



Maurice Thomas Campbell

March 29, 1936 - November 3, 2016

DELMAR- Maurice Thomas Campbell, 80, of Delmar, died Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 29, 1936 in Melson's, a son of the late George Oliver Campbell and Agnes Catherine (Parsons) Campbell.

Maurice started his barbering career in 1958 and enjoyed almost 60 years of cutting hair and telling stories. His career started with Percy Phillips at the barber shop in Delmar. After Mr. Phillips passed away, Maurice and Gerald Riddle opened the Riddle & Campbell Barber Shop in Delmar where they made many lifelong friendships with the locals of Delmar and the surrounding areas. In his later years, Maurice's wife, Carolyn would often ask, "Maurice, why are you still cutting hair? Why don't you slow down a little?" His reply was always a simple, "I can't, who will cut their hair?"

Maurice was a true family man who stayed involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He attended as many tee-ball, baseball and football games as work would allow and loved bragging about his children and grandchildren to his barber shop customers. He loved the outdoors, gardening, hunting and raising quails.

He was a long time, active member of Melson's United Methodist Church in Delmar, where he served on various committees, such as the building fund committee, trustees, and played on the Melson's fast pitch softball team.

He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Carolyn (Ennis) Campbell; sons,

Robert W. Campbell and his wife, Lori, Rex A. Campbell and his wife, Claire and Randy L. Campbell and his wife, Carole Ann, all of Delmar; grandchildren, Ashley Bartrug (Justin), Scott Campbell, Matthew Campbell (Kristen), Amanda Campbell, Jared Campbell and Luke Campbell; and a great grandson, Dalton. He is also survived by a brother, Jerry Oliver Campbell and his wife, Doreen of Laurel; sisters, Faye Timmons of Powellville and Lynn Tamasi and her husband, John of Salisbury; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Sandra; and a brother-in-law, Richard Timmons.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, and also on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service which begins at 2:00 p.m. The Reverend John Oltman will officiate. Interment will follow the services at Melson's Cemetery in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made to Melson's United Methodist Church Building Fund, c/o Lester Elliott, 14149 Pepperbox Road, Delmar, DE 19940. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home, Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Melson's Cemetery

Melson's Road
Delmar, MD 21875

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maurice Thomas Campbell*



Short Funeral Home - November 08, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ *I've been letting Mr. Campbell cut my hair for over 20 years. No matter how terrible I felt that day, he made me smile and be thankful to God for what I had. You will be missed.*

Ray Wisniewski

Ray Wisniewski - November 30, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Campbell family during this very trying time! I know Steve Wilkins would have a couple of stories involving Maurice. Pretty sure they would be comical!*

Debi Wilkins - November 07, 2016 at 06:02 PM

CM

“ God Bless You All!

Keeping the Campbell Family in our prayers during this sorrowful time.

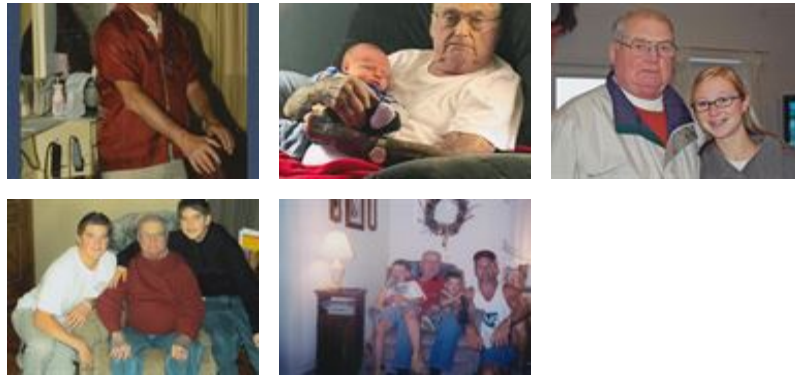
My husband Brian, his father Norris, and our both of our son's have grown up going to Mr. Campbell to have their hair cut as well as have our children/grandchildren grow up together. With Mr. Campbell it has always been a wonderful conversation and a most memorable atmosphere. A true dedicated Delmar citizen who gave so much to our community and students. He will be missed dearly.

