



## Mr. Ralph H. Campbell

September 30, 1929 - February 4, 2019

Ralph H. Campbell, 89, passed away Monday, February 4, 2019 in Asheville, NC. He was born in Honea Path, SC to Wallace and Mamie (Hunt) Campbell. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Wallace, David and George, and his first wife, Clara Thomas.

Ralph graduated from Wofford College and worked 43 years for the Social Security Administration, finishing his career as Asheville's Assistant District Manager. He enjoyed a 57 year perfect attendance membership in Kiwanis with 45 years in The Kiwanis Club of Asheville.

Having played French horn in college, he joined the Asheville Community Band where he met a saxophonist named Marilyn Shellenberger whom he married in 1984. They both became charter members of community bands in Hendersonville and Brevard.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughters Mary Jane McKinley (Dougal) of Knoxville and Leslie Ann McRunnel (Wayne) of Virginia; stepchildren Karl Shellenberger and Kathy Vossler (Reno) of Asheville; nine grandchildren, Ian McKinley (Amanda), Cecilia Coline McKinley, Zachary Horrocks, Julia Horrocks, KJ Shellenberger, Matthew Shellenberger, Eva Wilson, Hannah Vossler and Barrett Vossler (Alexa); two great-granddaughters, Julianna and Kyrie Wilson and his sister, Janice Knapp of

Connecticut.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 – 6:00 PM, Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM, Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church Street. Dr. Robert Blackburn will officiate. Interment will be held 11:00 AM, Monday, February 11, 2019 at Lewis Memorial Park.

Because music was so important in Ralph's life, memorials may be made to the scholarship fund of either the Asheville Community Band, ([www.ashevillecommunityband.com/support](http://www.ashevillecommunityband.com/support)) PO Box 17782, Asheville, NC 28816 or Hendersonville Community Band, ([www.hcbmusic.com/education](http://www.hcbmusic.com/education)) PO Box 194, Hendersonville, NC 28793 as an encouragement for music majors to become dedicated band leaders.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Family will Receive Friends

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
27 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

## Graveside Service

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FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lewis Memorial Park  
415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ralph H. Campbell*



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**Morris Funeral Home** - February 15, 2019 at 11:10 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - February 08, 2019 at 06:21 PM



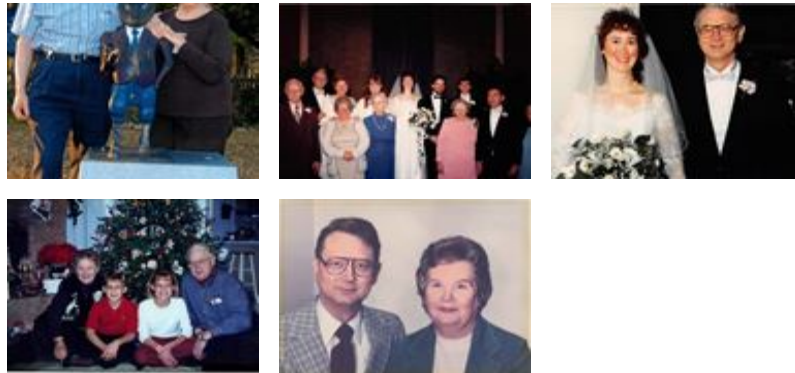
“ *Mr. Ralph H. Campbell*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - February 15, 2019 at 12:08 PM

CC

“ *May your memories bring you comfort. He will be missed.*  
*Cathy Calure*

**Cathy Calure** - February 13, 2019 at 04:14 PM

BC

“ *Dear Marilyn, We were very saddened to hear of Ralph's passing. We have such fond memories of his visits to Australia and us to Asheville. Ralph had quite an intellect and curiosity and it is very special the strong bonds our families have developed between continents. You are all very much in our thoughts. Love Bruce, Rachel, Hugh and Oliver.*

**Bruce Carney** - February 11, 2019 at 05:25 AM

WS

“ *I was privileged to know Ralph as a fellow member of the Asheville Kiwanis Club for more than 18 years. He was a fine man who will be greatly missed....from Gregg Stamey*

**William Gregg Stamey** - February 10, 2019 at 10:05 PM

AM

“ Marilyn,  
Sorry that I could not be at the service today due to my work travel to Raleigh. It was a pleasure to know Ralph through the Chancel Choir and handbell choir. I am sure that he is making music in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family in your loss. May God comfort you with many wonderful memories of your many years together!

