



RICHARD CAMPBELL

April 22, 1931 - December 28, 2005

Mr. Richard Irving Campbell, better known as Slim, age 74, Gray, TN, died Wednesday, December 28, 2005, at Johnson City Medical Center. Slim fought a long battle with emphysema. He inspired many people along the way and during his long illness, he encouraged others to keep the Faith and not give up. He recently spoke to a group of children encouraging them not to smoke. It's not "cool," he told them, relating the danger of smoking and how it had affected his life. A native of Elizabethton, TN, he was the son of the late Isaac Newton Campbell and Lilly Heaton Campbell. Slim graduated from Hampton High School and attended Auto Mechanics School. He worked for Leach Motors in Johnson City before beginning an 18-1/2 year position teaching auto mechanics at Sullivan East High School. He loved his family and friends and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Slim was a talented musician. He served several churches in the area and also accompanied various quartets. He was a faithful member of Mountain View Baptist Church, Johnson City, and was serving as organist at the time of his death. He loved gospel music and he enjoyed woodworking.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years of marriage, Brenda Campbell; a son, Jeffrey Lynn Campbell of Gray; three brothers, Kenneth Campbell of Mountain City, Leslie Campbell of Elizabethton, and Wade Campbell of Mountain City; a special granddaughter, Lillie Campbell of Gray; several nieces and nephews; and special friend Dana Ferguson of Gray. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Wilma Bowers.

The Celebration of Life Service for Richard Irving "Slim" Campbell will be conducted at 8:00 PM Friday, December 30th in the Sunrise Chapel of Tetrick Funeral Services, Johnson City with Rev. James Cambron, Rev. William E. Saylor, and Brother Brian Holloway officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the chapel prior to the service and at the residence at any time. The Committal and Graveside Service will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Saturday at Tri-Cities Memory Gardens. Everyone is asked to meet at the funeral home at 10:00 AM to go in procession to the cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be selected from friends of Mr. Campbell. Honorary pallbearers will

be Dr. Robert Allen, Dr. Jeff Farrow, and Dr. David Jones.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Mountain View Baptist Church,
4005 Bristol Highway, Johnson City, TN 37601.