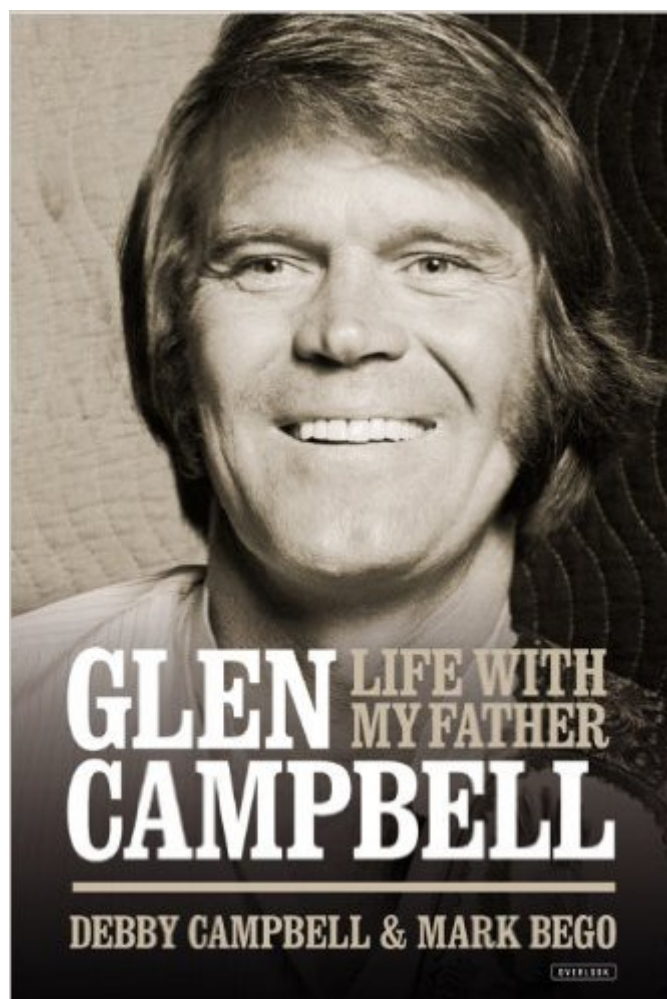


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# Life With My Father Glen Campbell



## Synopsis

Glen Campbell began his musical career as the recording session guitar player to many of the 1960s' biggest stars including Sonny & Cher, the Mamas & The Papas, The Beach Boys, and Elvis Presley. He transitioned to film with John Wayne in 1969's True Grit, which earned him a Golden Globe nomination. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2005, and was awarded a Grammy for Lifetime Achievement in 2012. During his fifty years in show business, Campbell has released more than 70 albums selling more than 45 million copies. For the last twenty-four years, Debby has been by her father's side, as a part of his concert touring act, as well as a supportive part of his family. She has been with her dad through his four wives, through drug and alcohol addiction, and now through the shattering beginnings of Alzheimer's disease. In her frank memoir, Campbell tells the story of her father straight from the heart.

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Debbie did a good job outlining her feelings of being left behind in Glen's fast paced life. At the risk of not giving her own family what they deserved, she worked hard over a lifetime to be appreciated and loved by her Father who really didn't reciprocate in much of anyway. In fact, after reading this, I'm left wondering If Glen really cared that much about his family from his first three marriages. I think the book leaves little doubt that Kim is afraid those past families might cut into the estate being left behind for her and her kids. Time will tell how Glen's estate will be distributed throughout the different Kids and grandchildren but I'm sure that has already been established since Glen has lost

complete say in the matter. I'm no intellect of how a book should be written but the duplication in this started making me almost want to put down. Paragraph after paragraph said exactly the same thing only using one or two different words. The book is poorly written but I blame that on whoever edited and approved the finally version. One thing for sure, after all these years, Debbie was devastated by being fired by her father. Somehow I believe that Debbie's dismissal does come down to Kim's family politics rather than business as said by Glen to Debbie. All and all, the book leaves me thinking that Debbie is a kind hearted and caring person who does care about all family members.

To me Glen Campbell is one perfect musician. An exceptional guitar player and interpreter of songs. Obviously talented and succesfull in his career. But his personal life as we know has been full of struggles. We thought he had had it all when his career exploded in the late 60's and a happy family from his second marriage emerged. But unfortunately with fame and fortune some people change. Personal relationships often are the thing most affected. Drugs and alcohol common in show business often enter the picture and worsen the situation. And so followed the many relationships and divorces. It appears also that -and this is what Debby indicated too in the book- Glen is the type who just couldn't be alone, just needed to constantly be in a romantic relationship. Children produced from those marriages ultimately are the ones who suffer. It's obvious Glen just couldn't handle this complexity of being a father to all his children from his four marriages. Debby's book is in essence a story of one child's effort to build a relationship with her famous father. Being a child from a previous marriage, she has found herself often as the one who has to reach out to be a part of his father's life. Glen has built a new life with his current wife and their three children and naturally this then has become his focus, so children from previous marriages often could feel left out and have to compete for his attention. I feel for her. I understand her perspective. I wish somehow the tension between her and Glen's current family members would be resolved. I know this is never a simple matter, what with Glen suffering from Alzheimer's disease presenting its own challenges. But as people who have always been believers, I hope they'll continue to look to God for help and guidance and put a great faith in Him and trust Him for their future. This book however in my opinion was written in a style that sounds too colloquial, like a journal that bypasses editing. Glen's 1994 autobiography "Rhinestone Cowboy" written with Tom Carter on the other hand was very well done. Still I recommend this to all Glen's fans, you will appreciate what is shared in it.

I enjoyed Debbie's book about her father. I have seen how nice she is to all his fans first hand up in Branson. I always enjoyed their duets. I believe that she really took care of him for all those years

and it is shameful how she was treated in the end. I am sure Glen would not have been happy about it. She had a wonderful life with her Dad and now she has the good memories. Jean Holzapfel

I have been listening to and following Glen Campbell for over 50 years now. His music will always be a part of my life and soul. I have wondered for years what happened to Glen's many kids and wives over the years. Debby fills in all the questions about his extended family, without dwelling on it. She also answers questions about his imperfect life, and his wonderful talent. I enjoyed reading her book, which saw Glen from a daughter's devoted view. All the good and bad that went along with Glen is included in her book. She doesn't sugar coat his addictions, or moods, but instead matter-of-factly talks about them being a part of a great musician's hectic life. She loved her dad, and dealt with the joy of being able to sing with him on the road, as well as the pain of being separated from him later on, when others took over his life. She does tend to repeat herself a lot, but I appreciate the book as answering the many questions I have had about Glen. I hope she is able to be with him when his time comes.

If you love Glen and you thought you knew him you need to read this book. It's so raw and honest that I had trouble reading it. It's real family situations and issues and well written by his daughter fighting for his life! Please buy this book.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book because I work with Debby and admire her. The content of the book is very informative and interesting with facts and observations. Although she wrote it with Mark, who has dealt with other celebrity books, I do not think his style of writing is great. I would recommend this to anyone who is a fan of Glen Campbell.

I saw Glen Campbell in Branson in 2003. He had Debby singing in his act at the time. My husband and I met her. We even got to take a picture with her. This woman is one of the sweetest people that you will ever meet. She was so kind to us. And she had nothing but kind things to say about her Father. Someone on here has said she's trying to be a trouble maker towards the rest of Glens family, and she's being nasty in the book. I am here to say if she wrote anything troubling about her extended family, then there's probably truth to it. Don't shoot the messenger. Debby is a sweet and kind person who loves her Father very much. Keep that in mind when you read this book. That's all I ask. Thank you.

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