



Tony Craig

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Tony Craig took his final breath on March 3rd, 2023 signing off with, “I LIVED”.

On December 16th, 1963 Tony was born to Gail and Wendell Craig in Fairfield, Illinois. Early in his childhood he proved to be a natural leader. Upon graduating high school he parlayed his leadership skills and mechanical inclinations for something a little more adventurous and enlisted in the Air Force. After his service and Desert Storm tour he decided it was time for a new chapter. This then led him to the Disabled American Veterans of which he starting in 1994. During his 25 years with the DAV his professionalism would aid in the collection of accolades and positions such as State Commander and National Service Officer of Indiana. However, it was his kindness, compassion for others, and gentle spirit that has left the most lasting impression on family, friends and associates. Many would tell you he was a “sweet soul”. His favorite thing to do was to fish. Many a person would line up for some fresh fish, yet the lion’s share was always prepped and prepared for family at the yearly reunion during Father’s Day weekend. Survived by him are his daughter Kristin Craig, daughter in law Maria Jimenez and son, Calvin Craig. He relished his role as Grandpa to Valentino, Vera, Catalina, Julian, Amara and Alaina. Left with decades of fond and colorful memories are his siblings Kim Osuch from Port Saint Lucie and Jerry Craig from Fort Myers. Among those closest is also his loving companion Jackie Graham. Tony faced his death and his mortality, as he did with his life, face on, yet always quick to divert attention away from his cancer or health. To have you worry about him or fret would have gone against his code and beliefs. A celebration of his life be held at Memorial Park in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 21st. Details regarding times and addresses will be noted below. His final resting place will be alongside fellow Veterans whom he most respected at Sarasota National Cemetery. He will be properly interred with full military honors. Everybody has a Tony story and we’d love to hear them all. Immediately following the Bay Pines ceremony the family and all who would like to join will be gathering at the American Legion on Madeira Beach just off the water where he too would want us to celebrate him. To share a memory of Tony or send a condolence to the family please see the links below.



Memorial Gathering

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM ET

Memorial Park Funeral Home & Crematory
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

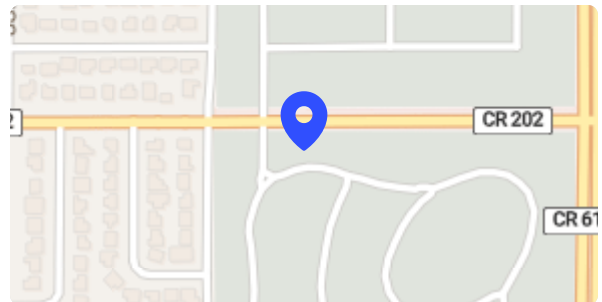


Memorial Celebration

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM ET

Memorial Park Funeral Home
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

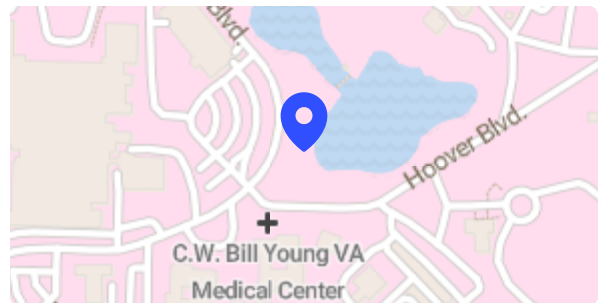


Committal Service

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

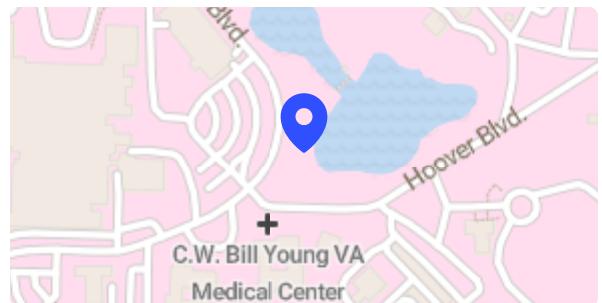
2:30 PM ET

Bay Pines National Cemetery
10000 Bay Pines Blvd, Bay Pines FL 33708



Cemetery Details

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PJ

Pammella D Jones lit a candle in honor of Tony.
Pammella Jones lit a candle in memory of Tony Craig

