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Jack Campbell Obituary

John Redmond Campbell, Jr., known by all as “Jack” passed peacefully Saturday, October 22, 2022 in Broken Arrow. He was 94 years old.

Jack was born in Hutchinson, Kansas on February 10, 1928. He was the only child of John R. and Ila Ferne Alderson Campbell. He went to Valley Pride School from 1st through 8th grades, in a single classroom with a single teacher, Miss Anderson, whom he admired for her patience, encouragement and love for teaching. He graduated Valedictorian from Hutchinson High in 1946 and Wichita University in 1951 (Now Wichita State). This is where he met and later married Barbara (Bobbie) Jeanne Dunlap on June 13, 1948 in her home town of Wellington, KS. From this union they had children Chris, Jeff and Conlee Campbell. Jack and Bobbie spent 63 wonderful years together prior to her passing December 12, 2011.

Jack got his start in radio while still in High School, due to a shortage of announcers caused by WWII. This made him quite popular at Hutchinson High. He continued his radio career in Wichita before receiving a major offer in 1955 to become host of the widely popular late night “Sleepwalkers Serenade” program at KVOO in Tulsa. There he was able to showcase many of his favorite big bands of the 40’s, such as Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra, Stan Kenton, Nat King Cole, Oscar Peterson and Henry Mancini, to name a few. His love for Tulsa along with his trademark ability to get along with everyone had Jack and family establishing roots for a 39 year career at KVOO, where he became know for his soothing radio voice. While there he also hosted the long running Classical music show, “Pleasant Dreams”. His knowledge of sports and his gift for keeping meticulous statistics also opened doors for him to broadcast TU football and basketball throughout the 1960’s, as well as the Tulsa Oiler’s baseball games. Jack moved to the newsroom in 1971 and remained there until his retirement from KVOO in 1994. He was honored as a “Tulsa Radio Icon” in 2005.

Jack was kind and caring and lived his life giving to others. He taught his children to always treat others the way they wanted to be treated. Jack lived life as an example in accordance with the



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teachings of Jesus. He didn't talk about his beliefs, unless you asked, but he lived them every day. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. During his retirement years, Jack stayed busy with his grand kids and great grand kids while volunteering for a host of charity organizations including Oasis Adult Daycare Center for Alzheimer's patients, the League of Women Voters, and the Tulsa Interfaith Alliance. He is survived by his 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Jack will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

Jack was greeted in heaven by his loving wife, family, friends, co-workers and even Mother Teresa (whom he interviewed while working at KVOO). What a wonderful and joyous reunion!

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jack's name to Neighbor for Neighbor, www.neighborforneighbor.org or Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, www.tulsadaycenter.org. A Celebration of Life service will be held 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Bixby South Tulsa Funeral Service, Bixby.

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April 22 at 7:32 AM



Billy Parker Family posted:

A SPECIAL HELLO TO MY VERY SPECIAL FRIEND JACK CAMPBELL AND TO A VERY SPECIAL FAMILY..I LOVED WORKING WITH MY FRIEND JACK FOR MANY WONDERFUL YEARS,AND HE WILL ALWAYS BE ONE OF THE BEST FRIENDS THIS OL RADIO GUY HAS EVER KNOWN.LOVETO THE FAMILY DURING THE MEMORY TRIP WE TAKE..LOVE YA ALL BILLY PARKER

November 4 at 5:27 AM



Scott T Campbell posted:

Absolutely Wonderful Slideshow Video Collage!

November 2 at 6:10 AM



Scott T Campbell posted:

Originally posted Sat, Oct 29 at 10:27 PM (Where'd it Go?) Sometime after my father died, 8 May 1954, (I was almost exactly 6-years and 7-months old at the time of his death) I spent some time living with my half-brother, Jack Jr., his wife Bobbie, and their firstborn, Chris, in Wichita, KS. I do not remember if Jeff was also there at that time, but I tend to think so. However, I am certain that Conlee came later. That short-lived, idyllic period was 'The' highlight of my childhood. Back then I just knew him as Jackie because that is how all of our Campbell/Graves elders referred to him. He was my full-size-adult big brother, parental figure, teacher, and Campbell family living legend. His demeanor, the aura of his reputation, and the way our family seniors spoke of him were virtually identical to how I remember our father. I am surprised to see a reflection of myself in some of the obituary text. Miss Anderson also schooled me, though only briefly. She too was a gem. As both a private and a public figure, Jackie has always been a Giant to me. My most deeply sincere condolences to Chris, Jeff, and Conlee Campbell and your loved ones. Scott T Campbell Email: antepost5@yahoo.com

November 1 at 9:20 AM



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JF

Jack Fox posted:

I worked with Jack for about 16 years until his retirement. I remember him from Oiler baseball before I worked with him. Both being Cardinal and baseball fans in general we were good friends. I sometime dream of being back on the air at KVOO and Jack is always the newsman in my dreams. I was lucky to get to spend some time with him recently and share some memories. Jack, you will always be remembered.

November 1 at 7:58 AM

SC

Scott T Campbell posted:

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October 29 at 3:27 PM

DI

David Irwin posted:

It's hard to put into words how Jack influenced my early days in broadcasting. We worked together in the KVOO radio newsroom and I learned so much from him professionally and personally. He was the perfect mix of kindness, courage and intelligence and was a gifted communicator. My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

October 29 at 3:06 PM

DN

Delvine Nally posted:

Condolences to Jack's family. I went to Hutchinson High School a year behind him. I remember him in a school play

October 26 at 5:41 PM



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Vicki Stevens Weaver posted:

Jack was my youth group sponsor at Fellowship Congregational Church. He was an amazing guide and fun leader. In honor of Halloween my memory is him taking our youth group out to an abandoned hotel on Route 66. I would like to send condolences to Chris, Jeff and Conlee.

October 26 at 2:05 PM



Susan O'Halloran Weisz posted:

I just wanted to sign this guestbook in honor of my late father, Hal O'Halloran, who was a fellow broadcaster and great admirer of Jack Campbell. He always spoke very highly of Mr. Campbell and their time together at KVOO.

October 26 at 8:30 AM



Media

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