



Ralph L. Campbell

February 16, 1939 - February 24, 2024

Ralph L. Campbell , 85 years of age, entered his Heavenly home surrounded by his loving family on February 24, 2024 after a lengthy illness following several difficult heart surgeries and weekly dialysis.

Ralph was owner of Memory Chapel Funeral Home since 1973. He was happiest when he was serving people in their time of need, and was never ready to “retire,” and has said many times the only pay check he ever earned was from a funeral home.

Ralph loved His Lord and was a member of First Baptist Church, Laurel. He served as deacon and on numerous committees. He also supported Laurel serving on many boards and participating in civic affairs. He was a member and served as president of Mississippi Funeral Directors.

Ralph Campbell was predeceased by his parents, Leslie (Bay) and Lulu Rayner Campbell of Louin, MS, his “other parents” Adrian and Evelyn Culpepper of Meridian, MS.

He is survived by his loving, supportive wife of 65 years, Fay Culpepper Campbell, daughter, Leslie; son, Richard Barry; daughter-in-love, Jennifer; and was “Poppy” to his beloved granddaughter, Jocelyn. He is also survived by his sister, Doris (James) Montgomery , sister -in -law, Kay (Glenn) Pugh,

nieces, nephews, other relatives, numerous friends and his faithful, devoted employees.

His health necessitated his spending his last days at Guardian Angels Assisted Living. The family want to say “thank you” to the nursing attendants who treated him as their own family. He was fond of each of you.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024 with interment at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Park Hills Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be employees of Memory Chapel whom he loved dearly. Honorary pallbearers will be faithful friends Frank Cox, Dr. George Bush, James Winstead, Judge Charles Pickering, Bobby Stevens, Joe Myers, and Tony Thaxton.

It was Ralph’s and is the family’s desire that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Batson Children’s Hospital, www.growchildrens.org, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Graveside Service

FEB **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lake Park Hills Cemetery
2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Ralph was a wonderful friend to my father and our family. He served as a director on the Board of the Mississippi Life Insurance Company with my Dad. Ralph had an awesome sense of humor, a quick wit and provided knowledge advice. He dedicated his life to the service of others. May God keep Ralph close bless his family forever more.*

*Sincerely,
Jeffrey H. O'Keefe*

Jeffrey H. O'Keefe - February 29, 2024 at 08:52 AM

NW

“ *I am saddened to hear this news of Ralph's passing. I remember the last time I saw y'all was at Hattiesburg Clinic. I know you will miss him so much. I'm sure everywhere you will look, you will see him. Cherish the memories you had with him and rest in the knowledge that you will see him again. In the coming days please know you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Nancibeth Williams - February 29, 2024 at 08:42 AM

DB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Campbell's passing. He was a kind-hearted man with a ready smile. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the family in the days to come.*

Doug and Tanya Blackledge - February 28, 2024 at 11:59 PM

JT

“ Just a memory of the tales that Ralph told in his early years in the business, and the caring memories he helped numerous families during their bereavement! Now his family’s in that situation. Fay, I know you will miss him, especially with 50yrs of marriage. Who ever takes over Memory Chapel will have some big shoes to fill!
Sincerely James And Karen Tillman.

James & Karen Tillman - February 28, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph L. Campbell.



February 28, 2024 at 03:44 PM

DF

“ Delibert Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph L. Campbell.

Delibert Family - February 28, 2024 at 03:44 PM

SH

“ I’m deeply sorry to hear of my longtime friend Ralph Campbell’s passing! Prayers & condolences to his family! Ralph will be deeply missed! I’ll always see his face when going to Memory Chapel 😊🙏
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Stella Hall - February 28, 2024 at 01:33 PM

SS

“ *Mr Ralph was my buddy! Doris Tanner's Flowers will never forget his sweet smile and laugh when he walked through our door! I am sure my grandmother Doris Tanner and Mr. Ralph are reminiscing right now... From our family to yours... our prayers are with you for the days ahead. Love always.*

Shari Shelby - February 28, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph L. Campbell.*



February 27, 2024 at 07:59 PM

SH

“ *I've known Mr. Campbell only a handful of years but one thing I'll remember is being treated like family immediately. His kind and gentle demeanor made you feel right at home; you can tell being social was something that came easily to Ralph. He could talk to anyone, about anything, and clearly loved being a part of everything. Walking the pup up and down the pathway in OBeach was more for him to say hi to everyone than actually taking her for a potty break. Spending time with the family at Disney and OB will always be such a treasured memory. Rest easy, Mr. Campbell.*



Shaun Hall - February 27, 2024 at 07:02 PM

CP

“ I would like to send condolences to the Campbell family I worked there for 3 years and Mr. Ralph would always say what's happening up there in Paulding!! He will be truly missed. Glad for the opportunity to have met him and worked for a wonderful company. Memory Chapel will always be family to me.

