



Russell "Jack" Campbell

May 28, 1927 - November 19, 2020

Russell "Jack" Campbell, 93, of Kingsford, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at Dickinson County Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Jack was born on May 28, 1927 in Marquette, Michigan, the son of the late Russell and Catherine (Wollner) Campbell. Jack grew up in the Marquette area and was a 1945 graduate of Bishop Baraga High School in Marquette, MI. He was called into service with the United States Navy before he could attend his graduation ceremony and served aboard the USS Rendova until his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1946. Following his military discharge, Jack enrolled into Northern Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. He later earned his Master's degree in education. His teaching career included schools in Hermansville, Stephenson and Norway, Michigan. He retired from the Niagara Public School System after thirty nine years in 1988. Jack was a resident of this area for most of his life and married Mary Ann Arduin on December 27, 1950 in Hermansville, MI. Together they raised four children. In retirement the couple spent 27 winters in Austin, Texas where they made numerous long lasting friendships.

The church was a very important part of Jack's entire life. He was instrumental in the development of the Holy Spirit Catholic School in Norway MI. Jack was a very active member of American Martyrs Church and served in many capacities there. He was also an active volunteer at the Oscar G. Johnson VA

Medical Center in Iron Mountain. His volunteerism at the VA spanned thirty one years and had accumulated 6034 volunteer hours.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by an infant son, Bruce Russell and his sister, Barbara Campbell.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost seventy years, Mary Ann; children, Steve (Elizabeth "Dea") Campbell of Vulcan, Mary (John) Fox of Aurora, WI, Mark (Katie) Campbell of New Franken, WI and Ann (Andrew) Douglas of Round Lake Beach, IL; grandchildren, James (Michele) Campbell, Patrick (Allison) Campbell, Paul (Pangkong) Fox, John (Sara Knutson) Fox, Ben (Jackie Johnson) Campbell, Eva (Kameron) Cerroni, Clair Campbell, Keith Campbell, Brian (Caitlyn) Campbell, Matt (Amanda Wilkins) Douglas and Jessie (Ben Thackston) Douglas; great grandchildren, Fischer, Sawyer and Harper Campbell, Gabriel and Alex Fox, Jack Fox, Evette and Joelle Campbell and Sasha Cerroni; two brothers, Robert Campbell of L'Anse, MI and Raymond (Elizabeth) Campbell of Maricopa, AZ; several nieces, nephews and a very special friend, Bishop Daniel Garcia of Monterey, CA.

Private services are being held. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Norway Twp. Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jack's memory to the school of the donor's choice.

Condolences to the family of Russell "Jack" Campbell may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Mr. Campbell was my 5th grade teacher. He had such a presence when he'd walk into a room or stand in the hallway after recesses. He was a great teacher who provided structure and discipline. He taught me so much. I have thought about him from time to time. Appears he has lived a long meaningful life with a wonderful, loving family. Sorry to hear about his passing. - Merijo Turrie Schornstein*

Merijo Turrie Scornstein - October 21, 2021 at 09:25 AM

TG

“ *Julie and I just got off the phone with Mary Ann and she told us about Jack passing. We are so sad to learn of this yet we are so filled with good memories of both. We are truly blessed to have had them in our lives down here in Texas. To Mary Ann and the family please know of our deep sympathies for your loss. Heaven gained a happy loving soul to look down upon us all. The smiles we remember will be cherished. The memories of our visit a few years back are some of the best we have of our travels that summer. We will miss the countless inserts we always received when he sent a greeting card. Loved his sense of humor! We will keep you in our prayers Mary Ann! God bless Jack.*



Tom Graf - December 29, 2020 at 06:42 PM

KR

“ Jack was a lifelong friend of the Kleimola family from Hermansville. Jack and Marie Kleimola taught with Jack when he began his teaching career in the big square wooden school in Hermansville in the early 1950's. Their daughter Ann was a pupil in Jack's 4th grade and daughter Kathy was 2 grades behind. After 70 years of friendship, Jack remained one of the finest men we ever knew. The world is a much better place for the example he set and his teaching, which touched so many lives. Whenever we may get discouraged with humanity, we can think of Jack as our inspiration for what a man of faith, humility, humor and kindness can be. Jack always ended his letters to us “with respect.” In return he has our respect for a life well lived with faith and conviction.

