



Gary John Campbell

April 28, 1947 - December 28, 2025

Gary John Campbell, aka Pappa or PopG, 78, passed on December 28, 2025. Gary was born on April 28, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to the late John and Muriel Campbell (née Orsick).

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 35 years, Margo Jon Campbell (nee Schweigart), and five children: Martine Ellen, husband Dan; Neil Aaron, and from Gary's previous marriage: Michael John, fiancée Elizabeth; Travis Jay, wife Amanda; Tracy Suzanne, and six grandchildren: Madison, fiancée Anthony; Sydney, fiancée Sebastian; Campbell, Gavin, Eden, and Cillian.

Gary served three years in the Military, from 1966-1969, during the Vietnam war. As luck would have it, his orders sent him to Ethiopia as a surveyor instead; he told the best stories about his time there, and growing up in Michigan. Gary had the best speaking voice; his stories never got old.

Once out of the service, he began building log homes, which turned into Great Lakes Log Homes, building custom homes in and around the Traverse City, Michigan area.

In 1990, Gary began another chapter and moved to Florida. Initially living in the Tampa Bay area, he realized that he wanted to live on the water, and made his way south to Longboat Key. He was happiest being on his boat,

living on Sarasota Bay, and staying close to the fish!!

During that same time, Gary began another business, Landscapes In Paradise. He headed this business for 25 years prior to his passing, during which time he was able to display his creativity regarding custom landscaping projects, often involving contrasting colors with tropical plants, boulders, and stones.

Gary was a hard-working, creative entrepreneur, who shared his warm, funny personality with all that knew him. He will be greatly missed.