Carolyn Plummer - February 26, 2024 at 11:36 PM

RW

“ Ralph was a great person to know and work with. He gave me many opportunities and was a father to me all the years I worked for him. Rest in Peace Ralph
God bless you Mrs. Fay and your family. Ray Walley

Ray Walley - February 26, 2024 at 04:09 PM

CJ

“ Dear Fay we are saddened to learn of Ralph's passing. He was a warm and gracious man. Loved his wonderful smile. We enjoyed many chats with both of you at Heritage. We owned #53 from 2014-2021. Prayers for peace and comfort to Ralph and your family. Much love—Connie and Jeff Jacobs

Connie Jacobs - February 25, 2024 at 09:37 PM

MB

“ Was so blessed the day I met Mr Ralph and Mrs Fay in Orange Beach. I will always remember our good times. Loved hearing Mr Ralph's jokes and stories. He and Mrs Fay are more than friends they are family to us. Prayers to his family.

Mary Bierden - February 25, 2024 at 09:26 PM

GB

“ *Camping and sitting around the fire will not be the same.*

george bush - February 25, 2024 at 09:08 PM

TW

“ *Many thanks to Ralph for keeping the memory of Thompson Funeral alive in Laurel.*

Charles Thompson (Tom) Webb

Tom Webb - February 25, 2024 at 08:05 PM

DS

“ *Saddened to hear of his passing. Such a wonderful person. Always greeting with a smile and kind words. He will be truly missed. Prayers for all.*

Duncan Eric Scrimshire - February 25, 2024 at 07:50 PM

EG

“ *prayers for your family we never made the John A Gupton Reunion together as we talked about so many times my friend maybe in a better place*

Ellis Galyon - February 25, 2024 at 03:49 PM

VM

“ *We loved Mr Cambell! He did so much for the Murphy family. Thank you Mr Cambell for the help with my dad Herbert Murphy! From: Gavin Murphy, Sylvia Murphy*

vern gavin murphy - February 25, 2024 at 03:04 PM

FL

“ *Foshee Linda lit a candle in memory of Ralph L. Campbell*



Foshee Linda - February 25, 2024 at 01:58 PM

PB

“ *Mr. Ralph was so personable when we had to handle family matters. From that to being a florist to deal with, he was always so professional and comforting at the same time. From Thompson/ Memory chapel downtown to now, we have always trusted Mr. Ralph. He was a great man and will be missed. My prayers to his family. Phyllis Sumrall Speagle Byrd, formerly with Doris Tanners Flowers*

Phyllis Byrd - February 25, 2024 at 01:15 PM

NJ

“ *We loved Mr Campbell! Always smiling ! Prayers to the family ! So very sorry for your loss . Jay and Nancy Jernigan*

Nancy Jernigan - February 25, 2024 at 11:32 AM

TW

“ *Mr Ralph was a great man i enjoy working for him back in the 70s may god bless his family*

Tony wedgeworth - February 25, 2024 at 10:08 AM

LB

“ *Ralph was a good man I grew up with him and also worked for him he was good to me when I got disable to work praying for family*
Lana buckley

Lana Buckley - February 25, 2024 at 09:43 AM

LB

“ *Ralf was good person I grew up with him and also worked for him he was good to me when I got disable to work praying for family go rest high on that mountain*

Lana Buckley - February 25, 2024 at 09:19 AM

 Robby
Myrick

“ Oh my soul, where to begin!

Ralph Campbell is a beautiful soul who was gifted to Us by our Heavenly Father for all these wonderful years. I met Ralph as a little boy from Shady Grove as he ministered to our family when loved ones would go to Heaven from our little Hamilton Hill space.

Ralph's calm and gentle spirit so impressed my little heart that I recall for the rest of my life, "every funeral director everywhere needs to know Ralph Campbell and emulate his talents, gifts, and skills". I still believe this with all my heart after now having served families all across the Gulf Coast through memorial and funeral services.

