



Patrick Joseph Campbell

January 21, 1945 - July 31, 2013

Patrick J. Campbell, 68, of Montgomery, Texas, passed away on July 27, 2013, of congestive heart failure. Mr. Campbell was born January 21, 1945 in Bakersfield, California to Fred and Jane Campbell. His family moved to Nebraska City, Nebraska in 1947, where Mr. Campbell spent his formative years. As a youngster, he could frequently be seen around town in his western outfit, complete with cowboy hat, chaps, and toy six shooters on his hips. He was a huge fan of Gene Autrey and Hop-Along Cassidy and enjoyed going to see western movies showing at the downtown theater. In 1958 Mr. Campbell's family returned to Bakersfield, where he graduated from North High School in 1963. At North High, he played football and was a wrestling champion. His senior year, he was presented with the Sam Lynn Trophy, which was awarded to the most outstanding athlete in Kern County. He was married to Jana Maltby on September 5, 1964. That same year, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served on active duty until 1967. He achieved the rank of Sargent E-5, and often said that he considered his time in the Marine Corps to be his "college education." His daughter Patricia was born in 1965, and his son Donald in 1967. During these years, Mr. Campbell also served as the drummer in a rock and roll band known as the Titans, and later in several country & western bands. Mr. Campbell's bands played gigs all over Southern California in the 1960s. Meanwhile, Mr. Campbell worked in the oil fields around Bakersfield. He later moved to Los Angeles, where he worked for FMC Corporation selling oil field equipment. His work for FMC eventually

took Mr. Campbell and his family overseas, where they lived in Iran (1973-74), the United Arab Emirates (1974-75) and England (1975-78) before returning to the United States and settling in Conroe (and later Montgomery), Texas. Mr. Campbell got started in the oil well firefighting business in the early 1980s with Boots & Coots, Inc. where he was General Manager. He later founded Blowout Tools, Inc. and became one of the principals in Wild Well Control, Inc. His work as an oil well firefighting expert took Mr. Campbell to every corner of the world. Mr. Campbell spent more than a year leading a team in Kuwait to extinguish oil well fires set by Saddam Hussein during his retreat from advancing U.S. forces during the Gulf War in 1991. He fought oil well fires in such exotic and dangerous locales as the Amazon jungle, sub-Saharan Africa, the South China Sea, Sumatra, and perhaps most exotic and dangerous of all - South Louisiana. Mr. Campbell sold his interest in Wild Well Control to Superior Energy in 2001 but remained as president of the company. At Superior, Mr. Campbell played a leading role in the team of experts seeking to control the BP Deepwater Horizon blowout and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. In the later 2000s he negotiated and supervised contracts to decommission hundreds of obsolete and potentially hazardous wells in the Gulf. He received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Houston Technology Center in 2012. Mr. Campbell's magnetic personality made him a natural salesman and won him many friends. He was confident, optimistic, and generous to a fault. He loved his wife deeply and would want everyone to know that she was his partner in life's journey and supported him in every way. He described their life together as a "wonderful adventure". In his later years he took great pleasure in his many grandchildren, with whom he loved to be "silly." One of his most valued accomplishments was providing the "Homeplace" where his grandkids (as well as many great-nephews and great-nieces) could enjoy fishing, boating, driving the golf cart, playing in the tree-house, building bonfires, playing volleyball, hanging out in the bunk-house, and generally having a great time. Mr. Campbell accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at age 16 and was a member of Crossroads Baptist

Church in the The Woodlands, Texas. He is survived by Jana, his wife of 49 years; his daughter Tricia Fesler, her husband Clint, and grandchildren Hannah, Rebecca, John and Claire Fesler of Oak Ridge, Texas; his son Donald Campbell, his wife Kelli, and grandchildren Sarah, Patrick and Rachel Campbell of Dallas, Texas; brothers Michael Campbell of Henderson Nevada and Kevin Campbell of Fresno, California; and sister Maureen Weidenheimer, also of Fresno. Services will be held at Crossroads Baptist Church, 5000 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77384 at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31 with burial to follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Montgomery, Texas. Services will be directed by Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery (www.shmfh.com). Should you desire to make a donation in lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider the Shriners Hospitals for Children Galveston (www.donate2sch.org), as Mr. Campbell supported the Shriners' work on behalf of child burn victims throughout his professional career. You are invited to leave memorial condolences to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick Joseph Campbell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Jana, Tricia, and Donald,
I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Campbell. He was such a wonderful man and loving father. Some of my best memories were spent at your house - amidst laughter and joy. Know that you are all in prayers. Tricia, I think about you so often and know what a difficult time this is for you- I'm here. The Campbell family has always held a special place in my heart.
With His Love,
Jo Anna Alvarez (king)*

Jo Anna Alvarez - July 31, 2013 at 06:14 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences are extended to the entire Campbell family. Losing one so precious to us can be hard to bear, but in this sad time may you find strength from God's promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones by means of a resurrection and sickness and death will be no more. - John 5:28,29; Revelation 21:3,4 May this precious hope that awaits us and the love and support of family and friends comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

The Downs Family

Downs Family - July 31, 2013 at 01:23 PM

AC

“ *Jana and family, with deep sympathy I share your grief. He left such a great legacy and that will be an anchor for his family for many years to come. I regret that I am in Tennessee and will be unable to attend the celebration of Pat's life that was very well lived. May God be praised as Pat has been received into the arms of His Loving Father.*

*In His Love,
Alice Coker*

Alice Coker - July 30, 2013 at 11:24 AM

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“ *Jana, Tricia, Donald & Family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers!!!
Becky*

Becky Roelle - July 29, 2013 at 09:44 PM

WL

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you all. Pat will always be remembered for his sweet smile and concern for others. We feel richer from having known him.*

Walter and Lila - July 29, 2013 at 09:26 PM

SL

“ *Jana, Tricia, Donald and family, my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. A wonderful life was lived, and he touched many. As you move forward, I know you will enjoy the many great memories you have, and celebrate the life he lived. God bless*

Scott Loeffler - July 29, 2013 at 04:39 PM

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“ I never met Pat Campbell in person but yet he has meant so much to myself and my husband. My husband works at BTI and though we knew he was an integral part of Superior we had no ties to him otherwise. That is until my son was born with several heart defects and spent five months in the cardiac intensive care unit, near death. Pat Campbell could have just written a check, put in his donation and moved on. However he did so very much more. This man, who barely knew us, sent countless messages and texts and corresponded with me. He knew exactly what to say to lift my spirits and give me hope when I had none left. I always wanted to meet Mr. Campbell and I wanted him to meet my son. His prayers helped to keep him alive. My husband and I have nothing but respect and love for him and our thoughts and prayers are with his family in this time.

Amy and Mark Young - July 28, 2013 at 10:15 PM

MC

“ It's with deepest sympathy we send our condolences. May God hold you in his hands and guide you.

Micki Colter - July 28, 2013 at 08:20 PM

MK

“ Pat was one-half of the best friendship I have ever had and will be missed terribly. I hope he and Ron find each other, but don't make too much mischief in heaven. Jana, I love you and am praying for you and your beautiful family.

Love, Maggie and George

Maggie Oglesbee & George Kallus - July 28, 2013 at 03:19 PM