



## SGM (Ret.) William "Bill" Campbell

August 25, 1947 - December 14, 2024

SGM (Ret) William L. (Bill) Campbell of Prattville, Alabama passed away

Saturday, December 14, 2024, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Alabama, surrounded by family. Mr. Campbell was born in Fayetteville, Tennessee on August 25, 1947. He was 77.

Graveside services with full Military Honors will be held at 3:00 PM, Friday,

December 20, 2024, at Pea River Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Clio, Alabama with Searcy Funeral Home and Crematory directing. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 20, 2024, at Prattville Memorial Chapel, Prattville, Alabama from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Mr. Campbell retired after a 30-year career with BellSouth, and then continued working as an instructor and consultant in the telecommunications industry prior to retiring fully, concentrating on visiting and spending time with his extended family and friends. Bill loved his country and was a dedicated and decorated member of the Alabama National Guard. He began his career as a medic and retired as company Sergeant Major of A Co. 1st Battalion 20th

SFGA (Special Forces Group Airborne) with over 30 years of service. His deployments included Operation Desert Storm and Operation Uphold Democracy.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman and longtime member of the Solomon's Mill

Hunting Club in Louisville, Alabama. Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and uncle who made many cherished memories with his family and friends at Lake Martin, Alabama.

Mr. Campbell was preceded in death by his parents, Solen and Jo Campbell.

Survivors include his loving wife of 54 years, Linda Campbell, Prattville, Alabama; two daughters, Jodi Williams (Jim), Cheyenne, Wyoming; Nikki Burg (Trey), Enterprise, Alabama; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth, Kathryn, and Anna Williams; Mary Cam, Stafford, Henry, and Harris Burg; sister, Joanne Taylor (Bill), Roopville, GA; brother, Johnny Campbell (Beverly), Marietta, Georgia; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

You may sign the register book or send condolences to the family at our website: [www.searcyfuneralhome.com](http://www.searcyfuneralhome.com) .

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel  
841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL 36066  
(334) 365-7147  
[prattvillememorial@live.com](mailto:prattvillememorial@live.com)

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ *My wife and I have lived next door to Mr. Campbell and his wife for many years. He was always talkative and helpful. He always insisted I call him Bill, but, my upbringing just wouldn't let me.*

Ronald Warner - December 30, 2024 at 01:52 PM

AR

“ *Bill, Linda, and their family have been our next door neighbors on Lake Martin for 30 years. What a blessing to have made so many great memories with our families in a such beautiful place with great neighbors. You will be greatly missed our friend. Alan and Debra Rigsby*

Alan Rigsby - December 19, 2024 at 10:58 PM

BW

“ *1 file added to the album Bill*



Blitz Welch - December 19, 2024 at 09:46 PM

BW

“ I first met Bill in the summer of 1983 after I joined the Alabama Army National Guard. After I returned from training I was privileged to serve on the same team as Bill and by that time he was the team sergeant. Bill was a great leader and mentor. I learned a lot about being a soldier and life from him. I served with him as he was the Sergeant Major on two deployments. Bill performed excellent leadership and commanded respect. Years later we would gather for our 20th Group Society lunches and I greatly enjoyed his companionship during those gatherings. He will always be missed.

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**Blitz Welch** - December 19, 2024 at 09:36 PM

SS

“ Steve S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGM (Ret.) William "Bill" Campbell.

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**Steve S.** - December 19, 2024 at 09:00 PM

MS

“ My husband and I worked with Bill Campbell at Bell South. He was always kind and fair to the employees. I do not remember an unkind word ever said about him. Our prayers are with Linda and the family. Murray and Linda Lambert Segrest.

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**Murray Segrest** - December 19, 2024 at 10:42 AM

TP

“ I’ve known Bill for nearly 41 years since I transferred to A/1/20 in March 1984. I have always respected Bill and thought him a good man. Bill was an excellent soldier and Team Sergeant and an exceptional Sergeant Major. The best Sergeant Major I had the honor to serve with in all my 23 years of service. He will be missed and the world is a poorer place with his passing. Rest easy Sergeant Major you have earned it.

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**Terry Piper** - December 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM

 Gary Lindsay

“ Bill was my team sergeant early in my career at A/1/20, and later served as our company sergeant major. He was bigger than life, in person and in image. I can remember my first handshake with him and having that meaty paw wrapped around mine. He commanded respect by his presence and the way he led by example. He was the kind of leader who was personable and relatable. You did what he asked of you not because you were afraid of him, but because you wanted to please him. I will remember him as my friend and one of the best senior NCOs in the U.S. Army, Alabama National Guard, and 20th Special Forces.

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**Gary Lindsay** - December 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM

DD

Bill was my friend and Special Forces team mate. He was larger than life and the epitome of a Green Beret . I saw and talked with several days before his passing and his iron grip handshake was as strong as ever . Rest in Peace Warrior .

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**Don Drasheff** - December 18, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JP

“ *It was my honor and privilege to have known Bill Campbell. He was an exceptional Sergeant Major and leader whose priority was always to take care of his soldiers. I am even more proud to call Bill my friend. He attended our team reunions for many years and was essentially an adopted member. We will all miss him very much. Rest easy Sergeant Major.*

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**Jay Phillips** - December 17, 2024 at 09:48 AM

WG

“ *Bill Campbell was a great Team Sergeant, a great Sergeant Major, and a great friend. It was my honor and privilege to have known him and served under him.*  
*Wade Green*

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**Wade Green** - December 16, 2024 at 11:32 PM

JC

*Bill was a great friend and father had the the pleasure of being in the guard with him he will be missed and remembered with fond memories*

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**jerry cronier** - December 19, 2024 at 09:32 AM