Allan Morse

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Allan Morse - February 10, 2019 at 05:27 PM

JT

“ I had the opportunity to work with Ralph when he was at the Social Security Administration and served as a volunteer at the Buncombe County Council on Aging. I was working at Land of Sky Regional Council with the Aging Program. He had genuine concern for older adults and wanted to see excellent services provided for this age group. He was a true professional! My condolences to his family at this very difficult time. Joan Blee Tuttle

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Joan Tuttle - February 10, 2019 at 03:38 PM

JM

“ Ralph will be missed at Band Practice - he was my buddy as we shared listening to so many of them. I always looked forward to his warm smile, placid manner and interesting conversation. I have only known Marilyn and Ralph for maybe 3+ years so to view the pictures of him, his family and adventures was so heartwarming. Such a happy and loving family man. From the earliest picture to the last his smile never changed. I greatly appreciated so many wonderful photos that the family shared of his life. Marilyn we understand your loss and hope the warmth of his love and shared memories will always be with you.

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Jackie Matlock - February 09, 2019 at 11:25 PM

HF

“ *Ralph retired but never stopped working to help people (including me) understand the complexities of the Social Security programs. Greater than his extensive knowledge of policy, however, was his kindness and compassion. He treated everyone, no matter their circumstances, with dignity and respect. I am sending my deepest condolences to his family.*

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**Holly Fairbairn** - February 09, 2019 at 05:57 PM

SC

“ *We will always remember Ralph with his Greek cap, camera strap around his neck and his arm around Marilyn... loved his first visit with puppy Echo, as she hopped up on the ottoman, ran up his legs and through the paper he was reading and came face to face with a laughing Ralph.  
We miss him.*

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**Susan and Barry Palmer, cousins** - February 09, 2019 at 10:45 AM

LG

“ *As former friends living in the same neighborhood, we met at the summer picnic which was always held on their property. Bill and I also attended the Community Band's concerts. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

*Lisette de Groot*



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**Lisette de Groot** - February 09, 2019 at 09:25 AM

CB

“ Marilyn, we are so sorry to hear about Ralph’s passing. I have a lot of good memories of Ralph and I talking before practice, and he was always smiling and kind to me. These pictures show what a wonderful life he led.

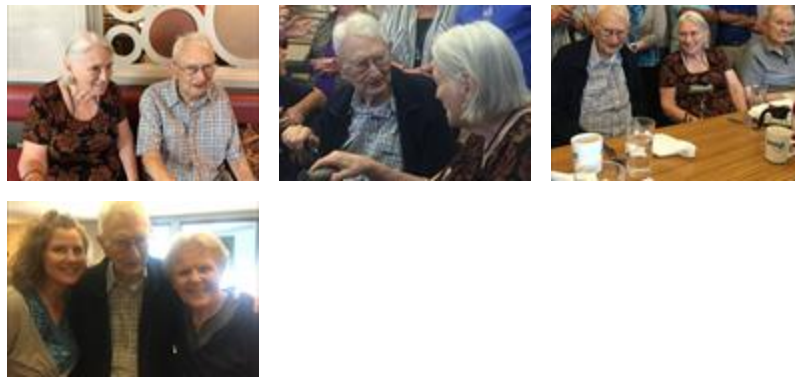
Connie and Rick Barnett

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**Connie Barnett** - February 09, 2019 at 08:19 AM



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**Karen Marocchini** - February 08, 2019 at 09:01 PM

