



Harry J. Campbell

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A beloved Fort Collins Navy veteran died this week following a months-long battle with cancer.

Harry Campbell, 65, a popular installment from the Fort Collins Coloradoan summer series This is Fort Collins, was admitted to hospice care Thursday with stage 4 neuroendocrine cancer. He was diagnosed with the disease this summer and died Tuesday morning.

Campbell served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, joining shortly after graduating Fort Collins High School "when it was still the only high school in town," he said during a Memorial Day interview with the Coloradoan.

He retired a chief petty officer after working much of his career in nuclear reactors and "all the nuclear areas."

He openly shared the heartbreak of returning home on leave to a country ungrateful of his service. He was almost denied entrance to a high school prom because he was in uniform.

His son Eric remembers his father as a man who "was always there, no matter what and no matter when."

"The hero they read about was my hero," Eric wrote in an email to the Coloradoan shortly after Campbell entered hospice care.

He was married to Jennifer Campbell for 43 years and had five children: Amanda Johnson, Eric Campbell, Kenny Campbell, Rebecca Campbell and Shannon Krile. He was the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His 10th grandchild is due next month.

Campbell worked in Colorado State University's mechanical service shop until his illness

became too great this fall, Eric said. He was on leave at the time of his death but had not retired.

In a previous interview with the Coloradoan, Campbell said his work gave him "a reason to get up" and the opportunity to train the next generation.

In his free time, Campbell spent time with other veterans and worked with youths "at all levels" of baseball, soccer and wrestling.

"He was the most selfless man I've ever known," Eric said Tuesday. "We never had the nicest things. We weren't the richest family growing up, but he always made us feel we were the most important things in his life, no matter how hard he had to work."

<http://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/2015/09/15/beloved-fort-collins-veteran-dies-after-cancer-battle/72330742/>

Cemetery

Events

Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO, 80521

SEP

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Funeral Service

12:00PM - 01:00PM

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus
2908 S Timberline Road, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80525

Comments



“ Harry was a very dear friend to me. I will miss him - This world lost a great man!

Darlene Maki - Facilities Finance Office

Darlene Maki - September 17, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Harry was a great supporter of our wonderful free country! Thank you for that service. Thank you for your support of FCHS. Harry I thank you for your friendship, I will miss you very much, you had my greatest respect. Next beer at VFW will be a toast to you.

Your friend, Joe Ahlbrandt

joe ahlbrandt - September 16, 2015 at 11:01 PM



“ James Lawton lit a candle in memory of Harry J. Campbell



James Lawton - September 16, 2015 at 03:09 PM



“ We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country and also for his service in Fort Collins. Our sympathies are with your family.

NoCo Marine Corps League Auxiliary

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“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Harry J. Campbell



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