



Daniel Robert Campbell

December 10, 1943 - January 30, 2021

Daniel Robert Campbell, PhD, scholar, Eagle Scout, historian, of Okemos, died January 30, 2021. Dan, 77, was born on December 10, 1943 in Battle Creek, Michigan, to George Edson and Beatrice Elizabeth (Struble) Campbell. Dan was an avid student of many topics. He had a passion for words and how they fit together, fashioning tales and sharing history. Growing up on Pine Lake he enjoyed searching for arrowheads, fishing, water-skiing, boating and swimming. Dan was active in the scouting program and earned his own Eagle Scout Award as well as helping other scouts achieve theirs. Dan enjoyed being part of the theater group in Olivet. He graduated as valedictorian of his 1962 class in Olivet, earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature from U of M, M.A. in History from the University of South Florida, PhD in History from MSU. He had several occupations through the years including Emergency Room staff, and he owned an antique shop in Beverly, Massachusetts. He authored and published two books and assisted with his mother's genealogy book about her family. He would have loved to had a best-seller in his biography. Most currently he would be remembered as Adjunct Professor of Writing and History at Lansing Community College. He enjoyed research projects and then writing about them, Michigan Indian Folklore, genealogy (especially Campbell and Struble lineage), and astronomy. One of his proudest moments was winning a creative writing contest for a short story. He won enough money to purchase his first car.

Dan is survived by his brothers, David Campbell, Gerry (Shirley) Campbell, and Brian (Sharon) Campbell; sister-in-law, Wilma Campbell; many nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews and many cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, and brother, Norman Campbell.

There will be a private graveside service with a memorial gathering in the spring to be determined. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dan on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Olivet Cemetery

Olivet, MI 49076

Tribute Wall

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“ 4 files added to the album Dan through the years and some artwork he painted



Lori Baum - March 25, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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“ Dave, Gerry, Brian: Sorry to hear about Danny. I remember him when he was young & we were neighbors to your family for several years (back on Yale St. & Spruce St. In fact, Danny & i got into trouble one time when we smeared butter into the clean milk bottles. Bea gave us both lectures & told me if I ever did anything like that again, I could not come back to their home again. I lost track of him after the family moved to a different home. I did stay in touch with you three older brothers as we were all in the same age group. My thoughts about Danny is that he was a genius (or near genius) and I'm sure he will be greatly missed by family, friends & co-workers. May your forever memories help in this difficult time in life. May God bless & comfort you.

*With love & friendship to my "other/extra brothers",
Shirley (Stansbury, Link) Weers*

Shirley Weers - February 12, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace, Dan. I have many treasured memories of our nearly life-long friendship and it with sadness that I say "Good bye" to you. I admired and appreciated your many accomplishments and your generosity to me over the years.*

Sincerely, "Sis" Leila Whiting

Leila L Whiting - February 03, 2021 at 12:30 PM