



Gregory Craig

December 28, 1955 - April 5, 2023

Gregory John Craig, 67, of Bad Axe passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at his home under hospice care. As was his wish, he was surrounded with family in these most familiar surroundings making his last request a peaceful and loving reality.

Greg was born on December 28, 1955, in Bad Axe, Michigan, the second of ten children born to John Junior Craig and Lorraine Alberta Pettit Craig. Greg was a third-generation student at Adams School in Sigel Township and was a 1974 graduate of Bad Axe High School.

Greg and Julie Maurer were united in marriage on June 26, 1981 in Bad Axe, had one child Bradley Paul Craig and they have lived in Bad Axe since. Greg was a tireless worker and was very innovative and creative particularly in fabricating parts in his home machine shop. His farm background led him to help not only his parents on their farm, but he was employed by neighboring farmers as well. He worked for many years at the former Active Industries (Tower) in Elkton, and during that time he also pursued and achieved machine repair machinist apprentice status. He subsequently worked at GM in Saginaw as a mechanical technician and gained the status of Journeyman Machine Repair Machinist. After leaving GM, he worked for Three Rivers at the current Corteva in Harbor Beach, from which he retired in 2020.

Greg was so mechanically driven that he worked with his father to convert the

original family John Deere A into an antique class pulling tractor. He competed locally and across the state, winning many trophies. He enjoyed pulling with his son Brad, and Julie meticulously kept track of the stats!

Greg was a charter member of the Thumb Two-Cylinder Club and he participated in many local events, parading his tractors in our surrounding communities. Greg was our go-to in the Craig family as we lined up and discovered battery issues, difficulty turning the fly-wheel, getting us in an order that always had him pulling up the rear with the chain, just in case someone needed a tow. And he was an expert at getting all our tractors loaded and unloaded from the trucks in record time.

Greg and Julie enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, attending family events and he was always scouring the junk aisles at old engine shows, looking for something to add to his shop and projects. At the end of the days of searching and bargaining, he would join the extended family at the campsite, telling stories, reliving the hunt and reminiscing into the wee hours. Conversation is a big deal in our family and his nephew recalls those nights as some of his best memories of Greg and family.

Greg is survived by his loving wife and life companion, Julie and his son Bradley, Bad Axe. He is also survived by his mother, Lorraine Craig, Bad Axe, and his siblings: Diane Bergey, Imlay City; Laurie Polega, Mattawan; Rodney "Joe" Craig, Caseville; Brian (Jeanne) Craig, Potterville; Barry Craig, Walled Lake; Donna (Thomas) Walsh, Sebawaing; Mark (Patti) Craig, Schoolcraft; Randall (Anne) Craig, Croswell; and Melissa Craig, Bad Axe; and special neighbor Mike Ridner.

He is also survived by brother's-in-law Randy Maurer, Bad Axe; Joe Brenner, Elkton; Lee Ferris, Caseville; and sister-in-law Sherry (Douglas) Roberts, Elkton; numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Greg was preceded in death by his father, John Junior Craig; brother's-in-law Art Bergey, Dennis Polega, James Maurer, Donald Maurer, Rick Maurer and

Bill Anderson; sister's-in-law Della Anderson, Lila Maurer, Debra Maurer, Trudy Brenner, Connie Arntz, Linda Ferris and Mary Ann Maurer.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 11 am at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Burial will be in Verona Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 from 2 – 7 pm or Tuesday from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Verona Township Cemetery

Verona, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ To Julie and Bradley, Lorraine, and all of Greg's siblings: We would like to send our Deepest Sympathy and prayers your way. He is alive with the Lord and in your memories. Be Strong as he would want you to be.

Denise and Don Rice - April 18, 2023 at 10:46 AM

MW

“ Greg was my cousin. He never said any unkind word in my midst. Julie was so such and Angel. She went above and beyond to keep my Mother comfortable....I thank Greg and Julie
Mary Margaret Wellman

Mary Wellman - April 10, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Craig.



April 09, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory Craig.



April 09, 2023 at 09:57 PM

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“ *Diane, Scott, Bill and Lyle (Bergey) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gregory Craig.*



Diane, Scott, Bill and Lyle (Bergey) - April 09, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Craig.*



April 09, 2023 at 11:38 AM

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“ *All our Love, Donna, Tom & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gregory Craig.*



All our Love, Donna, Tom & family - April 08, 2023 at 12:29 PM

PS

“ *Sorry for your loss. I worked with Greg at Active and then at the GM Chassis plant in Saginaw. He was a good person. May he rest in peace.*

Pedro Santos - April 07, 2023 at 06:36 PM

RM

“ Julie and Brad,
We are so very sorry for your loss. May all your wonderful memories
help you through this difficult time. 🙏

Rhonda, Greg & Amanda Matelski - April 07, 2023 at 03:27 PM

LC

“ I know, I forgot to light the candle.



Lorraine A Craig - April 07, 2023 at 11:13 AM

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“ Here is a candle for you, Greg Love Ma

Lorraine A Craig - April 07, 2023 at 11:05 AM