



Lieutenant General William J. Campbell (Ret)

May 11, 1931 - February 2, 2017

Lieutenant General William J. Campbell (Ret) of Sarasota, Florida passed away February 2, 2017. He was born May 11, 1931 in Chicago to William and Rosemary Campbell. He graduated from West Point in 1953, joined the US Air Force and went to Pilot Training in Arizona. He flew combat missions in the SR-71 and F-4 fighters during the Vietnam War. General Campbell served in top leadership positions in The Strategic Air Command, Fighter Wings in Europe, the Pentagon, and was Commander of Eighth Air Force. He retired in 1985 as Vice-Commander of the Strategic Air Command.

He is survived by his wife Peggy formerly of North Carolina. He has three Children, Dr. William Campbell from Colorado, Bruce Campbell from Minnesota and Kathy Lewis from North Carolina. He has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A full Military Honors Funeral will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72 (Clark Road) for friends and family at 2:00 o'clock on Monday the 13th of February.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to Disabled Veterans of America and Tidewell Hospice 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, Florida 34234.

Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Sarasota, Florida in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Of all pilots in the SR-71 program, Bill was the best " Stick" (pilot). I cherish our conversations about the SR maintenance issues. His memory is etched in many hearts.



Dave Fruehauf - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Peggy, Sarah and I enjoyed our time with you and Bill at Westridge and Mountain Falls. We especially enjoyed the presentation he did at Mountain Falls. He will surely be missed. Hugs, Tony & Sarah.

Tony McCarson - March 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Sarah and I both feel cheated that we only knew Bill for a few years. He and Peggy brought many memories to the RV community that they loved so much. Bill was a fun and caring person, and will be missed! Love you Peggy, and will see you soon. Bill and Sarah

Bill Sarah Price - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Rest In Peace
Merlyn Campbell Family. Thomas, David,
Rodney, Gregory, Michael and Jim



Thomas Campbell - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Privileged to have called you our dear friend. We will remember you always, Joe and Ceil Dutton.* ”

February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the privilege of crewing with Bill for four years flying the SR-71. A true professional and the finest pilot I've ever known. Those times will always be remembered.* ”

Al Pennington - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ron Hertenstein lit a candle in memory of Lieutenant General William J. Campbell (Ret)* ”



Ron Hertenstein - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Horne family* ”



February 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *In memory of one more original Habu pilot. Fly high, Blackbird- fly high!*

You served your country well. You have finished your race, your reward is in heaven. Rest In Peace.

Shari (Storrie) Anders



Shari Anders - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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Shari (Storrie) Anders

Shari Anders - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *I was fortunate enough to have spoken with Gen. Campbell several times, and will never forget the stories he shared with me. He was truly one of a kind, a rare individual from a class of rare individuals.*

David Allison - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *There is a giant hole in both your family and the Air Force. God gave us memories that we might relive the wonderful times we enjoyed with Bill.*



Patrick Halloran - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM