



DOUGLAS M. CAMPBELL

November 23, 2012

Douglas M. Campbell, 48, of Lancaster, passed away on November 21st, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on February 13th, 1964. He was graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in 1982. He attended Elizabethtown College and was graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He spent a semester of his senior year abroad at The College of St. Paul and St. Mary's in Cheltenham, Gloucester, England. He continued his education at the University of Maryland, earning a Master's Degree in Architecture. While working for The Prospect Park Alliance in Brooklyn, NY, Douglas helped with the design for the restoration of the park's Victorian boat house. He worked for Charter Homes and was later self-employed as a LEED-Certified, Registered Architect.

Douglas will be dearly missed by his father, John A. Campbell Jr. and stepmother, Bonnie Campbell of Lancaster; mother, Barbara Piersol and step-father Burton Piersol of Sarasota, FL, siblings, Laurel Campbell and Carol Campbell of Lancaster and J. Clayton Campbell of Wrightsville, PA, his step-siblings, Judy Piersol of San Francisco, CA, Rachael Eavenson of Baltimore, MD and Adam Eavenson of Lancaster, PA. He was preceded in death by his stepbrother Burton Piersol Jr.

Douglas was lovingly referred to as “Uncle Dougie” by his nieces and nephews, Kyle Egan of Lancaster, Kurtis Egan of Manhattan, Kelly Martin of Maryland, Lindsay Campbell and Brooke Nelson of Wrightsville, and Danielle Wolf of San Diego.

Douglas will also be missed by his many cool and wonderful friends, many whom he met while working at Zap & Co., Lancaster’s oasis of hip during the 1980’s. He was much-appreciated for his abiding aura of peacefulness.

Douglas was a kind, compassionate and loving person who advocated for the kind treatment of animals. He loved art, nature, music, poetry, literature, writing, hiking in the woods and the Susquehanna River. He had a special appreciation for mid-century modern furniture and art and enjoyed visiting antique markets to find treasures from that era. In the 1990’s he volunteered and lived at the Farm Sanctuary in Avondale, PA where he was a caretaker of rescued farm animals. He continued to remain active in animal rights organizations while living in Portland, OR where he studied and worked in graphic design. Douglas loved living in Lancaster City and was a longtime supporter of the revitalization of downtown: he was especially proud of the burgeoning fine arts community which has helped to drive that progress. He volunteered and/or served on the committee for Lancaster Township Planning and Zoning, Live Green and Creative House of Lancaster.

A celebration of Douglas’ life will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange Street (at the corner of Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The family will greet friends at The Groffs from 5:00 p.m. until the time of the Service. Memorial remembrances may be made in Douglas’s memory to The Humane League of Lancaster www.humaneleague.com and to the American Institute of Architects www.aia.org .

Tribute Wall



“ *what an asshole* ”

Laurel C - August 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ DOUGLAS M. CAMPBELL ”

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *The Zoetopia just opened in the Red Rose this summer and last weekend I said to my friend “doug Campbell would’ve liked this place.” She said who is doug Campbell? And I said 1. Bowie. 2. Morrissey and 3. Doug Campbell in more or less any order. All of us from the great city of Lancaster who remember him, and will never forget him, would agree.* ”

Dick Kirchner - September 05, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ *The best of the generation from Prince & Queen Sts. Class of 1985. Not one of us has ever forgotten him. A friend to all.* ”

Dick Kirchner - May 22, 2016 at 05:31 AM



“ *I truly miss this guy. This will be someone some fifty years later, the people of Lancaster County will still be remembering. He was a friend to all in our little red rose city. Miss you Doug. <http://youtu.be/O17MA58P-QY>* ”

Dick Kirchner - December 07, 2014 at 04:24 PM

DK

“ A friend to all and a friend to Lancaster County. At the end of fall 2014 we are still remembering Doug Campbell and bright days in the red rose city in the 1980's.

Dick Kirchner - November 24, 2014 at 05:21 PM

JM

“ My deepest sympathies to Doug's family and to the community of Lancaster. He will be truly missed. I am so glad to have known him, he was an important part of my life when I lived in Lancaster in High School and up to today. Love to you all!

Johanna Moore - December 01, 2012 at 02:47 AM

SH

“ I only met Doug a few times many years ago, but he always struck me as kind and big-hearted person.

True story:

Many moons ago I was in Zaps looking for a pair of sunglasses. Doug was working. He was behind the counter reading the newspaper.

A local man who many of us may know (named Donald) came into the store. Donald suffers from severe schizophrenia. He's quite harmless, but many people are put off by him.

Donald was agitated about something or other, and Doug picked up on this right away. Most people would try to kick Donald out of the store, but not Doug. Instead, he carried on a full 20 minute conversation with Donald, and even managed to put a smile on Donald's face. As new customers would walk into the store, Donald would tell them that his friend Doug was behind the counter.

