



Mary Craig

January 2, 1951 - December 18, 2008

Mary went home to Jesus Thursday, December 18th. She will be missed by her beloved husband of 25 years, William; daughter, Colleen; brothers, David (Kathie), James (Joyce), Loren (Gerri); sister, Diane (Rick); sisters-in-law, Sallie and Lee, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Mary was greeted in heaven by her parents, Rudolph and Evelyn Bauer; brothers, William and Roger, and infant brother John Francis. Mary was born January 2, 1951 in Mondovi, WI. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, and attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota. Mary had a passion for leading an active and faith-filled Catholic life. She owned and operated Mountain Fitness in Whitefish, Montana. After moving to Ft. Collins with her family in 1989, she continued to pursue her health education field. She taught exercise classes at area fitness centers, CPR and First-Aid at Poudre Valley Hospital and Front Range Community College, and in the private sector. Mary loved the outdoors. She was an avid skier, hiker, runner, biker, camper, and fisherwoman. Among her many accomplishments, she hiked Mt. Whitney, ran several marathons, completed two RAGBRAI'S, a biathlon, many road races, and fished for salmon in Alaska. Mary was a devout and active member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. She was a hospitality minister, taught religious education, a Eucharistic minister and volunteered whenever there was a need in the community. She was greatly loved and an inspiration to many. Her spirit of faith, caring, love, beautiful smile, wonderful sense of humor and kindness will be missed by her family and friends. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, December 26th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. The Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 27th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 5450 S. Lemay Ave, Fort Collins, CO. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Craig family to be donated to Mary's favorite charities.

Comments



“ To the family of Margaret Craig my love for Margaret and memories of us together Your loss of Margaret a dignified ,classy women is a real loss my prayers are with you at this difficult time with christian lovePatricia Watson Kelley

Beth Smith - July 18, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ We heard this while we were out of town and with heavy hearts but we always treasure Mary's love and smile and I know that she is smiling on us all without the struggles that she did for so many years. The Love in our hearts remain forever. God received a gift and we are so blessed to know Mary for all the years and were so happy to have memories to treasure. God BLess Love alway the Maher family

Maher Family - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary was one of the kindest and most positive people that I have ever known. She taught CPR to many of our employee's over the years and I actually didn't dread having to update the class every 2 years with her because she was so good at making you want to do it. I saw her a few weeks ago and we talked briefly and she was looking forward to a possible move and often spoke about her love of family. She will be missed greatly and I personally want to express my condolences to her husband and daughter, she was a very special person.

Donna Thomas - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary will be greatly missed. We all looked forward to her CPR classes as she made learning and even Re-learning fun. She was the reason we even went to class! She always had a smile and a passion for what she did. She had a way of making you feel like you were the only student in the class and she made sure you knew what you were doing by the end of the class. She was a very sweet spirit and will not easily be replaced.

AIFM TL Nursing Staff - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Throughout the years it seemed the Trujillo and Craig families would criss-crosspaths. Including sitting in the airport at 4:30 am in St Paul, MN, finding out we are wisconsinites, CPR training made fun, watching the kids swim at the pool,talking about bunions and various topics, to sharing Mary's deep faith with our adult group, and teaching religious ed. to Colleens peers and our Tyler. Bill and Colleen know your Mary is in great company waiting for all of us to catch up with them. May you surround yourself with love and memories at this difficult time. Missing Mary already. hugs the Trujillo's

joyce trujillo - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ A passionate life lost...
I am so shocked and remorseful that I did not know of Mary's "marathon" until 2 days before her death. Friends saw her, Bill and Colleen in the hospital and brought back the news of her illness-- just last Tuesday.

Although I have gone on to have another job, I remember Mary's passion fondly when she worked for me. Mary worked for me starting in the mid 90's including the time of her first "marathon". She was always an excellent teacher and really believed that she was a vital link to patient resuscitation and of course she was! I know the CPR program was "world class" under her guidance.

We had celebrated her cancer victory for many years and I thought she had won the fight. I just had no idea of how the cancer had spread. I am saddened to think she was suffering and I didn't know due to our lives going in divergent paths.

Bill and Colleen please know that Mary made a big difference in people's lives here at PVH. There are hundreds, if not thousands of employees who learned how to do CPR from Mary. Think of the patient's lives saved because of her teaching! That is a legacy of life that she passionately gave to the nurses- her students and to the patients they SAVED!!!!

I am so very saddened and so sorry for your incredible loss of your "lovely lady". Kim

Kimberly Woods-McCormick - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Colleen & Bill....Our hearts are with you in this time of such a great loss! We have fond memories of Mary's happy spirit,wonderful pride in Colleen and her many talents and accomplishments, ever- willingness to pitch in and help, and of course, the best maple creams on the planet!!! Our thoughts and many prayers are with you both. Love from the Luecks

Barbara & John Lueck - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Bill, Colleen and Mary's extended family.

Words can not express how sorry we are for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers throughout this painful time. We pray that you will feel God's comfort and through His love He will grant you grace, strength, courage and peace.

