



## William Michael Craig

September 3, 1946 - April 27, 2015

William (Bill) M. Craig passed away April 27th, 2015 at his home in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Bill was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on September 3rd 1946 to Ralph and Lavina (Lyons) Craig.

He attended the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1968. While attending UW, he was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternal order, and made many lifelong friends in the organization. Upon graduation, he found sustained work for the next 40 years in the insurance industry; he succeeded in his profession as he truly enjoyed helping people.

In 1983, Bill married the love of his life, Mary Evelyn Bauer. Together they had one daughter, Colleen. Bill was a kind, loving, good-humored, and devoted husband and father.

Bill's faith was a cornerstone of his life—he was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and a beloved parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Bill was also an avid golfer and fisherman.

He is survived by his only daughter, Colleen Craig-McClurg, her husband, Joël

McClurg, his siblings Ruth Peterson (Charles), John Craig, Katherine Jensen (James), Jane Grossklaus (Thomas), and James Craig, as well as his many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary, as well as his parents and sister, Mary.

A funeral mass will be held at 10am on Tuesday, May 5th, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving a donation to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Denver.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAY 5. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
5450 South Lemay Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
[seas@seas-parish.org](mailto:seas@seas-parish.org)  
<http://seas-parish.org/>

## Memorial Mass

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
5450 South Lemay Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
[seas@seas-parish.org](mailto:seas@seas-parish.org)  
<http://seas-parish.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Michael Craig*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dear Colleen, I can't tell you how shocked we were to hear about Bill. We didn't find out until we read the Sunday paper on our way to Missouri that day. We're so sorry we were out of town and could not attend the funeral. The times that I've played golf in the last several years, was always with Bill. He was the only one that would tolerate my bad play and the time it took to look for my ball. Every time we talked he would always bring me up to date as to where you were and what you were doing.*

*As you know, your Dad never recouped from your Mom's death and now they are together. Our deepest condolences to you, your husband and your family. I'm gonna miss him.*

*Dave, Gena & Brandon Austin*

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David Austin - May 20, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ *My dearest Colleen, we are so sad to hear of Bill's passing. We were in the process of moving to Wisconsin when we heard. Our families had some wonderful times together. Your Mom & Dad were so proud of you and took such joy in life. Please accept our deepest sympathies and know they are together. Love to you & your husband,*

*Jane Liska & Scott Smith*

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jane liska smith - May 13, 2015 at 08:27 PM

DS

“ I received a telephone call from Bill with an invitation to attend the Regis '64 class reunion that was planned for last fall at Girolamo's (Mooney's-Court's House). Neither Bonnie nor I had attended Regis so it seemed odd. I told Bill that neither Bonnie nor I had attended our own class reunions, but Bill assured me that it would be fun and I would see lots of people from my past. We showed up and he was right... but the main purpose in our attending was to see Bill Craig. We both thought the world of Bill.

While he was still in Eau Claire, Bill would occasionally show-up, unannounced, demand cookies and coffee and want to spend time with our horses. He was always comfortable and seemed at-home in the barn and in the pasture. We looked forward to the seeing him and hearing of his latest adventures.

We never knew when the telephone would ring and it would be Bill. He would discuss our daughters getting together in NYC or films the family had of his dad playing polo at the Bit and Spur, or questions about our mutual friends and interests and always funny recollections of our college days.

Thank you for your friendship and loyalty. You will be greatly missed.

David B and Bonnie L Stanton



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David B Stanton - May 12, 2015 at 05:03 AM

RD

“ Bill was a life long friend from grade school onto today. Last good memory was we partnered in a golf game at the 50th class reunion and had a GREAT time. God accept his soul joyishly. AMEN.  
Richard " Oscar" Dennis ' 64 Regis

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**Richard Dennis** - May 11, 2015 at 09:07 AM

JC

“ I am saddened to see a great friend and classmate from our days together @ St. Pat's and Regis High School in Eau Claire, WI. Bill you left us far too early in life. As good buddies, we enjoyed some super times together, esp. after I returned from the service...Great memories. But you are now with Mary and enjoying an eternal life together.  
You had wonderful parents Colleen.  
You have our deepest sympathy during this trying time.  
God Bless and watch over you.

