



Dr. Keith Campbell MD

November 8, 1926 - January 7, 2021

Dr. Donald Keith Campbell of Oskaloosa, Iowa, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 7, 2021. He was 94 years old.

Keith was born on November 8, 1926, in Oskaloosa to Dr. Walter and Esther Campbell. He grew up in Oskaloosa with his two older brothers, Robert (Bob) Campbell and John Campbell. After graduating high school at The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, in 1944, Keith went to DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, graduating in 1947. While at DePauw, he was a member of the U.S. Navy V-12 program. He went on to obtain his medical degree from the University of Iowa in 1950. On June 17, 1950, he married his wife of 70 years, Mary Frances Anderson of Avoca, Iowa.

After completing his medical residency in St. Paul, Minnesota, and serving in the Army Medical Corps in Japan during the Korean War, Keith came home to Oskaloosa in 1955. He entered private practice in family medicine and general surgery with his father and other physicians at Mercy Clinic. He remained there until his retirement in 1993 after 37 years of service to the community. His retirement presents included a T-shirt emblazoned with Keith's usual pronouncement to his nurses upon his completion of surgery: "As they say in Helsinki" on the front and "I'm Finnish" on the back.

During his professional life, Keith served as President of the Iowa Clinical Surgical Society, President of the Mahaska County Medical Society, President of the Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce. He was a Director of Mahaska State Bank and MidWestOne Bank.

Keith became an instrument-rated airplane pilot and enjoyed flying his plane for many years. He loved spending time at his and Mary Fran's Gull Lake, Minnesota vacation home, where he spent his summers after retirement. This included fishing, sailing, walks with his dogs, card games, bike rides, and many wonderful times with visiting family and friends. Keith also was a devoted fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Keith is survived by his loving wife, Mary Fran; by his children: Scott (Kym Life) Campbell

of Oskaloosa, Betsy (Joel) Maguire of Niwot, CO, Martha (Art) Winsky of Kimbell, SD, and Molly (Pete Reiwer) Fortney of Fargo, ND; by his grandchildren: Aaron Winsky of Boulder, CO, Tyler (Kristin) Winsky of Lino Lakes, MN, Bryson (Amy) Winsky of Dubuque, IA, Tim (Hannah) Maguire of Lafayette, CA, Callie (Vince) LoPresti of San Anselmo, CA, Hiatt Campbell of Seattle, WA, and River Campbell, a student in Boulder, CO; and by his great-grandchildren: Addelyn, Carson, and Nora Winsky, Walter and Callen Winsky, Campbell and Barron LoPresti, and Linden Maguire. Keith was preceded in death by his parents and by his brothers. Keith's family, including his brothers' sons and daughters who grew up in Oskaloosa, were very important to him. He also treasured his lifelong Oskaloosa friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation and Mahaska County Conservation Board.

As was his wish, Keith's body has been cremated. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling Keith's final arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Keith Campbell MD*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

SV

“ *Sherry Vogt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Keith Campbell MD*



Sherry Vogt - February 11, 2021 at 10:13 AM

SV

Just saw this...he was my first dr ...the nicest most caring ❤️ man...prayers to his family and friends

Sherry Vogt - February 11, 2021 at 10:13 AM

SW

“ *Dr Campbell was a great friend and neighbor. I enjoyed making him banana bread and when I would take it to him warm, he would be so disappointed, he would say “I thought it might be a T-bone”. He always enjoyed it though. We had lots of fun visits the past few years and he enjoyed telling stories from the past since he and his father were our family doctors. We sure will miss him. So sorry for your loss.*

Sue Ward - January 19, 2021 at 11:55 AM

EM

“ *Scott, Betsy, Martha, & Molly*

It has been a genuinely wonderful time getting to know Keith, Mary Fran, and the family over the last two years!! They have both been such a blessing to me, such a strong loving couple, I so admire them both and all of the family!! He will be sorely missed. Love you all, Edie



