Robert "Keith" Campbell, known by his family as Pops, was born in Phoenix, Ariz., with a San Diego, Calif., heart. Growing up, Pops spent most of his young years across the southern Arizona desert in Ajo and Casa Grande, but he and his parents settled in San Diego, Calif. While in San Diego, Pops attended Herbert Hoover High School, where he ran hurdles in track and was a stellar student. Upon his high school graduation, Pops attended The California Institute of Technology (CALTECH), in Pasadena, Calif., earning both a bachelors and master's degree in engineering. Pops created a very successful professional career, working for General Electric, Jesco, Electrical Energy Services, Inc. and his own company, R2C2), that allowed him to travel the world, both for work, and with his wife, Marilyn (Bridges) Campbell. He met the woman of his dreams in 1961. Mom was slightly older than Pops, but kept him on his toes! Marilyn brought art and love and laughter and beautiful children to his life. Keith and Marilyn married in 1963 where they cruised from Los Angeles, Calif., to honeymoon in Hawaii.

With a loving and kind spirit, he accepted Marilyn's two children as his own: Alan Campbell and Lynda Stovall Vibrock. Both had won over his heart and they all grew very close. Pops made it official and eventually adopted Alan when he was a high school teenager (age 16). In 1965, Pops and Marilyn gave birth to their daughter Lauren (Campbell) Hardy, who also kept them both on their toes with many activities and sports.

Keith was always a seeker of knowledge and a solver of problems, whether it was scientific, artistic, political, etc. Pops always had an answer when a question was asked, and if he didn't know the answer, he would research the answer and update the asker. His vocabulary was incredible and he worked crossword puzzles in our local paper every single day. He NEVER cheated the puzzle but worked them to completion. There was nothing that Pops couldn't fix or a problem he couldn't solve. And after Marilyn discovered her love for art, my father also discovered his love for art and all of the many loving friends that came with that culture.

Keith is preceded by his parents, Kenneth Campbell and Zelma Ruby Collins Campbell. Pops is survived by his wife Marilyn and his children Alan (and spouse Linda Miller Campbell), Lynda, Lauren (and spouse Darin Hardy). Pops loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren more than you could ever understand and he cherished every moment he spent with them, Shane Campbell, Luke Campbell, Lance Campbell, Jill Johnson (spouse Ann Roddy), Valorie Vibrock George, Brandon Hardy and Wyatt Hardy. The great-grandchildren are Natalie and Trip George, Emmett, Reed and Thomas Roddy-Johnson.

A memorial service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, at Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Robert "Keith" Campbell's name to the San Juan College Foundation - Art Gallery, 4601 College Blvd., Farmington, NM 87402.

Keith's care is entrusted to Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute St. in Farmington, 505-325-8688. Those who wish to express their condolences may do so at www.serenityandcompany.com.

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