



## Joseph Craig Heflin

June 2, 1960 - December 14, 2011

### JOSEPH CRAIG HEFLIN

Joseph Craig Heflin age 51, of DeMotte, IN passed away on Wednesday December 14, 2011. He was born on June 2, 1960 in Hammond, IN to Joseph and Faye (Newsom) Heflin. Craig was a 1978 graduate of Lake Central High School and had attended Ivy Tech for Heating & Air. On February 11, 1984 he married Jennifer Nelson, who survives. Craig was employed at Pinnacle Hospital, Crown Point, IN for 5 years and had previously worked at Griffin D Watering in Hammond, IN. Craig was a member of Family Christian Center, Munster, IN and he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Craig is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer Heflin of DeMotte, IN

Sons, Wayne Douglas (Fiancee' Theresa Surbaults) of Wheatfield, IN and Joshua Kyle Heflin, DeMotte, IN; Father, Joseph Heflin, Star City, Arkansas ; Mother, Faye Heflin, Belleville, MI and

Brother, Gregory Heflin, Belleville, MI. Preceded in death by his son, Daniel Craig.

Memorials may be made to The Family.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

Roselawn Cemetery  
Roselawn, IN 46372

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
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## Service

DEC 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Just have you on my mind today sweet cousin. We'll always miss you and always love you. You were one of the truest, sweet, kind people I've ever known.*

*I know you 2 boys have so many good and wonderful memories to carry them through. Statements you've made directly to them, things they've heard ya say in conversations, your actions, and the way you always showed a lot of love.*

*Praying for your family and lifting them up to the Father above. You sure were a special person to us here below....Love ya always,  
Cousin Sandra*

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**Sandra Nadine Harris** - March 16, 2012 at 03:39 PM

KW

“ *I will always treasure the memories of family trips to visit IN and your visits to AR. I regret that our lives did not allow more time to create more memories once we took on adulthood. Reading the tributes that others have left you, makes me even more sad that we did not take, or make the time to stay in touch. Their description of you is as I knew, fun loving and always with a smile. Sometimes that smile a mischievous one, but definitely one of a happy person. I pray for peace and comfort to your family that I know and love and to your family that I never had the opportunity to know. May God Bless and comfort them as only he can during this time and for the years to come. You are and will be missed by many. Craig may you rest in peace. Kim Heflin Watts*



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**Kim Heflin Watts** - January 22, 2012 at 02:12 PM

BA

“ *Bill Abromitis lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin*



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**Bill Abromitis** - December 20, 2011 at 06:22 AM

BA

*I worked with Craig many years ago and will always remember his smiling face. Our prayers go out to his surviving family.*

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**Bill Abromitis** - December 20, 2011 at 06:24 AM

BR

“ *Craig was such a kind and special person who worked with me at Pinnacle. He always listened to my problems and uplifted me and I will miss being call "sis". He truly was one of a kind, and I will miss his stories. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*  
*Becky Rubens*



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**becky rubens** - December 19, 2011 at 02:30 PM

LH

“ *Craig was always kind, cheerful and friendly. His faith was so inspiring to me. He will be sorely missed. Goodbye, my friend. Until we meet again.* *Lynda Haniacek*



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**Lynda Haniacek** - December 19, 2011 at 10:40 AM

AR

“ Alex "Sonny" Rosenski lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin



Alex "Sonny" Rosenski - December 19, 2011 at 10:12 AM

AR

You will always be remembered here at Griffin. May you rest in peace in the Lords loving embrace.

Alex "Sonny" Rosenski - December 19, 2011 at 10:49 AM

AP

“ Angie Prassas lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin



angie Prassas - December 18, 2011 at 09:18 PM

AP

he was such a kind soul

angie Prassas - December 18, 2011 at 09:20 PM

BR

So true!!!!

Becky Rubens - December 19, 2011 at 09:07 AM



“ Theresa Srebalus lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin



Theresa Srebalus - December 18, 2011 at 08:11 PM



*Papa Craig,  
I am going to miss you sooo much.I wish you could be here to meet your grandson,Jacob, who will be here soon. I am so heartbroken. I will always love you. Your were like my second dad. I love you always and forever  
Your Daughter,  
Theresa*

Theresa Srebalus - December 18, 2011 at 08:19 PM

HK

“ Heather Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin



Heather Kennedy - December 18, 2011 at 07:03 PM

HK

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you...Love Heather and Brad Kennedy*

Heather Kennedy - December 18, 2011 at 07:04 PM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you .May God comfort you in your time of loss.....

Mike and Diana Forrester - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 PM

TF

“ *May God carry you through this time....all our love and prayers...*



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**The Varney Family** - December 17, 2011 at 07:58 PM

SH

“ *Shelly Johnson Hall lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin*



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**Shelly Johnson Hall** - December 17, 2011 at 07:40 PM

MR

“ *Michele Roman lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin*



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**Michele Roman** - December 17, 2011 at 03:50 PM



“ *A Place Called Heaven*

*Don't think of me as gone away  
and don't think of me as dead*

*I'm in a place, not far away  
where I can rest my head*

*Surrounded by ones I love  
and ones that all love me*

*I'm doing better than I was before  
I'm happy and I'm free*

*Free from all the pain and grief  
free from all the hate*

*There is no sorrow, there is no death  
life up here is great*

*So when you lay down tonight  
don't cry yourself to sleep*

*I'm in a place, not far away  
I'm in a place called heaven*



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**Annie DeNardo** - December 17, 2011 at 01:43 PM

PE

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers are being sent  
your way. The Emerson Family*



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**Pat Emerson** - December 17, 2011 at 11:34 AM

JZ

“ *Jenny (Srebalus) Zoucha lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin*



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**Jenny (Srebalus) Zoucha** - December 17, 2011 at 09:11 AM

JZ

*Although I never was able to meet Craig, I know my sister loved him very much. My family is thinking of you all during this difficult time.*

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**Jenny (Srebalus) Zoucha** - December 17, 2011 at 09:12 AM



“ *My friend Craig, you will be missed dearly at Pinnacle Hospital. I want to thank you for all the advice and encouragement you gave to me over the past year and a half that I worked with you. You were/are such a sweet and nice man and you will truly be missed. My sympathies to your family while they grieve your loss but perseve your memory. May you be in peace but never forgotten!*

*Jenn Silsby*

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**Jenn Silsby** - December 17, 2011 at 08:08 AM

AB

“ *Angie Bingham lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin*



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**Angie Bingham** - December 17, 2011 at 03:51 AM

AB

*You will be missed by so many.... thank you for the words of wisdom, great talks about the Lord, and always making us laugh... Rest in peace.... We love you.*

Angie Bingham - December 17, 2011 at 03:52 AM

AB

“ *My heart is so heavy and sad for Craig's family.... especially his wife, children, and mother...He was a wonderful person who loved the Lord and to talk about Him with others. He loved to joke and laugh. He always made me smile and kept me more and more on fire for God every time we talked. I wish we would have had more chances to talk and kept in better touch... especially now. I so enjoyed talking back and forth and getting to know him on the family website. I am deeply, deeply saddened by his death. I will keep his loved ones in my prayers. God Bless them and keep them. Comfort them and hold them in Your loving care and heal them in Jesus Name. Please know that we love all of you and are saying many, many heart felt prayers for you. May God bring you peace, comfort, and wholeness. Much, much love,prayers, and hugs to each of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Angie Bingham - December 17, 2011 at 02:36 AM

SE

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Samantha J Elliott - December 17, 2011 at 01:43 AM

SE

“ Samantha J Elliott lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin



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Samantha J Elliott - December 17, 2011 at 01:41 AM

SE

*Metallica ~ Fade To Black*

*Life it seems will fade away  
Drifting further every day  
Getting lost within myself  
Nothing matters, no one else*

*I have lost the will to live  
Simply nothing more to give  
There is nothing more for me  
Need the end to set me free*

*Things not what they used to be  
Missing one inside of me  
Deathly lost, this can't be real  
Cannot stand this hell I feel*

