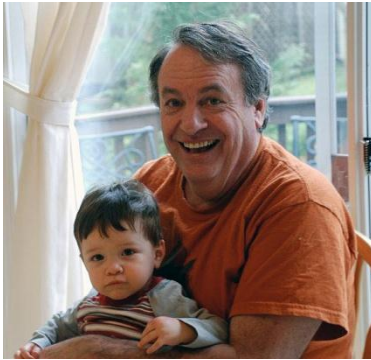
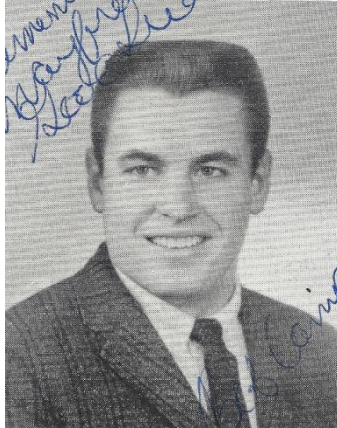


## ROBERT JAMES CAMPBELL

JV Basketball 1, Letter 1; JV Football 2, Letter 2; Varsity Football 3, 4, Letter 3, 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Junior Class 3, Committee Co-Chairman; Senior Class 4, President; Sophomore Class 2; Track 2, 3, 4.



**Robert J. Campbell**

Rochester: Bob passed away on **September 27, 2011** at age 68. He was predeceased by his father, Hugh Campbell & his brother, Edward Campbell. Sadly his mother, Jeanette passed the same day as Bob. He is survived by his loving children, Jessica (David) Chambers, Tricia (Frank Gori) Campbell & Marc (Alison) Campbell; grandchildren, Jordan & Eva Chambers, Cooper Campbell; sister, Barbara (Jack Prutzman) Campbell; nephews and many dear & dedicated friends. Family & Friends are invited to call on **FRIDAY** from 10-1 PM at Miller Funeral Homes, Inc. (3325 Winton Rd. S.). Interment, Riverview Cemetery, Baldwinsville, NY. Bob's Memorial Service will take place in the Interfaith Chapel of the funeral home on **SATURDAY** at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Assoc. (Lou Gehrig's Disease) or National Assoc. for Music Education in his memory. To leave a message of condolence, please visit <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=robert-campbell&pid=153868755&fhid=7346>

### **Note from Tricia Campbell (Bob's daughter) to Margie James Perna**

Hi Margie:

This is Bob Campbell's daughter, Trish. I stopped by the Jewish Home tonight with my sister and they let us know someone had been by with a photo album for him but they

didn't know who....Did some sleuthing and came to know that it was you. :) That was so sweet of you!!!

I have some sad news to share. Dad passed away yesterday afternoon. I was there, as was my aunt (his sister, Barb) and Dad's good friend and Pastor, Alan Dailey. He went peacefully.

It was quite a shock; though the disease was progressing, we didn't think by any means that he was going to be leaving us so soon.

On top of this, my Grandmother (my Dad's mother) also passed away yesterday. She had been suffering from dementia, and had also been steadily declining for the past few months.

Dad spoke highly of you and was so appreciative of all you and his other IHS classmates did to keep him in the loop. It meant the world to him. That is why I wanted to send you a personal e-mail so that you'd have the info. We didn't get things all set until this evening. The obit will be in the Rochester, NY, paper tomorrow.

If not too much trouble, if you could see that the calling hours and service information gets into the hands of any other of your classmates that you think would like to know (or if there is someone else I should be e-mailing---if you could share their info. with me--- I'd be most grateful).

### **Note from Marc Campbell (Bob's son) to Micky Campbell Parker**

Hi Everyone -

My apologies for the impersonal email. I wanted to share some sad news with you. After a difficult battle with ALS, my father, Robert Campbell, passed away yesterday. It's an unbelievably cruel disease, and his decline had been steady over the past few years. When I visited him about six weeks ago in his nursing home, it was clear the disease was accelerating, but I don't think any of us expected things to happen this quickly. On top of this, my Grandmother (my Dad's mother) also passed away yesterday. She had been suffering from dementia, and had also been steadily declining for the past few months. On some level I'm comforted that the timing of their passings coincided, but it's all still a bit much to process at this point.

### **Facebook Posts**

- **Dean Kindig**

R.I.P. Robert J Campbell, our lead guitarist for several years, who lost to ALS today. I was lucky to have known you, grateful to have sung the blues with you, and amazed at your talent, courage, and heart. Love you man.

