



Wray Campbell

June 24, 1956 - November 4, 2023

Wray Campbell, 67, passed away suddenly on November 4, 2023 at his home in Versailles. He is remembered by his wife, Cheryl Campbell, his children Nick and Andy Campbell, his daughter-in-law Jamie Campbell, his grandchildren Lilly and Colton, his foster daughter Brittany Beeman, her husband Tyler Beeman and her children Kenlor, Rylee and Brandon, his sister Melinda Campbell, and two brothers David and wife Brenda and Brian and late wife Cindy, and many nieces and nephews.

Wray will be missed, but he will never be forgotten. He was the real deal: a brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, farmer, mechanic, golfer, cook, educator, and coach. He was the kind of person worth getting to know as he spread joy, laughter and knowledge to anyone who took the time. He loved unconditionally and helped anyone and everyone he could.

Wray was born and raised in Versailles, MO the son of Junior and Lois Campbell with 1 sister, Melinda, and 2 brothers, David and Brian. While growing up in Versailles, he attended Versailles High School where he participated in every sport he could, football, basketball, baseball, golf, and track and field. After high school he first attended Central Methodist University for a year, then transferred to Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State) where

he received his bachelors in Physical Education. He moved back home to Versailles after college and then got his first teaching job at Tipton High School. There, his life would change forever. He met his wife Cheryl, who also taught at Tipton, and they got married on April 3, 1982. They would welcome their first son, Nick, in Jefferson City, MO on January 22, 1985. They eventually found jobs in a small town called Bourbon, MO. A couple years later they welcomed their second son, Andy, in Washington, MO on April 14, 1987. Wray and Cheryl would remain in Bourbon, educating, coaching and molding countless minds as teachers for several years until 1997. In 1997, Wray and Cheryl made the choice to move back to his hometown of Versailles. There, he continued to teach and coach in the Middle School. His favorite moments in life were coaching and watching his boys grow up and play sports, where they both had very successful high school sports careers. After both of his sons graduated, Wray and Cheryl were blessed with Brittany coming into the family, where she remained until she graduated high school. After 25 years of teaching and 10 years at Gates, he fully retired to work on the farm, play golf and focus full time on visiting his sons in Texas and Oregon. Before passing, Wray and Cheryl were making plans to move to Texas to be closer to his sons and enjoy watching their grandchildren grow.

We must all find some peace knowing that our loved ones leave this world, but not our hearts and that Wray will remain a part of us all forever. Wray's instilled his character, values and spirit within his children, and in turn, to his grandchildren. His legacy will live on through all of us.

A celebration of Wray's life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, November 10th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pete Robinson officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Wray's loving memory to an educational fund established for his grandchildren: Education Fund in Loving Memory of Wray Campbell, <https://gofund.me/3b54ce54>.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ We were so sad to hear of Wray's passing. Joey learned so much from him; about basketball and life. Fond memories for sure. A great man gone too soon. Prayers for your family!

Sheila Kreiling - November 10, 2023 at 10:08 AM

SP

“ Prayers for family and friends. Wray was a great guy, he will be missed.



Samantha J Pipes - November 10, 2023 at 06:20 AM

CS

“ I went to high school with Wray, and he was always such a good friend and kind person. His smile was so genuine and he was just one of the good ones. Sending prayers to the Campbell family for comfort and healing. I am so, so sorry for your loss.

Cindy Hall Smith - November 10, 2023 at 12:36 AM

CM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Wray's passing. Such a wonderful, kind, generous man. Prayers.

Chad Murphy - November 09, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - November 09, 2023 at 05:11 PM

RW

“ *Rich Williams lit a candle in memory of Wray Campbell*



Rich Williams - November 09, 2023 at 02:40 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Porter lit a candle in memory of Wray Campbell*



Peggy Porter - November 08, 2023 at 02:29 PM

RM

“ To the entire Campbell family... I have such fond memories of all of you as neighbors, classmates, and at the Presbyterian church. You are a family of the sweetest, kindest people. Life is so short and precious. Thoughts and prayers to you.

Rachel (Huff) Manzelli

Rachel Manzelli - November 08, 2023 at 12:25 AM

RK

“ Cheryl and family, Candy and I are so very sorry to hear about Wray. To all those touched we send our deepest love and most sincere condolences. Our time together teaching with you both made so many great memories that we hold dear. It was just a special time with some very special people. Please know that we will be thinking about you, your family and your friends.

Ron and Candy Kitchen - November 07, 2023 at 10:05 PM

CH

“ Mrs. Campbell, Sending my condolences!! I have fond memories of you and Mr. Campbell in high school. Some of my best adventures were in drivers ed!!! I will be praying peace and comfort for your family! Christylynett Nolie (Bremer)

Christy - November 07, 2023 at 09:55 PM

LW

“ Cheryl and Family, We are so sad to hear the news about Wray. The boys always enjoyed having him as a basketball coach. I am truly sorry for your loss of a great, great man.

Fondly, Lanna & Charlie Whisler

Lanna Whisler - November 07, 2023 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



David and Debbie Mccollom - November 07, 2023 at 05:32 PM

DS

“ *My sincerest condolences to Cheryl and family. Wray was truly a wonderful coworker and friend so many years ago when teaching. Prayers and God's blessings for each of you from myself, Miranda and Michael.*

Debbie Warnke Spears - November 07, 2023 at 03:53 PM

PM

“ *Cheryl, no words can truly express my sympathy for your loss. Wray was a great husband, father, neighbor, teacher, coworker, friend...the list just goes on. He touched the lives of many and I'm happy I had the opportunity to be one of those many. I will always remember Wray as a helpful neighbor whether chasing a loose horse down the road or helping fry fish for a get together he was always the first to arrive ready to help. My most heartfelt condolences to you and your family.*



Paige Meyer - November 07, 2023 at 01:37 PM

RB

“ *RIP - Heaven got a great one!!! Had so much fun with Wray golfing and when we worked together! My deepest condolences to his wonderful wife and family!!!*



Robert Bolton - November 07, 2023 at 10:29 AM