



## Stephen Richard Campbell

May 1, 1951 - January 3, 2023

Stephen Richard Campbell, age 71, of Columbus, Ohio passed away on January 3rd, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Steve was born on May 1, 1951 in Columbus Ohio. He was preceded in death by his mother, Annabelle (Stephens) Campbell and father, Milton A. Campbell. He is survived by his sisters Chris (Roy) Jewett, and Connie (Tom) Kelch, 1 niece, Kyla (Gregg) Dembowski and 2 nephews, Nick (Eileen) Jewett and Dustin (Nikki) Kelch.

Steve graduated from Whetstone High School in 1969 and earned an Associate's Degree in Electronic Engineering at Columbus Technical Institute in 1974. He also attended The Ohio State University from 1970-72 in the school of Fine Arts.

He traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Europe and the Middle East, when working for American Science and Engineering in Cambridge, MA. as a Field Service Technician. He went on to work at MIT in Cambridge, MA as a Senior Electronic Technician and also at Video One/Cinemagraphics as a Senior Video Technician in Boston, MA.

Steve returned to Columbus in the late 90's working as a Video Engineer at SOS Productions and Industrial Video Corp.

Steve was always interested in Art and Music, playing the drums for bands in Columbus (during his high school and college years) and also for a short while in Montreal, Canada. His art interests were painting, drawing, sculpture and stained glass. He was an avid reader, and especially loved History.

Steve encountered some obstacles during his lifetime. He was diagnosed as profoundly deaf as a child, worsening as an adult, and had a battle with cancer in his late twenties. Before his death he contributed generously to many institutions that he felt had helped him on his life's journey or he just believed in their missions.

Steve loved to travel to visit his dear friends in California and New York. He loved his friends and family and we loved him and will miss him. As he requested, there will be no service. Donations in his honor may be made to the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center.

RIP Steve

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Richard Campbell*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

“ I've known Steve since we both started working in the same MIT department in the early 80s. I was a new transplant from Michigan, but Steve had already been living in Boston for some years. We hit it off and spent a lot of time doing things around town. Steve was Mr. FixIt at MIT. You'd take him broken things, he'd fix them and make them work again.

He was always up for an adventure. We'd travel around Massachusetts, go snorkeling on Cape Cod or hiking in the woods. Steve bought a timeshare vacation on the Cape and we went there a couple of years with other friends.

After a couple of years, Steve left MIT and went to work at other video production places around Boston. We'd get together now and then for dinner or drinks.

I still find it amazing that as profoundly hard of hearing as Steve was that he was so in tune with the music that he loved. I'm hearing that he started as a drummer, but during the time i knew him he was playing guitar. After he moved back to Ohio he would send me tapes from time to time that I would enjoy listening to.

Now and then, Steve would head back east and it was always good to get a visit from him. The last time I saw him in Boston was around 2010. We rode our bikes all over town, starting in Somerville and ending up on the Boston waterfront. We did some zip lining up in New Hampshire too. I think this took him on a path where he ended up taking skydiving lessons.

We met up in Florida in 2018 and he stayed for a few days of hiking and time on the beach. This is probably the last time I saw him. We kept in touch with email and never missed each other's birthdays. He explained his situation to me last September and told me that he wasn't going to be around much longer.

RIP Steve! You were always a great friend!

**RANDY WINCHESTER** - January 15, 2023 at 07:56 PM

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“ *I will miss you forever my Potatoe Head and our motorcycle craziness and the art we made in the woods and the music. I loved you so so much. You and I know and sometimes I wish I'd run off to Boston. You are part of my heart and soul forever.*

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**Patricia Orahoske** - January 12, 2023 at 10:02 PM

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“ *Steve and I started a very short lived band in 7th or 8th grade named “The Aardvarks” with him on drums, of course, and I did vocals. Never performed anywhere but his basement but he was a pretty good drummer even then and we were cool!*

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**Dave Cribb** - January 12, 2023 at 10:18 AM