*Jim & LuAnne Caton*

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**Jim Caton** - May 06, 2015 at 10:55 AM

JH

“ Colleen, your Dad and I first met in 1990 when we became business partner and took over an insurance agency. We became friends right away. He loved to golf, and so did I. We would take off work and golf all day.

*He was so easy to work with. His kind soul always amazed me. He spoke of you and Mary a lot.*

*We will miss him.*

*John and Ann Helmut*

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**John and Ann Helmut** - May 04, 2015 at 10:45 PM

JD

“ *Bill, you have been enrolled in the Capuchin Mission Association and will share forever in the daily masses, prayers, and meritorious works of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars throughout the world.*

*Your smile, kindness, and good works will stay with us as inspiration to live a Christian life, just as you did. Even though we did not know you a long time, you had an impact on us and we will remember you always. We hope to stay as grounded and humble as you always were. See you on the 19th hole!*

*Rest in peace,  
Jimmy and Jolene Dolan*

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**Jimmy and Jolene Dolan** - May 04, 2015 at 08:32 PM

GW

“ *I will miss having dinner with you after Mass on Saturday nights. We always had such great conversations. Even though we never agreed on politics or sports teams. I will miss our pretend football bets. I will miss not seeing you sitting in the last row at church. Now you are back with Mary. May you both rest in peace and be happy in the lords arms.*

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**Gina Wadas** - May 04, 2015 at 09:06 AM

BW

“ *Brad & Sandy Wiggen lit a candle in memory of William Michael Craig*



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**Brad & Sandy Wiggen** - May 03, 2015 at 02:56 PM

GJ

“ We are shocked and saddened at Bill's passing. He was such a calm and steady presence at church, quietly living his faith. He loved his family deeply and talked about Colleen with great love. Both he and Mary brought such joy and love to the world and were very devoted parents to Colleen. Our deepest sympathy to Colleen, Joel and the Craig family. May God bless you all and bring you peace.

Greg and Anne Jordan

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**Greg & Anne Jordan** - May 03, 2015 at 09:34 AM

NK

“ Colleen, we are truly, so deeply sorry, about the passing of your Dad. He was such a kind, loving, gentle soul. He epitomizes what Christianity is all about... as did Mary. What great faith both of them had. Rich and I were blessed to meet them at a marriage retreat in 1986 and from that point on, we knew we had been blessed with 2 wonderful friends and mentors. They both loved you so much as was evident by their constant conversation about you. It is such a tragedy that they both left us so young, however, the thought of them together again with our Lord is so comforting. May God bless you with strength and love during this tragic time. We will always be here for you if you ever need anything. Sincerely, Natalie and Rich Kielar

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**Natalie Kielar** - May 03, 2015 at 09:23 AM

NK

(The year of the retreat was 1997..not 1986 sorry )

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**Natalie Kielar** - May 03, 2015 at 09:27 PM

BT

“ We met Mary and Bill through our mutual friends Stan & Mary Liss. What a wonderful couple. We are so deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing but rejoice in knowing that he is with his dear Mary. Dear Colleen and Joel, may the prayers that you receive during this time provide you comfort.  
With grace and love,  
Becky and Cris de la Torre

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**Becky de la Torre** - May 02, 2015 at 06:41 PM

SM

“ I will always remember many spirited golf afternoons with Bill. He was a Badger fan. Rey and I had many fun outings with Willy. He always had a barb for the hated Huskers ! I will miss him a bunch. Always enjoyed get togethers with Bill, Mary and Colleen ! What a great reunion he will have with Mary in heaven.