Love,
Kevin and Kathy Baker

Kevin & Kathy Baker - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill, Kathy and I were saddened to read in the paper of the passing of your wife Mary. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family as you remember her. God Bless you. Jack & Kathy McKellogg

Jack & Kathy McKellogg - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Such a sad time in our lives.

Dan and Jan Scherer - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill & Colleen,

We were very sorry to hear that Mary passed away. Please accept our condolences and we will pray for your strength during this difficult time.

John & Tina Killey

John & Tina Killey - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill, Colleen, and all of Mary's family,
I had only known Mary for a short time, compared to most of you. We met when we both worked in the Education Dept. at PVH, then learned we were both members of SEAS. My life is richer for having had Mary as a friend. I will always remember her beautiful smile, great sense of humor, and the faith and courage she exhibited during this last illness. It is comforting to know that she is no longer suffering.
I already miss the e-mails Mary was so fond of forwarding; and I will miss seeing her at Mass, going out for breakfast, and sharing stories and laughter with her.
May your happy memories comfort and sustain you, Marie

Marie O'Neill - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with deep sadness that I learned of Mary's passing. She was truly a Godly person and I know she is busy in heaven today dancing with those who have gone before. I have many fond memories of our gatherings years ago in Eau Claire. I can only imagine the deep and painful loss you are dealing with today. May God give you strength and your friends give you support. I will keep you in my prayers. Much Love,
Corinne

Corinne Dever - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and Colleen,

Just the other day I was working on Christmas cards and realized that all I had was Mary's PVH e-mail. When trying to locate a better address or e-mail I was told that Mary was recently hospitalized, and then the shocking news. I still cannot believe it is true.

I will always remember the MANY ACLS and PALS classes that we taught together. I must admit, we never laughed so hard during many of classes with those that "thought" they knew CPR!

Colleen & Bill, Mary touched many lives and will be truly missed. I know that at this time you feel that you cannot make it through, but I know Mary has left you with the faith and resilience to go on.

My heart and my tears are with you,
Nancy

Nancy Denke - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers go out to Bill, Colleen and all of her family and friends. Mary was always a sparkle to be around. Our hearts ache for you as you start this new journey without her here. I know that she is only a smile away and that you have a life full of cherished memories ready and waiting when ever you need them. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers throughout the holiday and the new year. May God be at your side now and always. Deepest love and prayers.
xoxoxoxoxo

Barbie and Steve Zawadski and family - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary will be greatly missed. I can't remember how many times she taught me CPR.

At Front Range Community College all of us in the Emergency Medical Services program mourn her passing.

Let her family know that we share their sorrows and that we all pray for her and for them.

Take care.

Mike Daugherty - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Colleen and Bill,
We were very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Such a sad time... Mary will always be as close as a memory, and the God of all comfort as close as a prayer. May all your happy memories comfort you and give you strength.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Jan and Greg

Jan and Greg Kurtz - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary was a delightful friend and always informative. I enjoyed so much the few golf games we played, and fun we had at the PVH Christmas Parties we attended together. I will miss her. My deepest sympathy goes out to Bill and Colleen for the loss of their loved one.
Respectfully,
Jean

Jean Ferrin - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mary. She was the first person I met when I moved to Colorado from California 15 years ago. She made me feel welcome and was very kind, warm and loving.

Mary taught and refreshed my CPR skills many times until 2 years ago when she certified me as an instructor. She always had a unique way with students and made everyone feel like they mattered in this world.

She will be deeply missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Barbara Hardes - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary: It was such a pleasure working with you. You were always happy and smiling and always made me smile! I'll never forget when I quit smoking earlier this year and I wished that you were still at PVH because I wanted to tell you and I knew you'd be so proud of me. You always wanted me to quit and I finally found the courage and wanted to share it with you. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers over this holiday season.

Jennifer Martin - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary, you will be sorely missed by the entire PVHS family. Thank you for your cheerful dedication to PVHS staff development. Your gentle, loving spirit continues to shine brightly in all who were fortunate enough to know you. Your "handprint" at PVH and at MCR will live on for many years.

Diane Gustafson - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Mary at PVH and SEAS Parish nursing. She was a beautiful person who always had a smile and a kind word. I will miss seeing Mary at mass. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Jeannette Walls - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ There have been many in this world who were blessed because they knew Mary. She touched so many lives through her teaching, her church, and her love for humanity. We will miss her deeply. Our prayers are with you, Bill and Colleen, may God's love and grace help you through these days, and may you find peace and comfort in all the days to come.

With our love - Rich, Joan, Tom, Dan and Matt Williams

Joan Williams - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear that Mary had passed away. I, too, did not realize how ill she had been until shortly before her passing. She was a true fighter and I hoped that her spirit would win out over the cancer. Our thoughts have been and will be with your family as you get through this difficult time.

