



Richard Jefferson Campbell

January 6, 1945 - May 7, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Richard (Jeff) Campbell

Richard Jefferson Campbell (better known as Jeff and to many, as “Pappy”), 81, of Mt. Jackson, Virginia, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Winchester Medical Center, surrounded by his loving wife, all his children, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 30, 2026, at the Strasburg Town Park (First Bank Pavilion) from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. All are welcome to join in honoring and remembering Jeff.

Jeff was born January 6, 1945, in Culpeper, Virginia, the son of the late Virginia Whitesell. A hardworking and deeply respected member of the community, Jeff dedicated over 25 years of service to the Mt. Jackson Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Conicville Volunteer Fire Department. He was widely known throughout the Shenandoah Valley as a “drywall man,” building not only homes and businesses, but also a reputation for honesty, fairness, integrity, and pride in a job well done. Through Campbell’s Drywall, the family drywall and contracting business established in the Valley in 1972, Jeff created a legacy of hard work that continues through generations of his family.

While he took great pride in his work and serving his community, nothing meant more to Jeff than his family. Being a husband, father, and Pappy was

the role he cherished most, and he was never happier than when surrounded by those he loved. His family was his greatest accomplishment and the source of his deepest pride.

Jeff will be remembered for his infectious laugh, charming personality, and ability to make friends wherever he went. He loved hunting, fishing, bluegrass and country music, cheering on the Washington Redskins, and following NASCAR legend Jeff Gordon. He also enjoyed sharing stories, spending time with family and friends, and relaxing with a Pepsi and Black Velvet.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Hardy Campbell; children, Diana Elliott (Ron), Sandy Young (Mike), David Campbell, Jeffrey Campbell (Shannon), and Julie Pirkheim; siblings, Nicholas Capozio (Chris), Anthony Capozio, Danny Whitesell, Emily Robertson (Mike), and Donnie Reichert (Linda). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Christopher Campbell, Dawn Putman, Jason Tisinger (Sara), Kimberly McDonald (Steven), Rachel Tisinger, Timothy Campbell, Thomas Campbell (Kristen), Todd Campbell, Emily Campbell, Jefferson Campbell, Kirsten Campbell Monhait (Nichole), Nicolas Campbell (Maria), Dylan Campbell, Alec Campbell (Emily), Elliott Hunter, Tiffany Bucklew, Ashley Bucklew, Nicholas Pirkheim, Breanna Pirkheim, Tyler Pirkheim, and Lilly Pirkheim.

He also leaves behind great-grandchildren, Molley Campbell, Jessica Funk, Stevie Putman, Iris Putman, Ryan Putman, Ally Tisinger, Flynn Tisinger, Penny Tisinger, Everett Tisinger, Virginia McDonald, Hattie McDonald, Dixie McDonald, Callie McDonald, Lewis McDonald, Luna Tisinger, Eliana Tisinger, Blake Campbell, Jude Monhait, Isabella Campbell, Samuel Campbell, Alina Campbell, Creed Campbell, Emma Williams, Chasity Runion, Brysonn Stoneburner, Brentley Stoneburner, Alayna Bucklew, Elianna Bucklew, and Denver Halterman, along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, and community members who loved him dearly.

Jeff was preceded in death by his brother, Dean Campbell and great granddaughter Xenya Mae Stoneburner.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Home, Inc., Heishman Funeral Service Branch, Woodstock.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Strasburg Town Park
Park Rd
Strasburg, VA 22657
(540) 465-9197

Tribute Wall

CD

“ I only knew Richard through my job. He was always pleasant and patient. It was such a joy to have known him and help him through my job. My prayer for his family and friends is for God to wrap his arms around you all and bring you comfort at this time.

Cindy Dolly

E. A. Hawse Health Center

Cindy Dolly - May 29 at 08:37 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard Jefferson Campbell.



May 14 at 10:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Jefferson Campbell.

May 14 at 10:12 AM

PB

“ Patsy Bowers lit a candle in memory of Richard Campbell



Patsy Bowers - May 13 at 09:45 PM

PB

“ I remember as children he and his wife would take me camping along with their family and i never forgot how much fun we had.

Patsy Bowers - May 13 at 09:40 PM

DM

“ I met Jeff at a wedding I hosted. Jeff was never seen not smiling. Friends were easy for Jeff because he made sure he met everyone. Though I didn't know Jeff long, his face will be smiling down upon everyone he has met, because we know that he's in the arms of Jesus.



Donna Madden - May 13 at 08:55 PM

MS

“ Michelle Shenton lit a candle in memory of Richard Campbell



Michelle Shenton - May 12 at 09:14 PM

SY

“ 58 years and never a day when you were not here...until now. I know we will all be together again❤️ I love you!

Sandy Young - May 12 at 06:53 PM

BA

“ Jeff. ❤️

Like the big brother I never had. 😊

I was very young when Jeff and Diane got together. From as far back as I can remember he was a part of my life and always treated me like a big brother. He was kind, encouraging and always there for me.

He always had wisdom to share when solicited and had the ability to look at things in a positive way. Just so kind and gentle is how I will always think of him.

Forever in my heart. ❤️

Barbara

Barbara - May 12 at 06:09 PM