*He loved Mary and Colleen so much! Colleen one thing you can always have with your is knowing how much your mom and dad loved you. We are so saddened and shocked to lose a good friend.*

*Love and hugs to you Colleen. We are glad Joel is by your side.*

*Mary and Stan*

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**Stan and Mary** - May 02, 2015 at 03:42 PM

LM

“ Sending love and prayers. Bill was a great man who loved Mary and his daughter Colleen so much. You could see this with all they did as a family and over the years just the love they shared with family and friends. We were so sad to hear of Bill's passing yet knowing he is with his Mary brings comfort. Colleen hold on to the memories and the wonderful way your parents raised and loved you. They are forever in our hearts and know they shared such love and faith in God that they are at peace. Bill always had a great smile and kindness and welcomed those around him. His eyes shined when talking about his Colleen and missing his Mary yet knowing that he gave so much to make those around him happy. Peace and Blessings always. God Bless Love the Maher family

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**Linda Maher** - May 01, 2015 at 11:08 PM

EP

“ Colleen- I am sorry for the loss of your Dad. He talked about you a lot. You were always on his mind. What a nice guy. God Bless you and Joel.

*Ernie Powell*

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**Ernie Powell** - May 01, 2015 at 06:19 PM

EP

“ Bill, I will miss the Luncheons and dinners and talking and going to Coins shows and meetings. You left way too soon. We will see you in Heaven someday. Thanks for the memories.

*Ernie Powell*

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**Ernie Powell** - May 01, 2015 at 06:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William Michael Craig.*



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May 01, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Michael Craig.*



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May 01, 2015 at 04:57 PM



“ *Bill and Mary, two dear friends. So many memories. We shared a lot of laughs! I can still hear Mary's laughter and of course we had so much fun with Bill the last few years at dinner parties at our house. Colleen you were blessed with the two most devoted and loving parents I know. Such great role models! I'm sorry that they were taken from us way too soon. Their love and laughter remains in our hearts!*

*With deepest sympathies,  
Chris and Eric Napelbaum*

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**Chris Napelbaum** - May 01, 2015 at 03:45 PM

SG

“ *Sherri Griffin lit a candle in memory of William Michael Craig*



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**Sherri Griffin** - May 01, 2015 at 02:50 PM

SG

“ *I came to know Bill and Mary because they were my niece's neighbors. I didn't get the opportunity to get to know Mary very well, but recently have had more of an opportunity to get to know Bill. He is truly one of the kindest men I have ever met. He always took time to talk to my young nephews and they grew to love him. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. I'm so sorry for your loss Colleen, can not even fathom what you are going through. Just know people care and are thinking of you. Sincerely, Sherri Griffin*

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**sherri griffin** - May 01, 2015 at 02:49 PM

PO

“ *With deepest sympathies we send this note of condolence to Colleen, Joel, and the Craig family. Bill was one of the most honorable and decent men we know. He was also a devout Catholic who well served his Knights of Columbus chapter for many years. He was a dear friend to both of us and we will miss him very much. May he rest in heavenly peace with his beloved spouse, Mary, forevermore.*

*Mike and Pam Orzell*

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**Pam Orzell** - April 30, 2015 at 09:42 PM

JK

“ Colleen,

*Our heartfelt sympathies are with you during this time of loss. We hope you can find comfort in the care of your family and friends, and allow the loving memories you have of your dad to help you through this difficult time.*

*"Those whom we have loved never really leave us. They live on forever in our hearts and cast their radiant light on our every shadow."--Sylvana Rossetti*

*Jan and Greg Kurtz*

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**Jan Kurtz** - April 30, 2015 at 06:02 PM

GH

“ *Our condolences to Colleen and Joel. Bill was a great friend to Linda and I. We met through Mary, who worked with Linda at Poudre Valley Hospital. He was simply a great guy. Besides our outings, I will always remember working with him cooking fish at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for the fridays in Lent. He departed this world way too soon. He will be missed by many.*

*Linda and Gordon Hadlow*

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**gordon hadlow** - April 30, 2015 at 03:04 PM

RG

“ *Bill was our neighbor for the last 8 years. He always had a kind word or friendly smile. He always made a point of talking to my sons and saying "Hi." He always gave them full size candy bars on Halloween, which the boys loved. He was always willing to help a friend or neighbor. He will be severely missed by our family; our thoughts & prayers go out to his daughter and extended family and friends.*

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**Ryan, Melisa, Gage & Gavin Gloden** - April 30, 2015 at 01:39 PM

CM

“ *Chrissy McCollom lit a candle in memory of William Michael Craig*



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**Chrissy McCollom** - April 30, 2015 at 12:43 PM