He was good people.

I'm sorry for your loss.

Steve High - November 30, 2012 at 10:56 PM

JW

I only just found out about Doug's passing and I am sorry for his loss to all his friends and family. We worked together at The Ray Group Architects in Lancaster. I was just looking him up today because I need some work done on my house and thought maybe he could help me make a plan. He was a friendly person and I am sorry I was not aware of his passing before today.

Jennifer Merrill Williams - September 08, 2021 at 07:58 PM

KD

“ *To Family and Friends of Doug,*

Deepest condolences. Doug and I were in jr high, high school, and college together at E-town. He was and will always be the kindest and most gentle soul I've ever met. We were never really close, but through FaceBook, we were able to connect and share joys, sorrows, and the beauty of life. Doug always had a peacefulness about him - even in jr high school - that drew people to him.

Rest peacefully Doug.

Kendal Hullihen Drivas - November 30, 2012 at 10:41 PM

MJ

“ *To Bonnie & John and the entire Campbell family,*

I am so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. I grieve for all our loss, for Doug was a tremendously compassionate and caring individual.

I had the pleasure of collaborating with Doug in thinking about the reconstruction of the void left by the Zap fire.

He was insightful, creative and energized by the possibilities the future held.

I will always remember his grace, courage and quiet composure.

Rest in Peace Doug.

Michael Jennings - November 29, 2012 at 05:41 AM

RD

“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Campbell family. Doug and I graduated together, and although we lost contact over the years a piece of my heart is gone with his passing. He will be greatly missed by the lives that he touched with his presence. Again, my sincere condolences....RIP my friend...

Ronnie Dunn - November 29, 2012 at 12:13 AM

CL

“ I am very sorry for the Campbell family. I had the privilege of working with Doug at Charter and simply thought the world of him!

Cyd Lucci - November 28, 2012 at 03:23 AM

DP

“ My sympathies and condolences to the entire Campbell family. I worked with Doug at Charter Homes where I came to know him as a very talented architect and soft spoken friend. During the two years that we worked together, sometimes under very stressful deadlines, Doug remained calm, collected, focused and always the professional. I was extremely lucky to have known Doug and have him in my life for a brief time. The world is a LESS kind place with his passing and I shall miss laughter, his insight and his wisdom..... I will simply miss him.

Doug Phillips - November 27, 2012 at 10:13 AM

TW

“ I am extremely sorry to hear of Doug's passing. I only knew him for a short while when he resided on Orange St. I found him to be a most peaceful and quiet person with such dignity. Doug will be so missed by us and the community he so loved. I send you our condolences from G & W Real Estate and from me personally.

Sincerely,

Teresa Wagaman

Teresa Wagaman - November 26, 2012 at 10:31 PM

MV

“ I'm so very sorry to learn of Doug's passing. May he rest in peace. I met Doug in England while we were both studying at The College of Saint Paul and Saint Mary (I came from Juniata College). I remember him as being soft spoken and kind. Over the course of his time there, he transformed his appearance (into something more artsy and individualistic) which I think suited him greatly. I send you my sincere condolences.

Maria Verroye - November 26, 2012 at 08:08 PM

MJ

“ Dear John and Bonnie:

I'm a voice from your past - but when I read today of Doug's passing I wanted to send you my sympathy and condolences.

I didn't know Doug well when we shared English classes at E-town College because I was an older fulltime non-traditional student at that time. But he impressed me with his gentle, quiet manner (so like you, John), and his non-conformist strength in marching to his own drummer.

I am sorry he passed from this life at a young age.

As I write this and remember Doug, my own memories of my years at E-town College certainly include you, John, and the enriching classes I took with Prof. Campbell. In time, you and Pat and Dick and I developed a friendship and social relationship of many lovely dinners together in our homes or at favorite restaurants. We so enjoyed your and Pat's company.

After Pat's passing, I believe I remember correctly that you and Bonnie met at a Hospice loss-of-spouse support group. As it turns out, after Dick's passing in 2001, I eventually became trained at Hospice to help facilitate their loss-of-spouse support groups. And it was during one of the training sessions that I met my partner/companion Doug. He, too, co-facilitates these Hospice support groups - and we have been together and in love since 2007. I moved from the "big" home Dick and I shared on E-town Rd. in 2006 - to a nice home close to Landisville. And I have been happy that I made this necessary move.

Enough about me - but I just wanted to bring you up-to-date a bit. I send my thoughts and prayers to you and Bonnie and your entire family. The grief journey differs for everyone, but it is difficult and emotional. Please be good to yourselves as you face the days and weeks ahead.

I wish you strength and peace.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Johnstone

Mary Ann Johnstone - November 26, 2012 at 02:38 AM

DL

“ *Clay, my deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Daphne M. Leeder - November 25, 2012 at 11:49 PM