



Robert Bentley Craig

May 2, 1937 - January 10, 2022

Robert Craig was born to Frances and Rudolph in May 1937 in New York, NY.

He married Virginia in the summer of 1958 and had three girls in three years - Barbara, Elizabeth, and Suzie.

In 1968 he began his career sweeping floors at the Sherman Creek station for Consolidated Edison Company of New York and rose to Maintenance Superintendent of Waterside Station before his retirement in 2000.

The pride of Robert's life was sharing his love of animals, the outdoors, family dinners, and his wealth of knowledge with his eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Robert lived most of his life in New York State, enjoying family trips to its Adirondack Region. He spent the last decade of his life in sunny Florida and on January 10, 2022, joined his beloved wife Virginia and Jack Russell Terrier Hamlet in heaven.

Preceded in death by his parents Rudolph and Frances Craig, his wife Virginia Craig, and his brother Donald Craig. He is survived by his daughters Barbara (Steven) Reider, Elizabeth (Joseph) Fannelli, and Suzanne (Joseph) Policastro; grandchildren: Jason (Lyn) Fannelli, Matthew (Tiesha) Reider,

Joseph Fannelli, Elizabeth Fannelli, Catherine (Dennis Ruddy) Reider, Jessica Reider, Christina Policastro and Michael Policastro; great grandchildren William Angeles, Gabriella Fannelli, Joseph Fannelli III, Ava Marie Reider, Olivia Ruddy, Gianna Perkowski, Braelynn Reider, Dean Reider and Mila Reider.

In honor of Robert, please consider making a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in his name in lieu of flowers.

The family of Robert Bentley Craig invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
1050 Celebration Avenue
Celebration, FL 34747

Tribute Wall

BR

“ To all those who reached out, called, messaged, sent flowers, or came to the funeral, thank you. Your thoughts, prayers, and kindness meant the world to us. Poppy was a wonderful man who enjoyed life and your company. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. Once again, thank you!

Barbara Reider - January 18, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Now he is with your mom again. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Today will be especially tough but as long as you are together it will help. After my dad's funeral we end up sitting around the house telling funny stories about him and it helped, at least for a while. I love all of you and wish I could have been there.

Joanne Park - January 15, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Bentley Craig.



January 15, 2022 at 12:18 AM

PL

“ I was fortunate to start my career in power gen at Waterside Station with Bob Craig and Ray Cadmus at the helm. Both true gentlemen. It was like family back then, and Bob treated everyone with respect and friendship.

Pat Langan - January 14, 2022 at 04:29 PM



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Thomas McGinn Sr. - January 14, 2022 at 12:14 PM

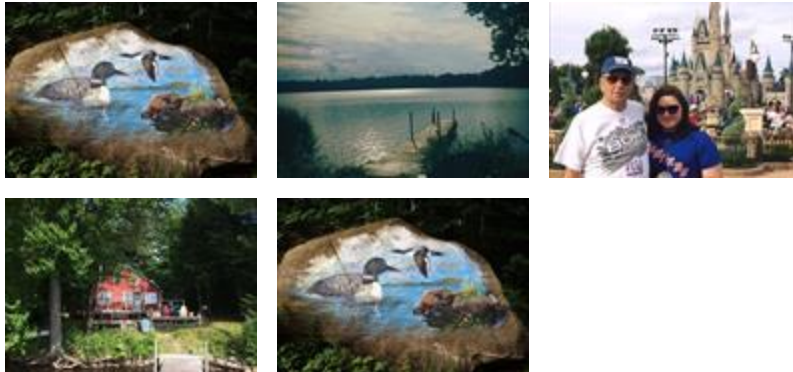
CA

Thank you for sharing these!

Catherine - January 14, 2022 at 07:39 PM

J_

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J_Reider - January 14, 2022 at 08:37 AM

PV

“ Worked at Waterside for 10 years. Robert was a wealth of information and a great trouble shooter. He was admired by all who worked with him. Rest in Peace.