BB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

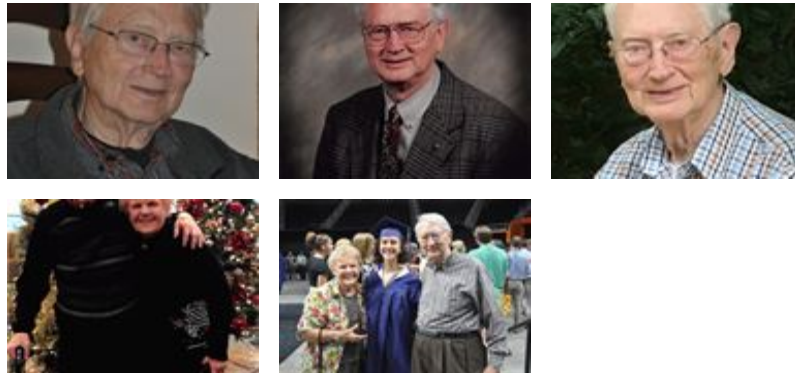


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**Bill and Helen Brigman** - February 08, 2019 at 07:58 PM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - February 08, 2019 at 05:17 PM



*These pictures are such treasures... Thank you!*

**Karen Marocchini** - February 08, 2019 at 08:26 PM

LS

“ Love, *Larry and Kathy Stringer* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of *Mr. Ralph H. Campbell*.



**Love, Larry and Kathy Stringer** - February 08, 2019 at 03:58 PM

KW

“ Dear Marilyn, We fondly recall you and Ralph holding hands on one of your many walks in our neighborhood. Another delightful memory is of Ralph zooming around on his riding lawn mower and plowing in his bountiful garden. He will be missed in our neighborhood. We send you our prayers and love. David and Katie Warren



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**Katie Warren** - February 08, 2019 at 06:40 AM

IC

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**Ian & Donna Carney** - February 08, 2019 at 02:45 AM

IC

*Dear Marilyn and family, so very sad to hear that Ralph has passed away. We treasure all our times visiting with you in Asheville and seeing you on your many adventures to visit us in Newcastle, Australia. Ralph was a wonderful person and our family enjoyed talking with him and the special bond we shared over the many miles. He will truly be missed. This picture was taken travelling by train throughout Australia. With lots of love Ian, Donna, Nicola and Lachlan*

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**Ian & Donna Carney** - February 08, 2019 at 04:35 AM

FC

“ Frank and Colleen Connolly purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Ralph H. Campbell.



Frank and Colleen Connolly - February 07, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ Mom has always been sad to be so far away from her brothers. Even though she couldn't see them often she loved them very much. I have happy memories of the visit we had with Ralph and Marilyn down south probably 30 years ago, as well as the times you came up to visit us. I really loved my Uncle Ralph; he was funny and smart and I liked the way he talked. I'm so sorry that he has gone from this life, but I look forward to rejoicing together with him and all the family when that time comes!

Karen Marocchini - February 06, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph H. Campbell.



February 06, 2019 at 09:54 PM

KS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I worked for Mr. Campbell from 1980 until his retirement. He was a very fine man.

Kathy Sluder - February 06, 2019 at 04:49 PM

BW

“ *Bunzl Work Family (for Eva Wilson) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Ralph H. Campbell.*



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**Bunzl Work Family (for Eva Wilson)** - February 06, 2019 at 03:27 PM

ML

“ *Sorry for your loss Aunt Marilyn. Our condolences to you and your families. I'm happy I had the pleasure to spend some time with you and Ralph. I enjoyed our time together. Love Michelle and Dave Little*

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**Michelle Little** - February 05, 2019 at 08:45 PM

DH

“ *I never knew Ralph when he was an assistant manager at SSA, but I dealt with him for years and he was always nice, considerate and a real gentleman. I liked Ralph and had many conversations with him. God rest your soul Mr. Campbell.*

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**Dean Hittleman** - February 05, 2019 at 02:46 PM