



Melvin Roy Campbell

August 6, 1930 - September 8, 2020

Melvin Roy Campbell, age 90, of Albia, passed away on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Melvin was born on August 6, 1930, to Armund A. and Emma (Wells) Campbell in Lake City, Iowa. Melvin grew up and attended school in Lake City before attending Iowa State University where he obtained his degree in Agriculture. On June 15, 1952, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Irene Beem in Holly Springs, Iowa. They shared 68 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Melvin was a gallant soldier in the Korean War where he served as an instructor at the base on Eta Jima, Japan for two years. After returning from the war, he began to work his lifelong passion, farming. He farmed in the Lake City area for 35 years before moving to Albia in 1986.

Melvin was innovative and inventive and known for his unique problem solving skills. He could fix anything and saved his family and friends many repair bills. He delighted in serving his fellow man and often would meet others' needs before his own.

At family dinners and church suppers, Melvin would come into the kitchen to help and hang out with the ladies. He knew where the fun was. He loved any chance to celebrate and gather for a good time. His gardening skills were extensive and his harvests huge. Gathering dishpans full of wild asparagus from road ditches was a special treat that he graced the family table with each spring and filled their freezers for the coming winter.

Melvin had his favorite television preachers but loved attending worship in person on Sundays. Singing the hymns of faith were a special part of his worship experience. We know he is enjoying the choirs of heaven. Any song sung by George Beverly Shea was his favorite and he would sing along with gusto. He taught Adult Sunday School and led the Deacons in more than one congregation over the years. His children thank him for taking them to church where they all met Jesus as Savior at an early age. His loved ones will

miss his joking and orneriness. His excitement and zest for life made him fun to be around. He loved his wife of 68 years, his kids and grandkids. Life was good for Melvin, but his family is sure Heaven is even sweeter. See you soon, Daddy.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Evelyn Campbell; a daughter, Carol (Larry) May and their children, Victoria (Gregory) Thorne and Michelle (Matthew) Rabinowitz; a son, Russel (Stephanie) Campbell and their children, Brent (Jaclyn) Campbell and Corinne (Matthias) Niska; a daughter, Jeanne (Steve) Crall and their children, Audreanna Lambert, Brittney Crall and Katelyn Crall; 10 great grandchildren; and a twin sister, Mary Lou Morrison.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Armund and Emma Campbell; and 2 brothers, Robert and Walter Campbell.

Per Melvin's wishes, his body has been cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date as well as a private family burial at the Fayetteville National Cemetery in Fayetteville, AR.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 S Government Ave
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Tribute Wall

KG

“ I am so sorry that we waited this long to touch base. Gary just told me who the gentleman was that he worked with at the Beem farm for two summers. He said that he really enjoyed working with him and was amazed with all of his knowledge and ability to do so many things. My sister Marcia has talked about seeing Evelyn in Lake City numerous times but at that time I didn't realize that Mel was the man that had worked with Gary. Sending condolences to all of his family, particularly his wife Evelyn since she would remember who we are. Sincerely, Kay and Gary Gesaman

Kay and Gary Gesaman - March 04, 2021 at 06:30 PM

HB

“ I miss my grandpa so much. every little memory i had made with you meant so much to me. i hope you having a great time up there. i miss you everyday and i still think about you i love you 😞

hannah berends - December 16, 2020 at 05:14 PM

JR

“ I know Melvin and his family I help them move there stuff from house to house. Melvin and his wife had many friends Melvin and Malcolm house would go for coffee at harddes everyday except on Sundays Melvin was a very hard working man I know him as a great friend if he need help he know how to call he loved his family and he had great advice and knowledge of the progets

Jeremy Jearl Rowe - December 08, 2020 at 08:29 PM

RC

“ My Dad was the smartest person I ever knew. He could do anything he "put his mind to" and fix anything...mechanical or electrical. He knew everything or knew who to go to if he didn't. As a "Depression Baby" he grew up knowing that everything had value and was useful. That was a curse and a blessing and I still wrestle with today.

Russel Campbell

Russel R Campbell - September 17, 2020 at 05:41 PM

RC

“ I have fond memories of Melvin. When we bought a house in Lake City, he rewired it. He was talented and skilled in many ways. I also remember the great sweet corn he grew every summer. My thoughts and prayers to his family. Rick Callis

Richard Callis - September 17, 2020 at 11:15 AM

LA

“ I have lots of memories of Mel and the family, from taking piano lessons from Evie, staying overnight with Carol, and Mel always baling hay and helping Dad out with farming. He was a fun person and cheerful. I'm so sorry for your family's loss and am glad that you had Mel for 90 years.



Linda Deuel Ames - September 15, 2020 at 01:11 AM

VR

“ I met Mr. Campbell at his granddaughter's wedding. He was such a fun person; as well as warm and caring. It was a privilege to get to meet this lovely man. He was interested in others and made everyone around him feel comfortable and happy to be there. A real gentleman. My condolences to the family.

Vicki R., Fort Worth, Texas

Vicki Revercomb - September 14, 2020 at 05:46 PM