



Mr. David Thomas Craig

November 30, 1948 - June 22, 2018

Mr. David Thomas Craig, age 69, of Shelbyville, passed away Friday, June 22, 2018.

Raised on a family farm located in Marshall and Bedford Counties, being the second of six children, he graduated from Marshall County High School in 1965 and went on to his beloved University of Tennessee graduating in 1970 earning a degree in Agriculture Economics and Business. Being a member of ROTC, he was a commissioned officer and entered the United States Army, serving a tour of duty in the Republic of South Korea.

This individual was a quiet, private person who went about his business the same way he lived out his life – with respect, integrity and humility. You couldn't be around him for five minutes before you realized that he was firmly grounded in a genuine set of personal values deeply rooted in hard work and compassion for others.

His love for agriculture and the farm land of Middle Tennessee laid the foundation for him and his father-in-law to start Craig & Wheeler Realty & Auction Co in the summer of 1973 in Shelbyville, Tennessee. The company, now 45 years old, is one of the oldest in the real estate and auction industry. It has grown into a third- generation family business with 17 real estate agents and 8 auctioneers.

David was the past president of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce. During his tenure as president, he worked tirelessly with Jim O'Dell, Bedford County Industrial Recruiter, Evelyn McGrew, Executive Director of the Chamber and former mayor Andy Rambo, recruiting and convincing Calsonic to become a member of the Bedford County community. He and his son Ben are the only father-son past presidents of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce. He was also past president of the Shelbyville Lions Club and past president of the Bedford County Chapter of the University of Tennessee Alumni. He had been a silver sponsor of Habitat for Humanity for 16 years, a member of the American Legion Post #23, where he has served for over 30 years as Boy's State Chairman for Bedford County, and a member of the VFW. He held a Tennessee Real Estate Broker license serving as past president of the Bedford County Board of Realtors, a Tennessee Real Estate appraiser's license and a Tennessee auctioneer's license. David served as the Advisory Chairman for the Better Business Bureau Central Tennessee branch office. He has been an active member and supporter of the Better Business Bureau since 1997, serving on the Murfreesboro branch board of directors for 4 years and a finalist for the Ambassador Award for the State of Tennessee. He was a supporter of the First Choice Pregnancy Center and a sponsor of the Bedford County Fair. He was always volunteering his services for benefit auctions for cancer patients, homes lost by fire or storm. He supported the Duck River Clean Up and was a sponsor of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

David enjoyed cattle farming, traveling, Titan and UT football, and his greatest joy was spent with his four grandchildren. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder.

He is survived his wife, Belinda Wheeler Craig, of Shelbyville; two sons, Benjamin R. (Lana) Craig and David T. "Tad" (Carissa) Craig, II; two sisters,

Martha Jane Locke, of Lewisburg, TN, and Eleanor Craig, of Alabama; two brothers, William Douglas (Brenda) Craig, of Maryville, TN, and Sam Sweeney (Betsy) Craig, of Winchester, TN; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Mackenzie Craig, William Stone Craig, Andrew Walker Craig, and Isabella Ryan Craig; three step-grandchildren, Leah Hope Davis, Parker Ray Davis, and Blake Karsyn Davis, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Monday, June 25, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville, TN. Visitation will be 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. Sunday, June 24, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at Round Hill Cemetery in Belfast.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested for memorials to be made to the David T. Craig Memorial Scholarship at First Community Bank for an agriculture major attending the University of Tennessee.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BD

“ So so sorry my condolences was a short time ago I chatted with David at Kroger about the Haislip’s and Belfast

barbara draine - July 06, 2018 at 09:50 AM

EH

“ What a fine gentleman! I am sorry we never got to tour the Craig homeplace like we talked about. Nancy and I send our sympathy to Belinda and all the family.
Ernest Henegar

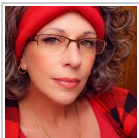
Ernest Henegar - June 28, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ Robin Beck lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



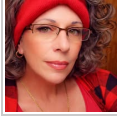
Robin Beck - June 25, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robin Beck - June 25, 2018 at 09:10 PM



So very sorry for your loss...Robert Wheeler & Robin Beck

Robin Beck - June 25, 2018 at 09:12 PM

RS

“Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.” *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Our deepest sympathies.*