Edie Van Maanen - January 18, 2021 at 09:57 AM

DV

“ I worked side by side with Dr. Keith at the Mercy Hospital until it closed. He was our family Physician. He was kind and gentle. He made house calls to our home several times. Our children will remember him most for giving the family Burrow "Amigo " to the Nelson Pioneer Farm in the early 1970's. We were living on the Nelson Farm and our children adored Amigo and walked up to the farm each day to spend some time playing with Amigo. He always lite up when we would talk about his burrow. Then he would tell stories of their family experience with Amigo. Such fun times to remember about the finest of physicians. Our deepest sympathy to all of his family.
Marion & Dorothy Vos

Dorothy Vos - January 12, 2021 at 05:46 PM

JF

“ Dr. Campbell was my primary doctor until retirement. He was so kind and caring to all his patients. I remember his advice after he had seen me for stitches numerous times and that was I should really consider selling my chain saw. He took his time to help his patients and truly cared about the residents of Oskaloosa. We were all treated special by Dr. Keith. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family. Jeff Ferguson

Jeff Ferguson - January 12, 2021 at 10:49 AM

JF

“ Jeff Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Keith Campbell MD



Jeff Ferguson - January 12, 2021 at 10:37 AM

RD

“ Martha. I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember going to the Mercy Clinic as a child, seeing your dad, and feeling confident that I'd soon be feeling better. He has such a kind and gentle demeanor.

Ronda Dennis-Smithart - January 11, 2021 at 07:48 PM

MB

“ *Dr Campbell was a gem! He never changed his gentle way with patients and staff.
I enjoyed working with and around him.
His smile and twinkle in his eyes were precious.
Blessings and may your countless memories be of comfort.*
Madonna & Tom Bowie

madonna bowie - January 11, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Marty Burke sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Keith Campbell MD*



Marty Burke - January 11, 2021 at 03:58 PM

KL

“ *To the family.
Back in the 60's we had a little Fox Terrier named Nipper. He was hit by a car and ran away. We lived by Penn College. Nipper ran all the way to your house. You kept him with your bunnies I think. Dr. Campbell saw our lost dog ad in the Herald. My dad drove over to your house. Nipper was safe and warm with your family.
My sympathies to your family. It is so hard to lose a parent.*
Kathy Job Larsen

Kathy Larsen - January 11, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MP

“ *Keith will be very much missed. I have many fond memories with him at Gull Lake, from his incredulity at my vegetarian hot dogs (he mentioned them for years to come!), watching fireworks at his cabin on Steamboat Bay, and our wedding brunch with him, Mary Fran, and friends and family.*

Morgan Page - January 11, 2021 at 12:01 AM

LH

“ *Dr. Campbell was a lovely man with a lovely family. He was one of Oskaloosa's best. My sincerest condolences to each of his family members.*
Lynn (Norton) Hodgeman

Lynn Hodgeman - January 10, 2021 at 05:40 PM

CM

“ *Cindy Mott lit a candle in memory of Dr. Keith Campbell MD*



Cindy Mott - January 10, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Prayers and hugs for the family. Keith was a very nice man. I enjoyed his sense of humor, while getting to know him, taking care of him and his friends at a The Peppertree. They were Thursday night regulars, and I always looked forward to seeing them. I hope his heavenly adventure is as pleasurable as he and Mary's Minnesota summer adventures* ❤️

Tiffany Beal - January 10, 2021 at 09:02 AM

KL

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Campbell. He was such a nice sweet man. Prayer for his family at this difficult time.*

Kim Langfitt - January 10, 2021 at 12:42 AM

SH

“ *I remember when Dr. Keith was introduced to our family by his Father those many years ago. They were both the nicest Men in the world.*

Stuart Hetherington - January 09, 2021 at 07:05 PM

GC

“ *Scott, I am holding you and your family in my heart during this time of loss. Your dad was an important part of the community and will be sorely missed.*