Christa Novelli - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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Lynn Murphy - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to read of your loss. I didn't know Mary, the obituary tells me that she was a very busy and much loved person. Thinking of you, keeping you in my prayers. Lynn

Lynn Murphy - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and Colleen: I loved Mary's energy and vigor. She was a very passionate lady for her country, her political beliefs, her family and for what she believed was right! I will always fondly remember the lively discussions we had about religion and politics. Colleen and Bill, even though I don't know you, Mary spoke of you to me and her love for you was so great! My deepest sympathy to you as you celebrate a great ladies life!

Denise Vammer - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and Colleen,
Joanne and I were deeply sorry to learn of Mary's death. We had such a wonderful visit with her at the wedding last August and were very encouraged by the strength of person and soul she exhibited. We know you will miss her dearly, but you will always have the wonderful memories of her. I will always treasure having had the opportunity to start her playing the saxophone when she was in grade school. The plan was for her to eventually switch to bassoon as well as serve as a majorette for the marching band. She was always a delight to teach. Joanne will always cherish the time she had chatting with Mary at the recent wedding. We pray for the best for you, and you can know she was readily welcomed into the eternal world by her parents and brothers. God Speed. Bob and Joanne

Bob and Joanne Bauer - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and Colleen,
We are very saddened to hear of the great loss in your lives. Mary was such a very special person, caring beyond belief, enthusiastic, and loving. May the pain in your hearts be kindly replaced with loving memories and special stories of the wonderful wife/mother that Mary always was. Mary was like a second mother to our daughter Shelby for many years. Thank you for letting us share in her love.

Karen & Hurban Bolls - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary was a special lady whose smile was contagious!

She always made me laugh. We definitely shared a love for "fitness".

I'm so happy I was able to re-connect with her at 24 Hour Fitness. She fought each day with her head held high and I never heard a single complaint. What an inspiration!

She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sherrie Schell - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Mary's death. We will continue to keep you, Bill, and the rest of the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve and Linda White - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were both happy and honored to call Mary a friend. Her humor, smile and devotion to both her family and church will always be remembered. She was a shining example of what it meant to be a true Christian. We will always remember our time spent together, especially at the married couple's retreats at beautiful St.Malo where we came to know both Mary and Bill better. We will keep Mary in our thoughts and prayers, and we pray that the Lord delivers both peace and solace to all that will surely miss her spirit here on earth. God Bless.....Mike and Pam

Mike and Pam Orzell - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill, Colleen and family,
She will be missed by everyone, and please understand how sorry we are to have heard about Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless you with peace in your heart as you recall so many precious memories.

Jerry and Jeannie Hoffmann - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ When I heard about Mary, I had immediate and fond memories of many summer Saturdays and Sundays in Eau Claire around a pool, not to mention many pot luck dinners, road races, picnics, birthday celebrations and most importantly, a lot of laughs. Mary had a memorable laugh, and she was excellent at being "direct." I remember her first visit to Colorado, and she fell in love with the famous "Orange Crush" (Broncos). I did not know she and Bill lived in Fort Collins. I have been in Colorado for 22 years, and it would have been great to connect with her, Bill and their daughter. I am in Fort Collins several times a year. I don't know what interests Mary & Bill chose during their Colorado residence (skiing, fly fishing, etc.), but I am certain of one thing - I know if we had got together, we would have picked up where we left off. Bill - I am reading the time of the service this morning, December 27th, and I will not have enough time to make it to the service. You, Mary and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, and we will all be together again soon at the big "potluck" in heaven.

Love, Cindy Bakula

Cindy Bakula - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I mourn your loss with you Bill. Mary was a delightful person. She was always so positive and upbeat. It was so nice to see her smiley face whenever our paths crossed, I always looked forward to seeing her, either personally or professionally. She will be missed, but forever in our hearts. God bless you.

Marybeth Almquist Williams, RDH - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill, Colleen, and family,
Please accept our condolences on Mary's passing. Our hearts and prayers are with you all today as you say good-bye to her.
It was a privilege to have known her.
With our sincere sympathy,
Holly and Bob Greiner

Holly Greiner - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sad to hear of Mary's passing. Bill, please know you are in our prayers.

Dick and Katie Clopper - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts ware with you always. Bill and Colleen may the great and loving memories of you wife and mom be with you always. Loved Mary and will miss her greatly. Love Roseann

Roseann WaltersPrachar - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill & Colleen, please accept my deepest sympathy. I was so shocked to learn of Mary's death, I did not know of her illness. She will be sorely missed. I hope that your faith and the love and support from family and friends will help you get through the New Year. I will keep you both in my prayers

Mary Ryerson Hanson - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so saddened to hear of Mary's passing. How nice it was just recently to visit with you both ,Bill,at Rosie's wedding and our memories are wonderful of her smile and laughter as she danced all night long. So full of enthusiasm and what a love of life. Feel honored to have fully enjoyed skimming across the dance floor with her. We will continue to keep her in our prayers as well as you , Colleen, and family. We know she is in a far better place than we can imagine and that He had bigger plans for your beloved Mary.

Bruce & Jean Anderson - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM