



Merle Dean Craig

December 25, 1950 - April 12, 2014

Merle Dean Craig, age 63, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2014 at his home in Severy, Kansas. Merle was born on December 25, 1950 in Eureka, Kansas to Wilbur and Henryetta (Pape) Craig. Merle's family moved to the Severy area in 1953, where Merle grew up and graduated from Severy High School.

On July 6, 1970, Merle married Patty Signer in Eureka, Kansas. Merle and Patty made Severy their home where they raised two sons and one daughter. Merle supported his family by working in the oil fields during the winter months and hauling hay during the summer for several years until he opened a welding and repair shop that he ran for fourteen years. At this time he also worked for Frank Bills Trucking as the shop service and repairman until he was no longer able to do truck repair due to an injury. He then phased out his welding shop and started a recycling business, which he ran until his accident on June 15, 2013 which led to the closing of his business.

Merle is survived by his mother Henryetta of El Dorado, Kansas; his wife Patty of the home; his son Rodney and wife Carlette; his son Kevin; his daughter Melissa; granddaughter Ashley and husband Cotton; grandson Michael; and his great granddaughter Brooke, all of Severy, Kansas, two brothers, Kenny and Robert Craig and two sisters, Wanda Nusz and Della Kirkendall. He was preceded in death by his father Wilbur and siblings Earl and Earlene.

Per Merle's wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial graveside service will be held Friday, April 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at South Lawn Cemetery in Severy. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home in Howard.

Cemetery Details

South Lawn Cemetery

Severy, KS

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

South Lawn Cemetery
Severy, KS

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I will always remember all of the trouble me and grandpa seemed to always get into together he was my best friend and can never be replaced in my heart I love you grandpaw. And will always miss you not a day goes by I don't think about the great times we had together and all of the things you taught me

michael. dean craig - April 23, 2014 at 01:57 AM

BS

“ Bob And Linda Simons lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Craig



Bob and Linda Simons - April 18, 2014 at 07:59 AM

CC

“ Chip & Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Craig



Chip & Nancy Crum - April 17, 2014 at 01:20 PM

PC

“ *patti- this is pam cooper, Rob Darnalls sister. Raven and Eric were telling me of Merles passing and the many accidents he has had over the past few years and months I am sorry for to hear about his passing, hope you and the kids are doing as well as you can at this time. just know I will have you in my thoughts and prayers. Pam Cooper and family*

pam cooper - April 17, 2014 at 11:34 AM



“ *Just had a good visit with merle last week. It saddens me to hear of his passing. Prayers go out to the family from our family. You will be missed Merle.*

Matt Williams - April 15, 2014 at 10:08 PM

MA

“ *Marcia Atchison lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Craig*



Marcia Atchison - April 15, 2014 at 05:57 PM

MA

*Pat and Family,
Sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with each of you.
Memories are special. Cherish each thought and hold them
close to your hearts.
Marcia Atchison*

Marcia Atchison - April 15, 2014 at 06:02 PM

KG

“ *Merle and I were very good friends. Even after years of no contact, when we did meet up again it was like we had never lost contact with each other. We shared many memories of our growing up years and enjoyed each others company very much. I will miss him very much and am so glad we renewed the friendship that never faded. The memories we shared will be with me forever. Rest in peace my cherished friend. Kelly*

kelly george - April 15, 2014 at 02:59 PM

DB


“ *I am very sorry for your loss. May wonderful memories help ease your sorrow. "For there exists hope for even a tree. If it is cut down, it will sprout again. And its twigs will continue to grow. ..If a man dies, can he live again? .. You will call, and I will answer you..." (Job 14:7,14-15) May God's power and desire to restore life be a source of comfort to you during this difficult time;*

Dolores Baker - April 15, 2014 at 09:11 AM

NR

“ *Sympathy and prayers to the Craig family. Ron & Nichelle Rader*

Nichelle Rader - April 15, 2014 at 12:04 AM

 Brenda
Hershberg
Hawn

“ *Brenda Hershberger Hawn lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Craig*




Brenda Hershberger Hawn - April 14, 2014 at 10:10 PM

FS

“ *Pattie and the family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Craigs and Smiths go way back. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you.*
Florene



Florene Smith - April 14, 2014 at 09:35 PM

 Karen Brown

“ *Karen Brown lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Craig*



Karen Brown - April 14, 2014 at 09:27 PM

TC

“ *Trina Cooley lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Craig*



trina cooley - April 14, 2014 at 07:50 PM

TC

we are thinking of your family in this time of loss. Merle was always good to Nathan, and will be missed. The Cooleys

trina cooley - April 14, 2014 at 07:55 PM

TC

“ *we are thinking of you and all of your family. The Cooley's*

trina cooley - April 14, 2014 at 07:40 PM

SF

“ *Sorry for your loss! The Sampson family*

Sampson Family - April 14, 2014 at 06:34 PM



“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

Without your dad, Merle I wouldn't know what "FUN" was... a bucking barrel or a hood sled just to name a few. He gave us kids lots of fun things to do to keep us busy and out of trouble. My he rest in peace, walk with Jesus and watch over those left behind.



Tammy Wyatt-Bays - April 14, 2014 at 06:20 PM