



In Loving Memory of

Tom Camp

December 19, 1938—August 13, 2020

Celebration of Life

Friday, May 13, 2022

Service – 11 a.m.

Central United Methodist Church
200 East Marion Street
Shelby, North Carolina

**A Service of Death and Resurrection
And Celebration of the Life of**

Tom Camp

Friday, May 13, 2022

11:00 am

Prelude

Danny Buckner

Words of Grace

Rev. David Lee

Opening Prayer

Rev. David Lee

Scriptures – Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Tom's Funeral Wishes

Read by Charles Camp

Song

How Great Thou Art

Words from friend, Charles Cornwell

Read by Andy Leonardi

Video Excerpts

Tom's Grandchildren

Special Music

Jason Hiatt, singer/songwriter

An Expression of Love

Read by Jim Ramsey

Dismissal and Blessing

Rev. David Lee

Recessional

Worship Leadership

Rev. David Lee, *Pastor, Central UMC, Shelby*

Danny Buckner, *Director of Music, Central UMC, Shelby*

Participants

Charles Camp, Brother

Andy Leonardi, Son-in-Law

Jim Ramsey, Friend

Recessional music, *Träumerei* by Robert Schumann, was Tom's favorite instrumental.

The family invites you to a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Tommy Joe Camp

December 19, 1938 - August 13, 2020

Shelby native Tom Camp died Thursday, August 13, 2020 at home in Spartanburg, S.C. where he and his wife moved 10 years ago to live with family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Edna Shields Camp, and siblings Savannah, Nathan, Ruth, Mary, Anna, Lula, Sam, Billy, Emmett, Thelma, Edwin, and Jerry. He is survived by his wife, Mariel O'Dell Camp, daughters Mary Jean Leonardi and Margaret Camp, son-in-law Andy Leonardi, grandchildren Tommy and Robey Leonardi, and his brothers and sisters Polly Bridges, Jane Bridges, Brendan LeGrand, Charles Camp and Robert Camp.



Tom graduated from Shelby High School in 1957. He played American Legion baseball and football with Shelby High. He attended UNC Chapel Hill on a baseball scholarship. As co-captain, he helped lead the 1960 UNC Chapel Hill baseball team to the finals of the College Baseball World Series. He graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 1961 with a degree in Journalism. He always said the best thing about UNC was meeting his wife, Mariel.

He worked for the Charlotte Observer, WBT, and Duke Power before forming his own forest sales and management company. For some years, he wrote a bi-weekly column for the Shelby Daily Star, some of which were included in his book “With Both Eyes Shut, Everything Looks the Same”. Later in life, he renewed a passion for songwriting and wrote the lyrics for many songs, though you won’t hear any of them on the radio – yet.

A member of Central United Methodist Church for 50 years, he also taught Sunday school and wrote weekly columns for the church newsletter.

He is inurned in the Central United Methodist Church columbarium.