Peter Vincelli - January 13, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Bentley Craig.



January 13, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Bentley Craig.



January 13, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ Daddy I miss you I have missed you for a few years now since you moved to Florida. I don't know why things were the way they were . I love you and miss you and mommy so much, we lost everything when mommy died I hope you are happy now with mommy. I will never be happy again I will love you always 💔💔💔💔💔

Suzie Craig Policastro - January 12, 2022 at 10:52 PM

PD

“ *Poppy I will surely miss you! When I visit F.L it definitely won't be the same. You always made us feel welcomed at your home. I admired your strength and wisdom so much! I enjoyed seeing you get around as well as you did and knowing you did as much as you could to keep going made me smile. Your ability to go on the internet which wasn't even thought about when you were growing up always amazed me. It saddens me to know you are no longer with us. I will pray for the strength of your family! Thank you for loving my sister Tiesha & treating her as your own granddaughter. May you sleep in peace Poppy!*



Patrice Dixon - January 12, 2022 at 08:39 PM

TI

He loved you sissy and asked about you, Bri, and Faith all the time! Thank you so much for your kind words!

Tie - January 18, 2022 at 09:04 AM

DE

“ *DebraNash lit a candle in memory of Robert Bentley Craig*



DebraNash - January 12, 2022 at 08:34 PM

DM

“ *Denise (Leonard) Marks lit a candle in memory of Robert Bentley Craig*



Denise (Leonard) Marks - January 12, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Bentley Craig.*



January 12, 2022 at 07:32 PM

CR

“ *Poppy is the reason my sweet niece is in Florida. I'll always be grateful to him for being her close to me. I'll miss seeing him in his chair when I visit. Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers of comfort to his family.*

Carla Gonzalez Reynolds - January 12, 2022 at 07:19 PM

BR

Thank you for the kind words. I know Tiesha and Dad had a special bond that will never be replaced.

Barbara Reider - January 12, 2022 at 08:59 PM

CR

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Thinking of you, Barbara! Sending you a hug. If I didn't just have foot surgery, I'd be there. Love to you all!*

Carla Gonzalez Reynolds - January 14, 2022 at 06:41 PM

TI

Thank you so much Auntie- he loved when we were all together ❤️

Tie - January 18, 2022 at 09:06 AM

CV

*“ While you will be missed on earth we know your legacy and spirit lives on through your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Through our tears we will cherish the love and memories you gave all. Rest In Peace with our Lord and Savior.
Cousin Monique*

carmen vega - January 12, 2022 at 06:54 PM

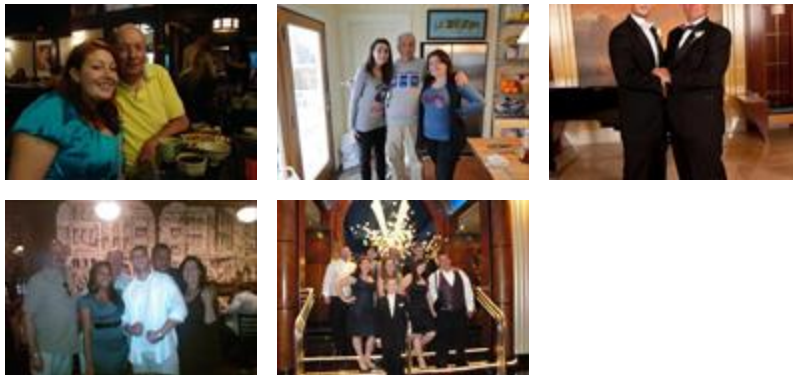
TI

Thank you so much for your kind words dear cousin ❤️

Tie - January 18, 2022 at 09:05 AM

J_

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J_Reider - January 12, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Bentley Craig.



January 12, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *20 files added to the album Memories Album*



J_Reider - January 12, 2022 at 04:16 PM