



## William Albert "Bill" Craig

January 1, 2012

William (Bill) Albert Craig William (Bill) Albert Craig of Gordonville, Mo died at 1:20 am Sunday January 1 2012 at Southeast Health Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Born September 12 1941 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late James Leon and Lilly Craig, he owned Craig Appraisal and Real Estate Investment Services of Cape Girardeau, MO. Following his service in the United States Air Force he moved back to Memphis, Tennessee, and on August 24, 1969 married Charlotte Boyce of Sikeston, Mo. After graduation from Memphis State University in January 1971 and living in Chattanooga, Tennessee from 1971 to 1972, Bill and Charlotte moved to Cape Girardeau, first working for Colonial Federal Bank, later establishing Craig Real Estate Appraisal and Investment Services. Bill never met a stranger, and was a good friend to many in the community. He loved telling a good joke, and collected trivia. He relished sharing these hobbies with his friends! An avid cook, Bill donated his time and skills to many organizations and served as the annual cook for the Woody Rushin Foundation Golf Tournament and for many years, the Rotary Club's Camp Enterprise as well as the annual Rotary Club picnic. He belonged to the Cape West Rotary Club for many years and served one term as President. He also loved to cook Christmas Dinner for the Cape Girardeau County Mapping and Appraising and Assessor's office and Montgomery Bank employees. As a Boy Scout leader, his proudest accomplishment was acquiring the Boy Scout Wood Badge. He was a Master Tree Farmer ,and served on the Cape Girardeau County Road Advisory

Committee. Bill was a charter Board Member of the Gordonville Volunteer Fire Department serving as the Treasurer of that organization until his death. Survivors include his wife, sons Mike (Sheila) Craig of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin and George Craig of St. Louis, Mo. Other survivors include: four grandchildren Andrew, Halie, Meiranda and Brandyn, sister Juanita of Memphis, Tennessee, cousins Joe Craig, Sue Hawkins and Betty Jean Molder all of Millington, Tennessee, cousins, Joseph Albert Craig, Bobby Craig and Becky Herndon of Memphis, Tennessee. Brother and Sister-In-Law Bill and Marilyn Boyce of Sikeston, MO., Brother-In-Law Fred Steward of Sikeston, MO. Sister and Brother-In-Law Barbara and Lawrence Johsens of Santa Cruz, California, many nieces and nephews, being especially close with Rebecca Steward- Purves, and Mary and Stu Barragan. He also leaves four fur children, one being his beloved Maggie. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister in law, Linda Boyce Steward. Visitation will be Friday, January 6, 2012 from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel . Memorial Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with Gerald Jones officiating. Friends are invited to speak at the memorial service if they wish. Full Military Honors by the Missouri Honors Team will be held at the funeral home. The family requests in lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy can be made with memorial contributions to The Humane Society of Southeast Missouri located at 2536 Boutin Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO.

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ Charlotte, I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Diana Newton Testa** - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Charlotte & family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know Bill had to be very special to have captured you, Charlotte! My prayers are with you. Sincerely, Donna Walton

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**Donna Walton** - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I learned of Bill's passing as I drove past the marquis in Gordonville on Monday the 5th. We are both so very sorry. To Charlotte, we will be making a donation in Bill Craig's name to the Humane Society! Love to you.

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**Paul and Peg MacDougall** - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

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**Paul and Peg MacDougall** - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Charlotte, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Bill was a dear friend and will be truly missed.

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**Butch & Virgie Koeppel** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Charlotte, I was saddened to hear the sorrowful news about Bill. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

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**Martha Cox** - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Ms. Charlotte, There are few, very few, individuals that one meets who have a lasting effect. Bill was one of them. His willingness to listen, to help, and to elicit a smile remains. Our hearts go out to you.

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**Ken & Jeri** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

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**Ken & Jeri** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Charolette and sons--We send our sympathy to all of the family and we will keep you in our prayers for the days ahead.

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**Norma Pratt** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great guy and will be missed dearly. Praying for the family to have the strength to get through this difficult time.

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**Jean Aslinger** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ RIP my freind,Cook the big man upstairs some whistle berries..