*Roy & Cathy Stallings
Savannah, Georgia*



Roy Stallings - June 25, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BB

“*Billy BRASHEARS lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig*



Billy BRASHEARS - June 25, 2018 at 12:27 PM

TK

“ I HAVE KNOWN DAVID AND HIS FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS .MET THEM WHEN THEIR OFFICE WAS ON UNION STREET MY DAD OWNED THE GULF STATION NEXT TO THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE THE WHOLE FAMILY IS A CLASS ACT. MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO BELINDA, TAD AND BEN. DAVID WAS ONE OF A KIND GUY SHELBYVILLE HAS LOST A PIONEER IN DAVID CRAIG I WILL MISS HIM .GOD BLESS THIS FAMILY



TERRY KING

TERRY KING - June 25, 2018 at 10:10 AM

ND

“ So sorry for your loss.....he was a good man and friend of the family for many years...he will be missed.

Norman Delffs

Norman Delffs - June 25, 2018 at 07:24 AM

MB

“ Mike And Denise Boyce lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



mike and denise boyce - June 24, 2018 at 04:11 PM

MC

“ Mike And MaryEllen Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig

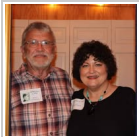


Mike and MaryEllen Cartwright - June 24, 2018 at 03:41 PM

SP

“ David was an awesome man to so many people , he always helped my parents and my family with all our real estate needs and was always just a phone call away , I will miss seeing him change the sign , love and prayers for Belinda and his whole family 🙏

Shelley Pinkston - June 24, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ So sorry to hear about David, we have made many deals together thru the years. And shared many laughs. Your family has been in my prayers for awhile and will continue to be.



Anita Epperson - June 24, 2018 at 02:24 PM

DS

“ It was a blessing to know David for all these years. He was truly a friend and we will always have a special place in our heart for you and David. We are so sorry. We pray for your comfort in the days ahead.

David and Debbie Stone - June 24, 2018 at 01:08 PM

TH

“ TOMMY HAYES lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



TOMMY HAYES - June 24, 2018 at 09:21 AM

TH

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DAVID,S PASSING ,HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND WHOM I GREW UP WITH ,ONE OF THE 'BELFAST GANG ' HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALOT OF PEOPLE . GO VOLS.

TOMMY HAYES - June 24, 2018 at 09:20 AM

NH

“ May God keep him in His greatest Mercy and grant patience and comfort to his family .

Nancy Hottel - June 24, 2018 at 08:12 AM

LA

“ Lorry Hill Anderton lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Lorry Hill Anderton - June 24, 2018 at 02:27 AM

AH

“ Alton Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Alton Hill - June 23, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DD

“ So saddened to hear of David's passing, my thought are with the family.

Deedy Decker - June 23, 2018 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ Steve and Becky Hill



Steve Hill - June 23, 2018 at 01:53 PM



Went to school with him good guy@

Annie Darnell - June 23, 2018 at 07:46 PM

LA

Martha Jane we are so sorry to hear of the passing of David. We will keep you in our prayers... with all our love Lorry Hill Anderton and Crystal Anderton Donaldson

Lorry Hill Anderton - June 24, 2018 at 02:28 AM

EA

We always going to Craig and Wheeler auctions.. We had made friends with him and the whole group at the real estate company. We are so sorry for the loss of David..

Edward Joe and Lorry Hill Anderton - June 24, 2018 at 02:30 AM

KD

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of the family*

Kenneth and Kathy Demumbreum - June 23, 2018 at 01:06 PM

 Anna Collier

“ *David never met a stranger. He had a heart of "Gold". He will never be forgotten. With every beat of our hearts, he will live for ever. Rest in Peace David. Your work on Earth is done....*



Anna Collier - June 23, 2018 at 12:41 PM

SM

“ *SARAH MORRIS lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig*



SARAH MORRIS - June 23, 2018 at 11:12 AM

FL

“ *How do you say goodbye to a friend? Always humble and compassionate. Wonderful memories of his wisdom and kindness. Continued prayers for your family. We need individuals with his vision for our Community!*