April 16 at 3:59 PM



PJ

Pammella D Jones posted:

Tony, my cousin and I go way back; after all our families camped together every weekend since we were very young. My uncle his dad was an easygoing person and was a quiet man most of the time. Tony's personality was very dynamic. Often we would go head to toe about little things and it was a lot like that country song "Don't take the Girl" as we got older and fought for fishing spots. I think he grew up a lot faster than I did because he was content to hang with the men and I missed my pal. One camping day he got mad because I poured water on his head trying to get him to come and play and well in the end we had a fight. His gentler side showed up in his teens when I freaked out because the carburator of my car caught on 🔥. I called Uncle Wendell but He was gone and Tony showed up and put out the fire. Since than we made up and he's a very bright star in our family we will all love and miss. Forever your cousin Pammella.

April 16 at 2:47 PM

GR

Gary Rose shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Tony was my cousin and a great friend. I watched him grow up and mature into a good man. We hunted, fished and golfed together for many years. I miss his laugh and good nature. RIP Tony, you did good. 🙏

March 11 at 9:05 AM



Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Craig family.

March 20 at 2:28 PM



YF

Your Tti Family sent a Celestial Love to the Craig family.

March 20 at 12:55 PM





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Jennifer Burrows Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Craig family.

March 20 at 5:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Craig family.

March 19 at 9:59 AM



Carrie Miller lit a candle in honor of Tony.

Thank you Calvin and Kristin for trusting me with your father's story. May you find peace through the love of family and friends at this very difficult time. Carrie Miller, Celebrant

March 19 at 7:27 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Craig family.

March 16 at 7:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Craig family.

March 13 at 8:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Craig family.

March 12 at 9:31 AM





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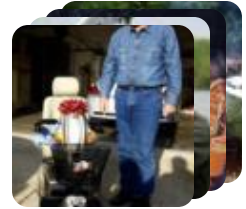
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Dean Spiegel shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I wish I could be there to share my memories of Tony. If I had to pick out a single happy memory of Tony it would be hard, there were so many. From sharing an all you can eat Catfish and Chicken dinner ,to eating Gator for the first time. Taking all the kids to Disneyworld, and taking the kids to the beach. Taking the kids to Lake Monroe for a weekend camp out and eating Tonys Jerk chicken. I could go on and on. He will sadly be missed, but I will always have great memories of him and his love for family.



March 11 at 9:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Craig family.

March 11 at 10:48 AM



Leonard Harris posted:

He was a wonderful friend and father. I had the pleasure of knowing Tony for 30 years as a friend and coworker. He was an honest man who served his fellow veterans with passion. We rode motorcycles together and golfed many years and partners enjoying lifelong memories. He was always there for me when I needed him for anything. I will miss him until we meet again... rest in peace my good friend.

March 11 at 9:05 AM



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March 23 at 2:45 PM





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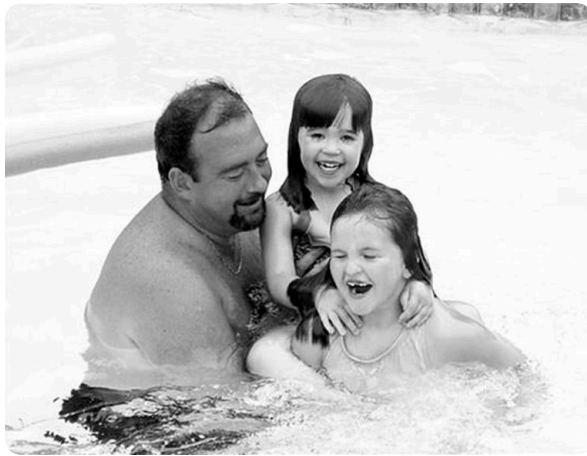
March 11 at 11:53 AM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tony by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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