



Michael Campbell

July 11, 1953 - August 28, 2018

Michael was born on July 11, 1953, in Paducah, KY, to Raymond L. Campbell and Willa Spain Campbell. His early life took him from Kentucky to Louisiana to Cleveland, Ohio, to Litchfield, IL. After completing high school in Litchfield, he attended Georgia Institute of Technology. He graduated in 1976 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He worked as an engineer in Lake Jackson, TX, for the next six years for Dow Chemical. Despite making some lifelong friends in Texas, he decided to take his life in a different direction.

Michael left Texas for Florida. He began work as a financial advisor in 1983, and from 1989 on he was with Smith Barney, later Morgan Stanley. More importantly, he found his home in Sarasota. Michael found the love of his life, Ginny, in 1993. They were married in 1997 and enjoyed travel, family and nature together. The Rocky Mountains awed and inspired them, and they made annual trips to Jenny Lake Lodge and Gardiner, MT. Yellowstone Park became their special place. Michael and Ginny were involved with extending educational opportunities to park visitors, furthering preservation and continuing education about America's first national park through the Yellowstone Association, now Yellowstone Forever.

Michael is survived by his wife, Virginia Campbell, and his sister, Marilyn Campbell. Michael's relationship with Ginny's children, Robert and Patricia, was strong, and he enjoyed a special love of being "Pappy" to the grandchildren, Hannah Campbell Nodar, Emma Jane Nodar, and Joseph Emanuel Nodar.

An open house of remembrance will be held at Knick's Tavern, 1818 S Osprey Avenue in Sarasota from noon to 3pm on October 6.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Yellowstone Forever.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lonnie Bathurst lit a candle in memory of Michael Campbell*



Lonnie Bathurst - October 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Michael was a special man and touched so many lives. I am so very sorry, Ginny. My sympathies and love to you and your family.*

Julianne Baker - September 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Michael, It was an honor to be your friend. I miss you. Ginny, I will always be here if you need me*

Daria Mohr - September 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM