



William "Bill" T. Craig

June 4, 1944 - October 16, 2023

Bill Craig - lover of children, doting on grandchildren, giver of compassion, gardener of hostas, elder of the church, lay-pastor of wisdom, letter-writer of solidarity, traveler to China, India, Alaska, optimist, philosopher, teacher, perpetrator of shenanigans, comic of dry wit, and proud democrat - made each person he interacted with feel welcome, comfortable, and unique. He had an artist's mind: encyclopedic, insightful, and kind.

William Thomas Craig was born June 4, 1944, in Yonkers, NY to Marjory (Parsons) and William Alexander Craig. His father died on the battlefield in World War II. He grew up with his mother in Cleveland, OH. He earned a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green University, a master's from the University of Oregon, and a PhD from Canbourne University. He worked in admissions at St. Joseph's College and taught philosophy at Governor's State University. He married Karen L. Foxworthy on August 17, 1968. They have lived in Rensselaer, IN for 48 years. He was an active member, elder, and lay pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed summers with his family at Geneva Center and the Presbyterian Church Camp in Saugatuck, MI. His daughter Cara Craig and her husband Robert Peffley live in Chicago, IL. His younger daughter, Anne Tillett and her husband Wade live in Whitewater, WI. Combined, Bill's adored grandchildren include Alvin (and his wife Yuliana), Brianna, Mira, Brittney, and Naelin – as well as one great grandchild, Sienna Rose.

Friends may call on the family on Saturday, November 25, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM CT at the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer. A celebration of life will be held immediately following at 11:00 AM CT with Reverend Michelle Bartel officiating. A luncheon will be held at the church following the service. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Please honor Bill by donating to the charity of your choice rather than sending flowers.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

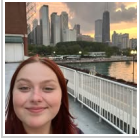
First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer
220 N. Cullen Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-7005
churchoffice@firstpresrensselaer.org
<http://www.firstpresrensselaer.org/>

Celebration of Life

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer
220 N. Cullen Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-7005
churchoffice@firstpresrensselaer.org
<http://www.firstpresrensselaer.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Naelin Peffley lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig*



Naelin Peffley - May 23, 2025 at 12:03 AM

MA

“ *Maggie lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig*



Maggie - December 01, 2023 at 02:21 AM

JM

“ *Dearest Bill,*

I know that you are well. I know that you are healthy and happy and I love this for you. Thank you for the letters as I fought my own battle with cancer. Thank you for the kindness and loving thoughtfulness strung through such beautiful prose. I relished every healing word. Your spirit brightened life itself and mine's been better simply because you were in it. You lived the complete life and lived it in the way it should be. I will see you soon enough, but until then I wish you well on this new adventure. I know you will live it, at the very least, as beautifully as you've lived this one. Thank you for being my friend.

Love, Joy :)

joy mendenhall - November 25, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CS

“ Bill was a lovely man. I loved running into him on campus as I enjoyed his warm smile and witty conversation. I was sorry to hear of his passing. May you all be comforted by your many fond memories during this difficult time.
Colleen Sexton



Colleen Sexton - November 20, 2023 at 07:45 AM

LE

“ Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig



Lynda Edwards - October 26, 2023 at 09:11 PM

JE

“ Jeremy lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig



Jeremy - October 25, 2023 at 08:42 AM

CF

“ God bless and give you all peace during this difficult time



Celis Family - October 21, 2023 at 05:25 PM

KR

“ *Kristi lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig*



Kristi - October 21, 2023 at 03:45 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig*



Beverly Smith - October 19, 2023 at 07:50 PM

JH

“ *Sympathy to the Craig family. I always enjoyed reading Bill's writings in the Presbyterian newsletter. He will be missed.*



Janice HopkinsMalchow - October 19, 2023 at 05:41 PM

LH

“ *Sharing my office with Bill was a highlight of my time in Rensselaer.*

Lou Hannon - October 19, 2023 at 04:03 PM

AN

“ Anne lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig



Anne - October 19, 2023 at 03:17 PM

AN

Thinking of you, Anne and Ed

Anne - October 19, 2023 at 03:18 PM

SU

“ Susie lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig



Susie - October 19, 2023 at 07:01 AM

HL

“ Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" T. Craig



Homer and Theresa Lakin - October 18, 2023 at 07:58 PM

RL

“ Cara, we are so very sorry for your loss. Ron and Marlene Lashbrook

Ron Lashbrook - October 18, 2023 at 11:17 AM

CH

Sending thoughts and prayers to Karen and her family... 🙏🙏🙏

Cheryl (Rude) Helderle - October 18, 2023 at 03:28 PM

TI

Karen I felt like I new you both a life time. Our hearts were intertwined with deep caring even though we had only knew you both for a short while but my heart will never forget you both. I'm sorry he's gone and he will be missed. Karen I give you all my hugs and prayers to comfort for you and your family. I could see in your eyes you loved him dearly and I could see his love for you. I will always remember you both for ever.

Tina - October 18, 2023 at 05:24 PM