

Claude M. Campbell

August 27, 1930 - February 18, 2020

Claude M. Campbell, 89, of Tinton Falls, passed away on February 18, 2020. Claude was born in New York but grew up in Jamaica until the age of 16. He was very proud to attend the Infamous Calibar High School there. After losing both his parents by age 15, he was brought back to New York where he worked for a year at Seabrook Farms in NJ. It was there that he met many who would become lifelong friends. He then went back to NYC where he worked downtown as a delivery person in the garment district, before starting his Navy Civilian career at the Brooklyn Navy Shipyard. He also taught Electronics in Manhattan during that time. When the Shipyard closed he transferred to NJ where He worked as a Calibrations Engineer Supervisor at Earle Naval Weapons Station, completing 40 years of Service for the Navy. In his retirement he worked part time for Garfield Courier Services in Neptune. He also contributed in a huge way to his community, volunteering for the Boy Scouts of America for 40 years. He was active in his municipality, working on the Tinton Falls Planning and Zoning boards, where he was once recognized as Planner of the Year for NJ. He also served many years as the Webmaster of Tinton Falls where he could be seen taking pics at all the major town events. He won awards everywhere he worked and volunteered, yet never wanted the acknowledgement for his outstanding achievements.

Claude was predeceased by his son, Claude Rodney Campbell. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Cynthia Campbell; daughter Linda

Campbell Stevenson (the late Ronald); son Michael Campbell (Melissa); grandchildren Sonia Waters, Tania Adams, Ronald Stevenson IV, Michael Campbell Jr, Christian Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Caroline Ibarra, and Enrique Santos. His Great-grandchildren Joshua Waters Jr, Jonathan Waters, Soleil Waters, and Aiyanna Adams. He also left behind many friends who are considered family. He will be missed more than words can express. 🙏

Claude's memorial visitation will be held 1-3 PM with a service to begin at 2:30 PM on Saturday, February 22 at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Rd, Tinton Falls, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Parker Clinic (parkerfamilyhealthcenter.org) 211 Shrewsbury Ave, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

Cemetery Details

All other services are private

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 22. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Funeral Service

FEB 22. 2:30 PM (ET)

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2400 Shafto Road
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Tribute Wall

JL

“ It has been two years now since Claude, my best friend passed. I have many memories of him and still think of him frequently. We met when my son Jason was in Cub Scouts. I was a cub leader for 4 boys and frequently consulted him regarding the boys passing from Cubs to Scouts. Our next encounter was when Jason joined the troop, I became the troop committee chairman and later Advancement chairman and merit badge counselor for a few badges. I always sought guidance on directing the boys and the proper way to counsel. He had a unique way of getting the boys interested and learning themselves rather than me teaching. It made my job easier and more interesting in watching the boys grown and wanting to learn. He was my guide to being a good leader.



Next I managed to get him involved in Tinton Falls as a volunteer for the Zoning Board, then the Planning Board, he contributed much to the city in those aspects earning an Municipal Cities award that was given county and statewide. We talked about our city and how to help out in these areas. There were many walks we had discussing our small towns growth. At least every Sunday we walked together and at times with my dog Harley who he like very much. We shared our ideas and thoughts with the city and our boards and our professionals, the city planner and engineer. We enjoyed doing things together and enjoyed talking for hours.

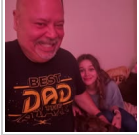
He sailed with me on my boat, visited some yacht clubs with our wives and had lunch while in Florida. Talked about our challenges with our personal computers. Computers and were about the only things I was the expert on and taught him. But strangely, he taught me as well since he always asked why and challenged my thoughts and knowledge.

We kept in touch on about a monthly basis when I moved to Florida. He got my riding lawn mower and snow thrower when I left. He like them and kept Jason as his mechanical contact.

What a friendship, I will remember him always and his wife Cynthia and son Michael. I miss him dearly.

Jim Lorenz

Jim Lorenz - February 20, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Sarah Campbell lit a candle in memory of Claude M. Campbell*



Sarah Campbell - December 22, 2021 at 07:25 PM

DB

“ *My dad and Claude worked together in the calibrations laboratory at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. When we lost our home in an apartment fire in NYC, Claude was the only one who helped my father recover the last of our belongings from the burnt out shell. He was a really good person. I will always remember him with love. - Diana Strinati Baur*

Diana Strinati Baur - April 15, 2021 at 10:59 AM

FK

“ *I knew Claude through the Brookdale Computer Users club. He was always interested in learning, He even wanted to track and chart the progression of his own illness. He was quiet, but seemed to have a calming strength.*

On behalf of members of the computer club and to the family of Claude, please accept our condolences.

Fred Kagel - March 11, 2020 at 02:19 AM

MC

Thank you so much Fred he really enjoyed coming there for so many years and enjoyed his time with all of you. He was disappointed in recent months when he was not able to make it there.

Michael Campbell - April 05, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SS

“ Claude made many contributions to BSA Troop 124 of Tinton Falls. He guided many young men through the final stages to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Serving with him on the Troop Committee was an honor!

Sid Shelton - February 26, 2020 at 06:07 PM

GG

“ My fondest memories growing up involved scouting and Mr. Campbell was a outsized reason I earned my Eagle. I remember his not that subtle pushing of me and others to succeed. He was a good man and role model to hundreds of Scouts and dozens of Eagles. I am the Scoutmaster of my sons troop in Ohio. Mr. Campbell is that voice in my head telling young scouts to do their best. My son will get his Eagle next month and Mr. Campbell will be there adding another Eagle to his list. Gerard Garvey

gerard garvey - February 22, 2020 at 11:29 AM

MC

That is wonderful Gerard he was always so proud of you!

Michael Campbell - April 05, 2020 at 03:33 PM

RZ

Mike, I remember you and your father very well. You too Girard, as you were my SPL. Claude was a very special man and if it were not for him I would not have completed my requirements for Eagle. I am very serious about this. 3 months before my 18th birthday I completely gave up on it, with 10 required merit badges still left. I was working at Pathmark in Eatontown after school one day and he came through my line. It was totally on purpose and he inspired me to just put everything else on hold and just bust my butt to get it done....and I did. If it wasn't for that time he took to come see me, I probably would never have done it. I miss those days.

Roger Ziegler - August 19, 2025 at 07:45 PM

BW

“ Claude you were my mentor my inspiration and a good friend and leader. You will be missed my friend. Till we meet again in the next life.



Brian Wagnon - February 22, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Claude M. Campbell.



February 21, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Claude M. Campbell.



February 21, 2020 at 01:51 PM

SS

“ *Stam Skevakis lit a candle in memory of Claude M. Campbell*



Stam Skevakis - February 21, 2020 at 12:16 PM

LP

“ *Please accept my deepest condolences at the passing of your dad. Mr. Campbell will be greatly missed. I remember him with a smile, for that is what he always had for those around him. May God's Grace, and your loving memories comfort you and your family at this time. Liz (Sutherland) Payne and Family.*

Liz Payne - February 21, 2020 at 01:57 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Claude M. Campbell*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 19, 2020 at 07:37 PM

 Sonia
Chante

“ *Grandfather, you are our Rock. Thank you for all of your wisdom. You will be missed Love your eldest Granddaughter Sonia, Your Grandson In-Law Josh, Great-Grandson Joshua Jr, Great-Grandson Jonathan and Great-Granddaughter Soleil. Love you always!!*



Sonia Chante - February 19, 2020 at 04:15 PM