ago, Bobby was diagnosed with Parkinson's. He fought against it with all he had. In his Rock Steady Boxing Classes, Misty Wright cheered Bobby on when he needed it the most. He would love Rock Steady to receive his remembrances:

Checks to: SIU- C

Memo line: "Rock Steady Boxing"

Mail To: SIU Rec Center

Jamie Schrader

300 E. Grand MC 6727

Carbondale IL 62901

He would also love Hospice to receive remembrances if preferred:

Hospice of Southern IL.

204 Halfway Rd.

Marion, IL. 62959

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Our Rock Steady Boxing family, a fitness and exercise class for individuals living with Parkinson's Disease, was so very blessed to have Bobby-C as part of our family. He was our third class member, way back in 2018, and never missed a class unless he had appointments or was traveling. We all loved how he would jog pretty fast when we did our cardio segment. And we always laughed so hard as we did our sit-to-stands (an exercise where we have fighters get up and down from a chair with good form and posture). I ALWAYS used, as our example, Bobby-C getting in and out of his chair at Midland! He was a great boxer and had some powerful punches. We will miss Bobby-C so very much.

Misty Wright - February 20, 2024 at 03:04 PM

BL

“ I have known Bobby since he first came to SIU and went to work for my dad at Golde's. Many times my dad would tell me to “go to the Rat Hole and get Bobby and tell him to get back to work!” My parents became like surrogate parents to Bob, and he visited with them every time he came back “home” to Carbondale. I saw him frequently through the years, especially at the golf course and at Saluki events. I will miss him dearly, but will cherish the many fond memories we shared.

Barbara Levine - February 20, 2024 at 12:12 PM

LA

“Bobbie and I were close friends at Champaign H. S. (have a picture of our church Confirmation class.....but none of our very active “social” lives 😊) Although we lost that due to different colleges, then careers, etc. Always looked forward to being with him at our many high school reunions over the years. Very interesting to read all the positive comments in these postings by those with him more recently. A real tribute to Bobbie that he has not change in the 60 years since our H. S. days. He will obviously be missed by many of us!!!

Larry Austermiller - February 17, 2024 at 10:49 PM

MS

“Had the privilege to know Bobby since Rat Hole days. He was a class act and gentleman through and through. Also had the privilege of working with Bobby at two computer companies, IBM and Prime Computer, where he was well respected, a significant contributor, and once again, a class act. Enjoyed horse racing at Hialeah, where he fit right in with his checkered sport coat and brimmed fedora hat. Had the unfortunate result of playing golf with Bobby -- I never won a dime from him. I will miss him. RIP Bobby.

Mark Satterlee - February 17, 2024 at 11:42 AM

WM

“Bobby was such a kind and caring person ..Such a privilege to have him in your life ..Whenever you crossed paths with Bobby you ALWAYS walked away Feeling better !May GOD give comfort to the Family..

william p Mc Minn - February 17, 2024 at 08:09 AM

EE

I new Bobby from the old Carries Place in Murpysboro what a class act great guy RIP

Ed "Fast Eddie" - January 08 at 07:47 PM