### **Michael Perrotta**

Bob, I will miss you like a brother. It was a fortunate day in 2005 when I bumped into you at the deli. You have been as close a friend as I have known, and I will keep you in my heart forever. Thank God you are out of the grip of ALS. Love, Michael



## **Classmate Entries In The Family Guestbook**

### **Margie James Perna**

Sincere Sympathy goes out to Bob's Family. Bob, our Class President, Friend, shall always be thought of as a courageous, well-liked and devoted person. I felt privileged visiting Bob this past July and his spirit hearing of our 50th Reunion. Peace Bob. Margie James Perna

### **John L David**

Bob and I reconnected after 48 years from our graduation from Ithaca High School. He was instrumental in helping to create the website set up for

our class of 1961. My association with Bob has been a real pleasure over the last two years. I will miss him. He conducted his battle with ALS with grace and bravery. Please accept my condolences. We all have lost a real friend and gentleman.

### **Bernie R Cook**

So very sorry to hear of Bob's passing and leaving us so soon .I played football with Bob in high school and in the past year found him again on Face Book and we exchanges history and once again reunited .We kept in touch since then until recently .May God be with the family and now Bob is with our lord.

### **Joanne Westfall Bonanni**

Bob was a friend of my family. His mother Jenette Mercer Campbell was a great friend of my dad's from Baldwinsville, New York..they had gone to school together and my parents are buried in the Riverview Cemenry also. When they moved to Ithaca we all visited the family and I have many early memories. Thinking of you and the family at this sad time.. All were great people. Joanne Westfall Bonanni

### **Beverly J McCully Dunphy**

I was so saddened to learn of Bob's passing. I was hoping to see him at our recent 50th IHS Class Reunion. In my mind, he will always be the handsome guy I remember from our long-ago "school days". He was so very kind and had the greatest smile whenever you saw him. My heartfelt sympathies to his family. May God comfort you during the days ahead in knowing that Bob is at peace now. God Bless.

### **Dixie Dahmen**

Bob and I started corresponding a few months ago, shortly after our 50th high school reunion, which I couldn't make either. It was a unexpected joy to receive emails from this passionate and resilient man who was still collecting reading lists, appreciating a rendition of Marvin Gaye's "I heard it through the grapevine," and defending Adele against accusations of being too popular. I am very sad that Bob left so soon, but what a marvelous legacy he leaves in Trish, JJ, & Marc who he was so incredibly proud of.

**Ann Sheehan McNichols**

I am saddened to hear of your father's death. My memories of him in high school were of a kind, caring and friendly person who treated all with respect. We all missed him at the reunion, but his work on the planning committee gave us an opportunity to renew friendships. For those of us who knew him in his youth, we can tell you that he was someone you would have been very proud to call a friend.

**Donald E Darling**

Bob, I never knew you very well, but I considered you a friend. Now I feel an ache inside me as it all comes to an end. I hope one day we'll meet again, when my days on earth are done. When we can walk again among our friends and share in Heaven's fun. I learned of Bob's illness at the 50th class reunion so sent him a few emails just to let him know that I was thinking of him. RIP my friend.

**Janet O'Brien May**

Dear Tricia, Jessica, and Marc, Please know that your loss is shared by many of your dad's high school friends, we all missed him during this past reunion. He was a thoughtful man who considered all others before himself. I am sending your families prayers for acceptance. In your hearts keep one still place where the finest memories of your dad may go.

**Linda Klein Hirvonen**

The members of the Ithaca High School Class of 1961 were so close that when I saw Bob a year ago at the planning meeting it was as though 49 years slipped away. He had hardly changed, and although he couldn't speak, he was an integral part of the planning process. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to speak with him at that time and am saddened he is no longer with us. Take comfort in your memories and know he lives on in his children and grandchildren.

**Judith Lampman Lankau**

I am so saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful young man when we knew each other in High School, and became an even more wonderful man. I am sure God welcomed Bob with open arms and will bring peace and comfort to his family. May the happiest of memories soon replace the sadness of this time.

**Louie Hoffman Kent**

Bob was the President of the Ithaca High Class of 1961. He came to Ithaca in July 2010 for the 50th reunion planning meeting. Although he was no longer able to speak, he had his laptop computer and could type out his thoughts which were then delivered through the speakers. Both he and we thought he would be at the reunion this past July. When he found that he couldn't make it, we tried to include him by having a reunion tee shirt at every event of the weekend for classmates to sign. We felt his presence, and I think that when he received the tee shirt and looked at the pictures, he knew how much we missed him. Now his pain and suffering are over. May all the family and friends find solace in good memories of his life.

**Micky Campbell Parker**

Bob and I shared the same last name in high school so I was always seated next to him in homeroom. I loved him as a friend and am so happy that we were able to have a delightful visit in July at the conclusion of our 50th high school reunion. His eyes sparkled when I entered his room (we hadn't see each other since college days), we visited for an hour during which time I totally forgot that he wasn't speaking, his face and gestures were so expressive. He made a lasting impression on me which I'll never forget. I'm very saddened by this news though would not wish him to continue on in such misery