

BOBBY EDWARD CAMPBELL

September 14, 1926 – November 14, 2020

CAMPBELL, B. EDWARD



Bobby Edward Campbell of Louisville, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at his home. Bobby was a Navy Veteran serving during WWII from 1944-1946 on the USS Lumen. He graduated from University of Louisville (UL), attended University of Tennessee (UT), University of Alabama and Indiana University Bloomington. While attending UT, he worked for Tennessee Valley Authority. When he returned to Louisville, he worked for the Veterans Administration. He then worked at the British American Tobacco Co., and later was a Louisville Civil Service Examiner. His greatest achievement was working as a professor of Criminal Justice at UL and he helped establish the Southern Police Institute during his 40 years until retirement. During his 78 years as a musician, he performed with the Kosair Shrine Band, The Holy Name Band, the Highland Baptist Orchestra and numerous other bands. He was a charter member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at UL. Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Barbara Campbell, a son, Leigh Edward Campbell and a daughter, Virginia Lynn Keller. He is survived by his three daughters, Denise Hendrick (Jay), Laura Hamilton, Leann Gritton (Jack), 6 grandchildren and 6 great -grandchildren.

Guests are invited to attend a visitation from 3-8 pm on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 and from 1-8 pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Arch L. Heady & Son at Westport Village, 7410 Westport Rd. Louisville KY 40222. A funeral Service will be held at 11am on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, 901 Baxter Ave, Louisville KY 40204, where he was a member for 55 years.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Episcopal Church of the Advent, Kosair Charities or to the Southern Police Institute.

- [View the obituary online](#)
- Donations can be made by check to either the Dorothy P. Clore Scholarship Fund or John C. Klotter Scholarship Fund sent to SPIAA, **ATTN: Kathy Morgan, Treasurer, Overland Park Police Department, 12400 Foster, Overland Park, KS 66213.**
- Donations can be made online to the Scholarship Fund in Professor Campbell's name through the SPIAA website: <http://www.spiaa.org/Scholarship-Fund>.

Please leave a condolence for the family at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/louisville-ky/bobby-campbell-9903024>



Philip Shimer

November 18, 2020

Professor Campbell,

Without a doubt you were the most influential instructor I had at the SPI. What I learned from you shaped the remainder of my law enforcement career.

RIP Sir

Rick Shimer

87th AOC

Gennaro "Jerry" Vito

November 17, 2020

To Professor B. Edward Campbell: gentleman, musician, and educator - the "Mr. Chips" of the Southern Police Institute who influenced all who came through its doors. His service to the Institute and the University of Louisville is his tribute to a life well spent.

Steve Edwards

November 17, 2020

It is difficult to put your finger on what makes a great educator. Is it the openness they present that gives you the feeling you can talk to them? Is it the knowledge and wisdom they impart in the discussions of the classroom or the one on one you have with them after class or over a beer? Is it the willingness of that teacher to always have time for you and listen to your thoughts? Is it the kindness of that teacher that is expressed in spoken and unspoken manners and acts?

B. Edward Campbell embraced these qualities and so much more as an educator. He was a gentleman of the first order that possessed a passion for teaching that every master teacher enjoys. His heart was for students be they undergraduate / graduate or police officers attending the Southern Police Institute. He was also a thoughtful and gracious colleague that often expressed his interest in you as a faculty member. As a faculty member, you had no better colleague / mentor than B. Edward.

To know Ed, you quickly learned he was determined, and disciplined. But you also learned he had a %winkle+of mischief. Sometimes you walked away from a conversation with Professor Campbell, in wonder, scratching your head. He said what? One of my favorite remembrances of Ed was a conversation he was having with a first day SPI student. The student had a heavy southern state accent and Ed, in his kind fashion asked, %Well sir, where might you be from?+The student looked a little puzzled, but responded, TEXAS sir. Ed, looking straight at him, paused, and said, you mean TA-HAS. Yes, that was Ed.

You are one of a kind Professor Campbell. Thank you for being you. God Speed

Marvin Bernhardt

November 16, 2020

I was fortunate to have Professor Campbell as an instructor when I attended the 65th AOC. He impressed me as a very intelligent and compassionate man. Over the years, he became a friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was one of a kind.

Marvin Bernhardt

65th AOC

William F. Walsh

November 16, 2020

Professor Campbell was one of the first individuals I met in Louisville when I arrived to compete for the Southern Police Institutes' Directors position in 1992. During my 20 years as SPI Director he was a great friend, colleague and mentor. A unique American hero a WW2 veteran. He loved his students who attended SPI and the Justice Administration program of U of L. He demanded the best from them but was always willing to give them and me guidance and help. He held a special place in his heart for the Southern Police Alumni Association and loved attending the annual conferences with his beloved wife Barbara. He was our last connection to the founders of the Southern Police Institute God Bless you Bob it was an honor to know you.

Terri Osborne

November 16, 2020

I met Professor Campbell when I was a student in the 108th AOC. It has been a pleasure getting to know him over the past 18 yrs. I never came away from an encounter without learning something from him. I was always amazed at his vast depth of knowledge. It will be my honor to make a donation in his name to one of the SPI Scholarship Funds. Prayers of comfort to the family.

Robert Crouse

November 16, 2020

It was my honor and pleasure to work with B Edward for nearly 20 years at the Southern Police Institute. Bob will always be remembered as a kind gentleman, a fun-loving man of great humor and wit. He was filled with a unique mixture of knowledge and compassion.

Professor Campbell overflowed with knowledge and capabilities developed over a lifetime. His goal was to enhance others by increasing their capacity to locate new points of view. He filled every instructional duty with great vigor and saw each student as a partner in a joint learning journey.

He once told me about his Navy career, he was a landing craft hero on D-Day.

Robert Crouse, Associate Director, Retired, Southern Police Institute

Tad Hughes

November 16, 2020

Professor Campbell was a legend at SPI. Over the years dozens of people have inquired about him and shared stories of having him as an instructor. The service award given by each class at SPI bears his name. He always made an effort to attend the alumni conference each year and he always sat in the front row of each training session without fail. He was a kind and thoughtful person, in my first year at U of L, each afternoon professor Campbell would stop in my office to check in on me and see how I was doing. He will be greatly missed.

Barry Madden

November 18, 2020

I had the pleasure of meeting Professor Campbell in 1974 when I enrolled in one of his classes at the University of Louisville. I enrolled in several additional classes with him in the undergraduate program and also in the graduate program. Professor Campbell was the chair of my thesis committee and kept everyone on track including myself as I completed my MS in the Administration of Justice.

I also kept in touch with him through the Southern Police Institute's Alumni Association and always looked forward to seeing him at the yearly conference. In addition, he would always attend the AOC graduation ceremonies twice a year and present one of the awards. Professor Campbell represented the Southern Police Institute very well for many years and will be greatly missed by the faculty, staff, and alumni.