Ralph's consistent lifetime service of professionalism, compassion, dignity, honor, and comfort to our families will remembered for generations. I'm sure families all over the globe who have been touched by this precious saint of a man could resonate the same sentiment.

I pray Grace and Peace over Mrs Fay and all family and friends.

To the Memory Chapel staff who have so proudly served us alongside Mr Ralph:

I pray over all of you that you shall continue to reflect the excellence, the gentleness, the peaceful spirit that Ralph brought to people everywhere. Blessings for a beautiful memorial service and for a lifetime of cherished memories.

We love you Ralph. Enjoy the paradise of Heaven with all the saints and our beloved Savior. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Robby Myrick - February 25, 2024 at 09:05 AM

FL

I was saddened to hear the news of Ralph Campbell's death! I served as the officiant for many funerals at Memory Chapel and he was so very kind and helpful with a novice. He teased me terribly. One example was, "I guess you know if you were a Baptist you wouldn't be doing this!" He remembered the minister of my childhood, The Reverend Leonard Prater, and always brought him up in conversation. He had enjoyed getting to know him and without fail he'd talk about what a good man he was. I appreciated his openness to all faith traditions. He was a good and gentle man. My sympathies to his family, friends, and the staff who loved him.

Foshee Linda - February 25, 2024 at 01:55 PM

BJ

“*Mr Ralph was a fine man always smiling and touched so many lives wasn't long ago I saw him at a funeral again always smiling he will definitely be missed 😞*

Brian Jordan - February 25, 2024 at 05:06 AM

LB

Ralph was a good person I grew up with him and also worked for him he was good to me when I got disable to work praying for family go rest high on that mountain

Lana Buckley - February 25, 2024 at 09:23 AM

RB

“*We will miss Ralph Campbell. He and my dad were great friends years ago. I'll never forget all of the laughter and happiness he brought to the men's coffee group every day. He was a fine Christian person. Prayers for the family. R.I.P.*

Ralph Campbell.

Sincerely,

Ronnie and Janie Butts



Ronnie and Janie Butts - February 25, 2024 at 01:23 AM

DH

“ *What a fine man he was! It's hard to imagine Memory Chapel without his guiding hand upon things. I know it will be a sizable void! My most sincere condolences to Miss Fay and the family, as well as the extended work family. Rest well, Mr. Ralph!*

DENNIS HENLEY - February 24, 2024 at 07:15 PM

RA

“ *What a great person, classmate of Bay Springs High School, Class of 1957.*

Robert Abney - February 24, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MB

“ *My mama was Ruthie Mae Moseley Beard. She was Ralph's cousin. Her mother was Birdie Mae Rayner. Ralph took care of many family member's funerals. She always spoke highly of him. Praying for his family and friends.*

Myra Beard - February 24, 2024 at 06:10 PM

LF

“ *I worked for Ralph for 28 years. He always stressed do that the body we had was someone's love one. He wanted that person treated as if it was our own family member. He had a tender heart. He wanted to Carr out every request that a family made to his ability. He loved his Lord his family, and being of service to those in need at a time they could not help themselves. He was there when I buried my Dad, Husband, Mother, and Brother. He never docked my pay when I was off due to sickness or family emergencies. Go rest my friend. My love and prayers go to his family at this time. Lynette Farrish.*

Lynette Farrish - February 24, 2024 at 04:15 PM

LB

I grew up with Ralph and worked for him until I got disabled I agree with Lynette he was there to do what he could for families when they lost love one he buried my dad mom and brother along with family members he sent my check every week until I could get help prayers for family go rest high on that mountain my friend Lana Buckley

Lana Buckley - February 24, 2024 at 06:53 PM

LF

“ I worked for Ralph for 28 years. He always stressed that every person we had that they be treated like you would want your loved one treated. He had a tender heart and always wanted to help families in a time they couldn't help themselves. He will be missed by those who new him. He was there for me when I buried my Dad, Husband, Mon, and Brother. He never docked my pay when I was off sick or family emergency. He always treated everyone he served with respect and professional service. He loved his family', serving God and helping people in time of need. Go rest my friend. My love and prayers to he's family. Lynette Farrish

Lynette Farrish - February 24, 2024 at 03:51 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Ralph. Praying for his family and his work family.



Julie Shoemake - February 24, 2024 at 02:56 PM