*Emptiness is filling me  
To the point of agony  
Growing darkness taking dawn  
I was me but now he's gone*

*No one but me can save myself  
But it's too late  
Now I can't think  
Think why I should even try*

*Yesterday seems as though  
It never existed  
Death greets me warm  
Now I will just say goodbye....., Goodbye*

**CRAIG, YOU AND DANNY CAN ROCK HEAVEN TOGETHER NOW**

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Samantha J Elliott - December 20, 2011 at 02:37 AM

SE

“ Let us remember that no single act of desperation can define a life. No matter how stalked by pain, Craig's life also had its moments of delight and happiness, caring and friendship, sharing and love. Death by choice is not a denial of life; it is the cry of despair for more life. It grows from a deep personal alienation or profound suffering and is carried out alone, after a struggle within the self. Craig chose to end the suffering for himself. The mind was exhausted, the heart frightened, and the end taken. The suffering does not end, however, for those who have loved and cared for him. Friends and family are left with feelings of shock, betrayal, anger, sadness, and – in time – compassion and forgiveness. I was but only one life among many that Craig touched along his journey here on earth and I will always remember the fun times we shared while working together at Pinnacle Hospital. May You and Danny rest in peace Craig, YOU WILL BE MISSED....

*Samantha J Elliott*

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**Samantha J Elliott** - December 17, 2011 at 01:39 AM

JK

*Everything you wrote is right on the money, Sam...*

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**Judy Konopasek** - December 17, 2011 at 11:08 AM

LH

*Very well said, Samantha. I enjoyed talking with Craig. The unbearable pain he felt is now gone. He truly was a kind soul.*

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**Lynda Haniacek** - December 20, 2011 at 08:21 AM

SN

*“ I didn't get to meet Craig. But Anthony, Sandra and I had a 3 hour long conversation with him one night. This was right after Danny had passed away. He was leaning on the Lord for help in accepting Danny's death. His faith was strong. He helped "me" fill less sad about Danny's death ! I will pray that everyone can eventually be filled with all of the good memories. People are commenting that Craig was a loving ,fun loving person and this is how I will remember him, Rest in peace my dear cousin.*

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**Shirley Annette Newsom** - December 16, 2011 at 11:33 PM

AJ

*“ Alexis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Craig Heflin*



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**Alexis Johnson** - December 16, 2011 at 09:14 PM

AJ

*"Craig you will be truly missed I will miss sitting in the staff lounge on our break talking to you, your spirit will be with me everyday may god bless and keep your family at this difficult time."*

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**Alexis Johnson** - December 16, 2011 at 09:20 PM



*“ Although I've only been with Pinnacle a short period of time, I truly enjoyed the conversations that Craig and I had together. He made me feel welcome, like I had been there for years. My thoughts and prayers are to his family. God Bless you Craig!*

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**Ken Balazs** - December 16, 2011 at 02:06 PM



“ Craig will be missed by everyone at Pinnacle Hospital. I will miss Craig singing down the halls, Bear Down Chicago Bears, and most of all his warm smile. To Craig's family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this difficult time.



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**Kim Spencer** - December 16, 2011 at 01:15 PM

MW

“ I worked with Craig for over 4 years at Pinnacle Hospital. We talked on many occasions and we always had very uplifting conversations. We always talked sports and about our Heavenly Father. I will miss my conversations with Craig and my prayers go out to his family. "Mace"

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**Maceo Weaver** - December 16, 2011 at 01:01 PM

CM

“ Your family remains in my prayers and the prayers of Crossroads Church in Lynwood, Il.

*Craig is missed.*

*Pastor Chris Morrison*

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**Chris Morrison** - December 16, 2011 at 12:42 PM

MA

“ Our thoughts are with you all. He will be missed dearly at Pinnacle Hospital.



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**Marsha** - December 16, 2011 at 11:26 AM

LO

“ *Jenny, Wayne (Theresa) and Josh, prayers to you all. Love! Memories! Family! Keep these things close to you and I hope that they will help you now to get through the days ahead.*

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**Lonna** - December 15, 2011 at 06:33 PM