Fredia Lusk - June 23, 2018 at 11:11 AM

DW

“ *Belinda and Family*

May happy memories of David warm your hearts during this heartfelt time. My deepest sympathies and love. Debbie Wheeler



Debbie Wheeler - June 23, 2018 at 10:17 AM

 Harold Segroves

“ *My heart goes out to the Craig family. Your Dad was a fierce competitor whose work ethic will forever be admired by me. He lived life with passion and love for his family. May the many memories you have built bring you joy and peace during your days without him.*

Harold Segroves - June 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM

AH

*My Deepest Sympathy !!
May God Bless and comfort all who loved him so dearly and will miss him I do pray .*

Alice Hasting - June 23, 2018 at 10:59 AM

AH

*Prayers for all who loved Mr. Craig and I know will miss him so . My deepest Sympathy and Love to Martha Jane and Boys and families.
I love each of you .
"Miss Alice"*

Alice Hasting - June 23, 2018 at 11:03 AM

SB

Prayers and condolences. Vey sorry for your loss.

Shelia boisseau - June 23, 2018 at 11:17 AM

BP

I send my sympathy to the Craig family. We grew up on the Bedford/Marshall County line. David in his younger days helped us in the hay fields. In recent years when we have been back in Shelbyville we would see David and he always had that friendly welcome. My wife and her sister had him do an estate sale for them. He was a good friend.

Bobby Prosser - June 25, 2018 at 09:12 PM

KA

“ Kenneth And Dawna Adcock lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Kenneth and Dawna Adcock - June 23, 2018 at 09:29 AM

SD

“ Sandra Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Sandra Davis - June 23, 2018 at 08:55 AM

LF

“ Leon And Rena Finley lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Leon and Rena Finley - June 23, 2018 at 08:55 AM

ST

“ So incredibly saddened to hear of your loss. Praying for comfort, peace, and many wonderful memories in the days and weeks to come.

Stacey - June 23, 2018 at 08:05 AM

TN

“ Tony Neill lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Tony Neill - June 23, 2018 at 06:06 AM

KB

“ Kelly Bearden lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



kelly Bearden - June 22, 2018 at 11:29 PM

PH

So sorry to hear of David's passing. Prayers for the family's comfort and peace.

Paulette Haislip Hill

Paulette Haislip Hill - June 23, 2018 at 12:51 AM

CD

“ So sorry for the loss of David. You are all in my thoughts at this most difficult time.



Candi Debrowsky - June 22, 2018 at 09:56 PM

JG

“ Judy Gambill lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Judy Gambill - June 22, 2018 at 09:08 PM

JW

“ Belinda, Ben, and Tad, I regarded David as one of the “really good people” among my friends and fraternity brothers. He was “a slow talking Southern boy” but his brain worked a lot faster than his mouth which served him very well. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Jack Wheeler

Jack Wheeler - June 22, 2018 at 08:36 PM

RC

“ Dear sweet friends my heart hurts for your loss and rejoices in the lustrous memories you hold. You are all in my pray ers and thoughts. May God hold each of you.

Rene' Capley - June 22, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. David Thomas Craig.*



June 22, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Belinda, Tad and Ben ... You are in my prayers. My heart breaks for your loss. Take comfort that David's suffering is over and God has welcomed him home. You all are loved by so many. May God comfort each of you, Bonnie Haston Delk and family*

Bonnie Delk - June 22, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *prayers for his family*



Wendy Brown Tucker - June 22, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ *Tea Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig*



Tea Ward - June 22, 2018 at 04:48 PM

PH

“ *Pattie Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig*



Pattie Hicks - June 22, 2018 at 04:31 PM

PH

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Pattie Hicks - June 22, 2018 at 04:30 PM

MP

“ *Belinda and Family,*

We were very sorry to hear about David. May good memories help to comfort you and please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marianne and Len Phillips



Marianne and Len Phillips - June 22, 2018 at 04:08 PM

LW

“ Lynn Brandon Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Lynn Brandon Wilhelm - June 22, 2018 at 03:55 PM

John
McClenney

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John McClenney - June 22, 2018 at 01:12 PM

JH

“ Jean Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Thomas Craig



Jean Harrison - June 22, 2018 at 01:11 PM