Gwendolyn Countryman

Gwendolyn Countryman - January 09, 2021 at 06:35 PM

CW

“ *Scott, Betsy, Martha, and Molly,
So sorry for your loss of your dad. He was an excellent doctor. May God wrap His arms around you during this difficult time.*

Connie Wymore Wright



Connie Wright - January 09, 2021 at 06:28 PM

DR

“ Dena Roorda lit a candle in memory of Dr. Keith Campbell MD



Dena Roorda - January 09, 2021 at 03:37 PM

KR

“ My deepest sympathy to his family. He was one of my doctors as I grew up. He was such a soft spoken and kind man. I always saw him with a smile on his face!!! Thank you doctor for your kindness to me and my friend. 🥺🥺🥺🙏🙏🙏

Karen Rouw - January 09, 2021 at 03:19 PM

DF

“ Debra Fowler lit a candle in memory of Dr. Keith Campbell MD



Debra Fowler - January 09, 2021 at 02:53 PM

VC

“ Vonda And Tucker Criss sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Keith Campbell MD



Vonda and Tucker Criss - January 09, 2021 at 12:58 PM

RC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult and sad time



Rhonda White Callison - January 09, 2021 at 10:15 AM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr.Campbell's family!
We are sorry for your loss. 🙏



Judy & Larry Lewis - January 09, 2021 at 09:52 AM

LV

“ I was born at Mercy Hospital and Dr. Lemon was my doctor until Dr. Campbell became my physician in 1979 after the birth of our first son. Dr. Lemon died in a plan crash on Sunday and I saw Dr. Campbell on that Tuesday. He was heart-broken. He knew my parents and grandparents (who had passed away before I was born) and it connected a link to the past. I came to his retirement celebration with our son and it was such a joy to talk to him. Deepest Sympathy to your family. Remembering him especially today brings back memories of how he was part of my family.

Linda Verhoef - January 09, 2021 at 08:47 AM

MS

“ We were the Wednesday group at the American Legion for a long time. Will really miss him and his wife. Prayers are with you.

Mary Stout - January 09, 2021 at 07:34 AM



“ Molly, Scott and families, we're so very sorry for your loss!



Sandy Hildebrand - January 08, 2021 at 10:34 PM

DO

“ Dr. Campbell was a very good Dr. and a fine man.

Doris Medlin



DorisMedlin - January 08, 2021 at 09:39 PM

SS

“ *Betsy, Scott, Martha and Molly and Families. So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Your father was a very kind man with compassion. He will be missed.*

Susan Frost Salevsky - January 08, 2021 at 06:11 PM

EF

Dr Campbell was such a blessing to my dad at Osky Care! He was likewise to me as were you Betsy and Martha! I will always treasure our times around the supper table! Sending love and hugs to you at this sad time. 🌸

Elie Ford - January 10, 2021 at 01:17 AM

SM

Dr. Keith was such a special person/Dr.. He was always so kind and always there for those who needed him. I grew up going to him as a child and through out my adult life. Later I worked with Myron Moore (my father in law) in the Mercy Clinic Pharmacy and Mercy Clinic office .During this time I heard so many nice stories of how he helped his patients. He will be missed by so many. May God bless you Dr. Keith. I remember making you a ceramic statue that said Best Dr. Ever at the bottom .I remember your big smile when I gave it to you. Remembering back you were such a big part of my family and my husbands family. You delivered my daughter while I worked at Mercy Clinic. Thoughts and prayers for your family during this time.

Sheryl Moore - January 12, 2021 at 01:11 PM

JH

Dr, Campbell was a fine man and a great Doctor. So very kind, soft spoken, and caring. Our thoughts and prayers to his family...

Joyce Hugen - January 12, 2021 at 02:35 PM

MV

I am so sorry for Keith's passing, had been to the hospital in October & saw him then, He also told me of his problem, Mary Fran was also there, visited with both. I was also part of the Wed group, We had many good discussions. My thoughts and prayers are with the family, He will be missed.

Martha Veerman - January 12, 2021 at 02:53 PM