Scott Cates - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Charlotte, I wish there was a way I could give you a BIG HUG. I have been so saddened by Bills passing and can't even to begin to understand how you are feeling. I can only thank God he is no longer suffering and that I was blessed to get to know you two. I know Bill was a great man just in the short time I knew him and he also had a great wife. If you ever need anything you know where to reach me. God Bless Lots of Love Nurse Leah

Leah Hayman - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ Dear Charlotte, I am so sorry for your loss. I will call you when I return from Virginia in the Spring.

LouAnn Hays Zoffuto - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Bill came out to the farm a couple of times and Ed learned more from him about wild flowers than anyone he'd ever met. We are so sorry for your loss and keep you in our prayers. Ed and Luanne Kiefner

Ed and Luanne Kiefner - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Our family is very saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great guy and will be truly missed by us all.Charlotte we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Jayne

Loyd and Jayne Ervin - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man I am blessed to have known! Love and sincerest sympathies.

Sheila Plumb Glosson - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Charlotte, there are no words to express our sorrow for your loss. We just learned about it today and our hearts go out to you and your family. I know Bill put up a good fight and our timing is not God's timing. We are so very sorry.

Ruth and Mel Dockins - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Charlotte, I was so sorry to hear of your husband's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Judy Alexiou - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ our sincere sympathy.

bill and janice unger - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I came to know Bill in our appraisal classes. He was a wonderful person, a friend to many. We will all miss him, his witty personality, his generosity, his thoughtfulness. Your family is in our prayers.

Sharon Lowman - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ Charlotte, I am so very sorry to hear about Bill. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do to help you at this time, please do not hesitate to ask. I am here for you. Vicci

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**Vicci Eaton** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Charlotte and family...Sorry we cannot attend the visitation or funeral. Please know that we hold you both dearly in our hearts. Thanks for your friendship and caring for Becky Jean in Memphis. I cried non-stop to Nashville over that one. Bill was the best...he had to be if you picked him! May the Lord bless you and bring your family peace....Love, Al & Pat

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**Albert & Pat Cox** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Charlotte, Nancy and I are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I think of the time at Colonial Fed we spent together and how much I enjoyed working with him. He always had a smile on his face, regardless of the circumstances. I'm also so sorry that we will have to miss the service on Friday as we will be with Stephanie in St. Louis as that is when she will have her double mastectomy surgery. Rest assured you and your family will be in our prayers as you gather to pay tribute to Bill. Your friends, Jerry & Nancy

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**Jerry & Nancy Stone** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Charlotte, So sad to hear of Billy's death. Many times we do not realize that our childhood memories will be peppered with so many bright and interesting people. The fact that many of those people are family makes the memories even more precious. Billy was one of those precious memories for me. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Love, Jackie Hawkins-Sigler

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**Jackie Hawkins** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Charlotte, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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**Charlie Griffith** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Charlotte and family, so sorry for your loss. May God embrace you in His comforting arms and bring you peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Mary Austin Mayfield Seyer** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Charlotte, I wish to extend my condolence. Bill's accomplishments and dedication to family, friends, (including furry friends, and community organizatons will truly be missed as well as his smile and his zest for life....not to say his cooking. God Bless, Brenda (CLPHS)

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**Brenda Buschjost** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Bill enjoyed life more than most people I know. Always ready with a joke or two, laughing was always a part of any appraisal courses if Bill was in attendance. Helping people was second nature and I know I appreciated his help many times. What a celebration of life. Thank you, Bill.

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**Scott Kiesling** - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Bill will be missed. He is probably telling John a joke and John is probably asking him what he will be cooking!! I love you, Charlotte. I am here for you.

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**Debi Oliver** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Charlotte, I know you will miss Bill greatly, but I also know all the fun you had together. I remember fondly you and Bev talking about home life. You are in my prayers tonight. Bill had to be a great man since he was married to one of the finest women I know. Larry Jones.

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**Larry D. Jones** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Charlotte, You have my and John's deepest sympathy. I never met Bill, but his obituary told me that he must have had a positive impact on many lives. May you find peace. Love, your classmate, Patsy

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**Patsy McWilliams koenig** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Charlotte, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love you. Jan Morrow

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**Jan Morrow** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Ms.Charlotte, we at the Jackson Police are so sorry to hear about your loss. Let us know if you need anything. Chief James Humphreys and staff

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**Linda "Spence" Roberts** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through this time of bereavement. We send you thoughts of comfort and our prayers; as you embrace the fond memories.

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**Janie Lewis** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM