



Dr. David Wayne Campbell

September 25, 1944 - July 2, 2023

Dr. David Wayne Campbell, age 78 of Phoenix, Arizona, died July 2, 2023 at Sherman Hospice Home in Scottsdale, Arizona. David, born September 25, 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee to Elizabeth Heustess Campbell and William Wayne Campbell, entered this world with a zest for life and adventure. At an early age, David accepted Christ as his Savior and found comfort and strength in his salvation in his latter days.

David is survived by his son, Erik Cullen Campbell of Solvang, California; his sister, Jan and brother-in-law, Louis (Buzz) Haven III; niece Dana Haven, and nephew Louis (Bart) Haven IV of Forrest City, Arkansas; cousins, Ann Davies Delair and David Davies of Kansas City; and two loving friends who showed extraordinary grace, Diane Mauldin of Little Rock, Arkansas and Anne Edge of Butte, Montana. David was preceded in death by his parents, William Wayne Campbell and Elizabeth Heustess Campbell.

He grew up on the family farm, Jessland, named for his maternal grandfather, Jesse Heustess. He loved the farm, but his career goal was to become a physician. He graduated Forrest City High School in 1962 as an academic achiever being recognized as a National Merit Scholar, enabling him to attend Tulane University on an academic scholarship. In 1969, David matriculated at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) earning his Doctor of Medicine in 1973, followed by a three-year residency in general surgery at

UAMS. In 1979, David completed a Chief Residency in General Surgery at Creighton University School of Medicine Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona. In 1982, David was awarded a prestigious fellowship in Thoracic Surgery at University of Arizona College of Medicine where he served as Junior Resident (1982-83) and Chief Resident (1983-84), and later completed a Cardiovascular Surgery Fellowship at Texas Heart Institute. He held medical licenses in Arkansas and Arizona. He was certified by the American Board of Surgeons in General Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, and Cardiovascular Surgery and was certified by the Arkansas Healing Arts Board.

Other awards and honors include elected Fellow in the American College of Cardiology, elected Fellow to the Southwestern Surgical Congress in Arts and Science of Surgery, and elected Fellow in the American College of Chest Physicians. He was selected for membership in the International Society for Heart Transplantation. Dr. David Campbell was recognized as an ACS (American College of Surgeons) Fellow as a distinguished member who has made genuinely outstanding contributions through practice, education, research, and service. A long-time resident of Phoenix, Arizona, Dr. Campbell was a dedicated surgeon for over thirty years.

David's adventurous side led him to diverse interests in scuba diving, sailing his Hobie Cat, flying his Pitts aerobatic plane, snow skiing, heli-skiing, sports car enthusiast/collector, hiking and biking. His love of travel took him around the world, but he favored France where he resided for a period. Another of his favorites was New Orleans which he visited often due to his love of the music, food, and Mardi Gras, participating in the festivities as a member of the Krewe of Bacchus.

David's brilliant memory enabled him to discuss most any topic, leading to entertaining conversations. His philanthropic nature was evident by sharing his time and finances promoting the welfare of others, particularly

underprivileged children.

David had a unique love for family and friends and is fondly remembered by them as evidenced by comments such as: “He was brilliant; a Renaissance man who lived life to the fullest”; “A character who was loved by many.” David was often heard quoting his adaptation of an Irish proverb: “May you live as long as you want to, and may you want to as long as you live!”

A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 29 at 2:00pm at Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City, Arkansas with Reverend Lyndell P. Worthen, Jr. officiating. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Forrest City Area Humane Society (P.O. Box 2091, Forrest City, AR 72336); St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
2605 S. Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-8790

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I’m so sorry to read of David’s passing. I knew him many years ago and we dated for a short time. He was a very special man and I treasure our time together. We loved going to the Creek House and hiking. He loved life and there was a part of him that was a little bit of a bad boy. It always made me smile! He loved his sister so much and valued God and going home for the holidays. I was lucky enough to have gone home with him once and met his wonderful family! He was a great physician and a very kind person who cared deeply about his patients. I will miss him!! RIP my dear friend!

Chris Allen - October 17, 2025 at 03:18 AM



“ May you be a peace David
You will always be in my heart
Our times were profound and memorable
Until we meet again
“In the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.”

“The soul takes flight to a world that is invisible, and there arriving he is sure of bliss and forever dwells in paradise.”
Amore J

J - May 24, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ I enjoyed knowing and working with Dr. Campbell for many years. I'm thankful for the trust and kindness he showed me, I admired his perseverance and strength. He will be missed greatly.
Ana Oseguera

Ana Oseguera - July 27, 2023 at 04:49 PM

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“ *I did not know Dr. Campbell but I know some of his relatives from Forrest City. This obituary is extremely impressive to me! My condolences go out to Dr. Campbell's son and all of his family!*

Donna McFadden - July 24, 2023 at 12:21 PM

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“ *TO: THE FAMILY OF DR. WAYNE CAMPBELL*

I never knew Dr. Campbell but simply wanted to take a moment to thank him for his service to humanity. He was obviously a very gifted man who used his God given talents well.

George H. Vance

George Vance - July 18, 2023 at 05:16 PM