



## John William Craig Sr

May 6, 1940 - May 30, 2020

John William Craig Sr. 80

Former Texas native John William Craig Sr, 80, died peacefully May 30th, 2020.

Mr. Craig was born May 6th, 1940 in Cleburne, TX. to Nancy Jane and John Craig and lived a very fulfilling and wonderful life..

Preceded in death by his mother and father and great grandsons Henry and Hudson Ewing, John was always the center of his family and was a quiet but spiritual man with great faith in the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce of almost 60 years,  
Daughter, Kim and Bradley Veitenheimer of Windthorst, TX  
Son, Johnny and Sondra Craig of lake Kickapoo, TX.  
Daughter Melissa and Alan Blackman, Lees Summit, MO.  
Daughter Sondra Craig of Wichita Falls, Tx.

Grandfather to Derrick, Johnna, Sarah, Kasey, Craig, Nathan, Jaime, John-Adam, Rachelle.

Great Grandfather to Lauren, Carson, Jo-Lynn, Rylyn, Masin, Hazel, Lockland, Loewyn, Jaxon, Adam, Ella, Tristan, Jessa Mae, Rylan, and Zeke.

A highly skilled and accomplished welder, John worked on oil pipelines up and down the country keeping the black gold flowing in all weathers including the merciless Texas summer heat.

For the past 6 years, after John had retired, he and his wife lived with his daughter, Melissa and her family in the Kansas City area where he continued to follow his passion for Bull-riding and one of his great pleasures, hitting Jackpots at the casinos.

John will be eternally missed for his dry wit and sense of humor that he retained despite his failing health.

We would like to thank all friends and family for their kind thoughts and blessings at this sad time as we celebrate the life of a great man that has left his mark on all those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

# Comments

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“ I had the privilege of knowing John by being married to his cousin Garland. I heard so many amusing stories of him and Garland growing up together. Love to Joyce and all the family after this loss. May God richly bless and comfort you.  
Becky Ricketts

Becky - June 10, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ I used to love going down to his home in Holiday, TX and sitting out on the back deck, knocking back a few cold ones and listening to all his stories of his adventures when he was just a lad, traveling up and down the country bringing in the hay. His recollections of all the antics he used to get up to were legendary (all before he was married of course !).  
I hope one day I can be loved like him.  
A true gentleman always at the center of his family.  
God bless John. It has been an honor

Alan Blackman - son-in-law - June 08, 2020 at 10:14 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John William Craig Sr.



June 08, 2020 at 10:13 PM

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“ The best man I ever knew. The best papa in the world. The best friend we will all miss so much. He had a heart of gold and a smile that could knock you on your butt. Rest easy and fly high papa. We all know your watching over us.



**Jamie** - June 08, 2020 at 10:06 PM