Ann Kleimola and Kathy (Kleimola) Rockey

Kathryn Rockey - December 29, 2020 at 02:54 PM

PY

“ Jack was one of the finest men I ever knew. He and my mother taught together at Hermansville and Niagara grade schools. They commuted together from their homes in Vulcan and Norway. Jack sang at my mother's funeral. He was my sixth grade teacher in Norway. He was always helping and listening. He made all people, his students and his friends, feel special.

peter yonts - November 25, 2020 at 10:44 PM

MG

“ I remember Mr. Campbell as a wonderful volunteer at the VA; always so professional.

Mary Gagala - November 25, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ *Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of Russell "Jack" Campbell.*



November 24, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *MaryAnn and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Jack. Such a wonderful and kind man. We were lucky enough to live across the street you. Such wonderful neighbors and they were so good to our children Jeff and Jodi. They always had birthday cards for the kids and they would always put a \$2.00 dollar bill in them. When I told the kids that Mr. Campbell had passed away they both said they still have all the \$2.00 bills yet. They said to pass on their sympathy to you also. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Butch and Kathy*

Kathy Dabb - November 24, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *An awesome man has gone to meet our Lord so we must be happy for him even in our sadness. He was our homeroom teacher in Jr. High at Norway and we will never forget him. He was strict yet very compassionate. We're sorry we didn't get to visit him recently due to the COVID Pandemic. Our deepest sympathy to Mary Ann, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

Len and Arlene Trudeau

Leonard A Trudeau - November 24, 2020 at 09:37 AM

JS

“ *Maryann and family*

It was with sadness that I read about Jack's passing. He always held a special place in my heart.

As a 10 year old student of him (the only male elementary teacher at the time) I was terrified. Having said that, I have referred back to the life lessons he shared in class throughout my life.

As parents we spend X amount of time with our children's waking time versus the time teachers' have during our formative years. Jack utilized his time well.

Later in life, Lana and I had the privilege of being his neighbor. It was then, as an adult, I came to know the sense of humor that he had. Jack delighted in sharing my misdeeds as a child with my children during their formative years. They still refer to him to this day.

Having experienced the loss of both of my parents I can appreciate the sense of loss you are experiencing I choose to believe that Jack is in God's hands and HE said to him, "Job well done".

Jeff & Lana Smith

JEFFREY SMITH - November 23, 2020 at 04:15 PM

ST

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Campbell. He was a one of a kind and quite a guy with a great sense of humor.*

Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. ❤️🙏

Sue Theisen

susan Theisen - November 23, 2020 at 12:22 PM

JG

“ *Mr. Campbell was my 5th grade teacher and my favorite teacher! I remember everyone thinking he was so strict and kids were afraid of him. After having him for a teacher, you just realized he wanted you to reach your full potential. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Rest in peace, Mr. Campbell.*
Jenni Giguere

Jenni Giguere - November 23, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Jack's passing, but are confident he is joyously and loving in the presence of God, family and friends! Our mom and dad were two of those friends with Fr Danny who enjoyed the friendship of Jack and Mary Ann! Dad pass several years ago, and Mom rejoined him at the end of September. I'm sure they are catching up with Jack! Our love and blessings to Mary Ann and family!*
The Thirolf Family

Laura Thirolf Dahdouh - November 22, 2020 at 08:41 PM

CM

“ I have so many memories of Mr Campbell. I took summer school math with him along with Lynn M. One day we "found" a dog and we brought him into school and shut him in the janitor's closet across from Mr Campbell's room. That poor dog whined and barked until Mr Campbell finally made us take him back outside.

When my mom went back to teaching she and Mr Campbell became good friends. The stories of the pranks that Mr Campbell pulled on my mom were always hilarious. He would sign her up for free books and they would come to our house by the dozens all addressed to different people but always with a take on my mom's name. Blossom, Flower, Rosebud and on and on. I know that my mom thought the world of him.

And I could never thank both Mr and Mrs Campbell for the kindness they showed to my grandmother. When they went through her hometown of Juneau they would stop and see her. Mr Campbell would also mail her boxes of silly things. She talked about it all the time. Such a kind thing to do.

It was a pleasure knowing you, Mr Campbell.

Carla Miron - November 22, 2020 at 06:00 PM

 Debbie Gursky

“Mr. Campbell” was my 5th teacher. I was fairly new in Niagara and had never had a male teacher before. I acquired a fear of him that lasted half of that year. After crying needlessly every time another kid received discipline, my mother explained to him what my problem was and we both had a new appreciation for each other. He will always remain one of my favorite teachers who made quite an impact in my life. The irony of this story is I married a male teacher...4th grade not 5th! Rest In Peace Mr. Campbell.

Debbie Gursky - November 22, 2020 at 01:14 PM