



Clyde Frank Campbell, III

June 21, 1943 - June 6, 2024

Clyde "Soupy" Frank Campbell, III, 80, of Kannapolis, NC, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024 in Charlottesville, VA.

He was born on June 21, 1943 in Alexandra, Louisiana, to Clyde Frank Campbell II and Willa Mae Campbell. Soupy was a proud Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran who served as a structural mechanic and helicopter gunner. He even worked on Marine One. After his service, Soupy attended and played football at Lees-McRae College and Mars Hill University, where he met his wife, Diane. Soupy had a long coaching career after college, coaching at Hoke County High School, Lees McRae College, and Northwest Cabarrus High School. Soupy was inducted into the Lees McRae Athletics Hall of Fame, where he played and coached. Soupy coached players who would later go into the NFL. However, Soupy was most proud of his work as a teacher, starting the AP History program at Northwest Cabarrus High School. He loved teaching and inspiring future teachers. Soupy touched so many lives both throughout his coaching and teaching career.

Soupy's greatest love was being Grandpa Soup. He loved playing with his grandkids and attending their school events. He never missed an opportunity to do either. He is survived by children, Christy Welch (John) and Russell Campbell (Sallie); and grandchildren, Madison and Cameron Welch, Maxton, Charlotte, and Boone Campbell.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 15 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with a graveside service following at Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/Pr57wX9VT7EiUNfJ/>
(Facebook login may be required.)

In lieu of flowers, Christy and Russell are setting up a scholarship in Soupy's name for a Northwest graduate majoring in education. You may mail donations to Christy Welch at 2345 Abington Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911 or VENMO with SCHOLARSHIP as the reason @Christina-Welch-30.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Campbell family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JUN **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

FM

“ Coach Campbell will be in my heart forever because he believed in me instantly by making me his starting point guard on our freshman basketball team at Hoke County High School in Raeford NC during the 1979-80 school year. We went undefeated with a 14-0 record. Thank you Coach for believing in me!

Freddie McLean - September 08, 2025 at 03:40 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Roberts - June 16, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CJ

“ Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Clyde Frank Campbell, III



Cindy Jacobs - June 14, 2024 at 07:47 AM

AS

“ I graduated from Northwest in 2003 and was privileged to have Mr. Campbell as my teacher. He played the Animaniacs' Presidents video every single day at the beginning of class. I still remember the song and have told my kids about learning it and of Mr. Campbell.

Ashley - June 14, 2024 at 01:44 AM

TF

“ The Boyd family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clyde Frank Campbell, III.

The Boyd family - June 13, 2024 at 03:23 PM

J.

“ I had the unique opportunity to experience the events of September 11th while sitting in Mr. Campbell's US History class. Like many it was a defining moment for me and my path to adulthood. His direct, sometimes scary perspective on the events unfolding before us still shapes how I view world events today. As one of his infamous 'C-nerds,' he was the first teacher to challenge my intellectual capacity outside of the textbook. He pushed me to take his AP US history class, a class I had no business taking, but simply making an average grade to him was considered a success, one which he celebrated. Years later I realized he truly taught me how to view the world beyond what I was seeing on the surface, to challenge myself even if the results are average. That consistency and dedication are more important ('corrections'- if you know, you know). And that getting off-topic isn't a bad thing and usually results in a funny story that allows humans to connect. To the Campbell family, find comfort knowing the many lives he has influenced in such a positive way, many of which you will never hear of, but I can assure you they exist and know of you. These are all things I and many of us will carry for our entire lives. Best wishes to the family in this time of loss.

J.M. - June 13, 2024 at 01:13 PM

CA

“ *Carla Williams & UVA Athletics purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Clyde Frank Campbell, III.*



Carla Williams & UVA Athletics - June 13, 2024 at 10:54 AM

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