



## Efton Campbell

October 22, 1926 - December 22, 2017

Efton Campbell, age 91, of Bolivar, Missouri, passed away Friday, December 22, 2017, at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility, in Bolivar.

Efton was born on October 22, 1926, in Elkton, Missouri, to Clyde and Martha Mildred (Williams) Campbell. He grew up in the area, and then served in the Navy during WWII, until the war ended. After returning home he married Helen Louise Mann at the Rondo Missionary Baptist Church.

Together, at 21 years old, they bought a farm near Rondo, Missouri, where they lived for 61 years, until they sold, and moved to Bolivar, in 2009. He always stayed close to home, saying he had done enough traveling during his time in the Navy.

On the farm he not only had crops, but also milked cows, and later in life became a cattleman. Efton also raised coon dogs. He took great joy in his dogs, and loved to go out hunting with them. Towards the end of his life, it was said all he dreamed about was cattle and coon dogs.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Martha Mildred; a sister, Vauda Bland; two brothers, Kenneth Dale Campbell, and Billy Eugene Campbell; and the love of his life, his wife of 62 years, Helen.

Survivors include six children, Collin Keith Campbell, and his wife Sarah, Daniel Lee Campbell, David Michael Campbell, and his wife Lanora, Donna Jeanne Polly, Larry Efton Campbell, and Paul Ray Campbell, and his wife Lori; nineteen grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; brother, Bernie Campbell; and many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

A visitation will be held on Friday, December 29, 2017, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm, at the Butler Funeral Home, in Bolivar.

Funeral services will begin after the visitation, and start at 1:00 pm, on Friday, December 29, 2017, at the Butler Funeral Home, with Mike Blackwell officiating.

Burial with military honors will take place following the funeral, at the Rondo Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

in Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rondo Cemetery, 4325 S. 97th Rd, Bolivar, MO 65613.

# Cemetery Details

## Rondo Cemetery

Rondo, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Efton Campbell*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Efton Campbell*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Efton Campbell.*



December 27, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Efton Campbell.*



December 27, 2017 at 03:41 PM

SS

“ Grandpa knew I loved horses as a very young girl, so when we'd visit the farm, he would often surprise me by saddling up his horse, Prince, and leading the horse around the corral while I pretended to know what I was doing. As I got older, he would let me ride by myself within the confines of the corral. I won't forget the day he saddled up the horse, opened the gate to the pasture and said, "Here you go!" Grandpa also had an uncanny knack for guessing my weight as I grew older. He would usually guess within a few pounds. I suppose it came from seeing so many cattle at the sale barns over the years. Grandpa, you will be deeply missed. I am so thankful that my own children were able to meet you and learned to love you too!

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**Sherri Scribner** - December 27, 2017 at 03:34 PM

DP

*My condolences to the family. May God be with you in this time of loss.*

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**Dan Percival** - December 30, 2017 at 02:03 AM

TJ

“ Tammy J. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Efton Campbell.



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**Tammy J.** - December 27, 2017 at 01:15 PM

PH

“ My memories of my uncle Efton are many and sweet. As a city gal, everything about the farm was exciting to me. It was work to my uncle but he put up with a little girl following him to the barn to milk. I remember one special 4th of July watching fireworks over the fields in front of the house. Uncle Kenneth was there and had bought an arsenal of fire power. My favorite story though is of uncle Efton taking my dad on a coon hunt. Dad barely survived and Efton had a good time wearing dad out. Love and prayers to my wonderful Missouri family.

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**Pamela (Bland) Hiles** - December 26, 2017 at 11:15 AM

EO

“ Some of my fondest memories as a child were summers spent on Grandpa's farm, catching frogs and fireflies and barn kittens. I will always fondly remember sitting on his lap with my sister, combing his hair and drawing faces on his big, tough fingers. I thoroughly enjoyed joining him in his habitual teaspoon of honey every day (I passed on the vinegar) and riding on his feet like a horse. I'm so grateful for the home he provided for and the family he gave me that have forever given me a strong sense of family and home and precious memories.

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**Erin O'Brien** - December 25, 2017 at 10:05 AM

KM

“ We will truly miss you Uncle Elton! So many stories of the farm, and most of them involved you. Until we meet again, we love you.

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**Kyle Mason** - December 24, 2017 at 09:40 PM

 Dale  
Campbell

“ Love you and miss you Grandpa! So many good memories to cherish. Thanksgiving family gatherings with the adults joining grandpa around the table playing pitch. Grandpa's hearty laugh. Helping build the deck with my Dad and Clint at the farm house and Grandpa giving me my first ever check as payment! Bailing hay, driving Grandpa's tractor sitting on his lap, riding horses, watching football, looking at his feet as a little boy as he relaxed on his favourite brown reclining chair. And I remember you saying the blessing for many meals. Diane, Tom and I send our love and prayers from Auckland, NZ - with sadness mixed with gratitude for the many memories like these.

*Dale Campbell (grandson)*

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**Dale Campbell** - December 24, 2017 at 02:22 PM