*Hugs, Love & Prayers -
The Melvin Family
Delmar, DE*

C. Melvin - November 07, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Short Funeral Home - November 07, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maurice Thomas Campbell.*



November 07, 2016 at 07:24 AM



“ *I was my honor to have known Mr. Campbell and spend several years in the the barber shop cutting hair alongside him.*



He taught me how to cut hair and explained many other aspects of the barbering business with me. He shared his thoughts on the community, food, politics and life.

Often, when I swept the floor of the shop Mr Campbell would jokingly say, "John, I got you started out on the ground floor here".

He loved being a barber. He loved his family even more though. A day never went by that his wife, son's, grandchildren and their loves were not discussed.

John Trout

John Trout - November 07, 2016 at 06:17 AM



“ *Benny & Dru Vanderwende lit a candle in memory of Maurice Thomas Campbell*



Benny & Dru Vanderwende - November 06, 2016 at 08:12 PM

BV

We, especially Benny, will certainly miss Maurice. He was a good friend to us, And, as a barber, Benny is already confident he will not find another as good as Maurice. He enjoyed spending time with him to get those haircuts and share life moments. All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers as you journey through this difficult time. We are trusting God to comfort you through friends and family and bring you a peace that only He can provide.

Benny & Dru Vanderwende - November 06, 2016 at 08:20 PM

“ Nearly 20 years ago, I began having Mr. Campbell cut my hair. Over that time, I got to know Mr. C through many, various topic, conversations.

I found he was a very opinionated man. I agreed with many of those opinions, and there were a few I didn't. Along with the opinions, we shared many laughs.

I learned he was very close to his family. His kids, & grandkids were often involved in school sports, which he strongly supported. There weren't many Delmar Football games held without Mr. Campbell's attendance. He could often recite from memory, the team's stats as well as his kids & grandkids stats.

Many of my visits were often interrupted by the phone ringing. It was usually his wife calling to check in. He would sometimes, joke about the interruption, but you could tell, in reality, his wife was everything to him.

In recent years, it was easy to see his health issues were slowing him down, but they weren't going to stop him.

I will miss our interesting chats, laughs, and of course the haircuts. We've lost a truly, hard working, work ethics centered, family man. Hopefully, those traits will be inherited through his family. Many of those attributes are becoming a lost art in today's declining culture.

Personally, I've lost a friend, as well as my barber. I pray for his family and friends that are hurting right now. On the other hand, Heaven has a new & talented barber. Those in Heaven will be treated to many great stories, as well as a good trim.

Rest in Peace Maurice!

Paul Grubb / Delmar, DE

Paul Grubb - November 06, 2016 at 09:22 AM

CM

“ *This was a true gentleman. He cut my hair for many years as I was growing up in Delmar. My sympathy to Jerry and all of the family.*

*Calvin S. Morris Sr.
6508 Cleveland Ave.
Baltimore, Md. 21222*

Calvin S. Morris - November 05, 2016 at 10:03 PM

DY

“ *Delmar will miss one of its greatest Icons. Maurice I will deeply miss you, and I will always cherish the times I spent in the barber shop listen to your great tales. You were the last great Barber, my friend, and tell my mother I miss her. RIP Maurice!*

Dyson - November 05, 2016 at 08:33 PM

DM

“ *Maurice will be missed by so many folks. He was the barber that my mom took me to when I was a small boy. I can still remember him cutting my hair. He is with the lord now. He was a good man.*

Daren Massey - November 05, 2016 at 05:54 PM

MM

“ *Maggie Moore lit a candle in memory of Maurice Thomas Campbell*



Maggie Moore - November 05, 2016 at 05:04 PM

ZD

“ Mr. Campbell will be missed very much .he use to cut my sons hair when he was a little teeballer and base baller in delmar every now and then my son who is now 19 years old would say ... Mom i wish i still had some of that green stuff mr. Campbell use to put it my hair it smelled so good... He was awesome. With the kids.

Zabrina donaway - November 05, 2016 at 03:16 AM

BR

“ Gerald and I want you all to know that we thought a lot of Maurice and you Miss Carolyn all of your family Gerald would tell me stories of what they would say or play tricks on each other. Gerald has lost a very good friend and co worker.

Brenda Riddle - November 04, 2016 at 05:50 PM

JA

“ Jimmy And Karen Austin lit a candle in memory of Maurice Thomas Campbell



Jimmy and Karen Austin - November 04, 2016 at 02:04 PM