

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



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A LIFE REMEMBERED



GARY EUGENE CRAIG

NOVEMBER 4, 1945

MARCH 7, 2026



Gary Eugene Craig, 80, of Sedalia, MO, passed away on Saturday March 7, 2026, at E.W. Thompson Health and Rehabilitation Center in Sedalia, Missouri. He was born on November 4, 1945 in Sedalia, Missouri the son of Willard Craig and Irene (Logan) Craig, who preceded him in death.

On October 26, 1968 in Sedalia, MO, he was united in marriage to Lydia Lucille Salmons, who preceded him in death on August 12, 2021.

Gary spent his life perfecting his craft as a Master Plumber, working for union shops in Sedalia and the Kansas City area before starting his own business, Craig Plumbing. Built on quality work, fair prices, and an unmatched work ethic, his business flourished and earned the respect of residents and businesses throughout the Sedalia community. Known for his determination and competitive spirit, Gary was famous for his incredible digging ability—often joking that he and his nephew could outdig a backhoe. His dedication to his trade and service to the community left a lasting legacy in the public sector and the trades industry.

Beyond his work, Gary was known as a strong Christian man, a devoted husband, a proud father, and a beloved “Papa.” He attended church faithfully, supported it through service and tithing, and lived his life guided by Christian values. Though firm in his beliefs, he led by example with patience, forgiveness, and love.

Gary cherished his wife, Lucy, caring for her deeply while also keeping life lively with his playful pranks and sense of humor. He worked tirelessly to provide for his children and took great pride in their accomplishments. His greatest joy, however, was spending time with his grandchildren—whether giving pony rides in the living room, reading stories, playing games, or enjoying outdoor adventures.

Gary also made time for the rest of his family, visiting his mother regularly and sharing Sunday evenings playing cards with his brothers, often joined by sisters, cousins, and friends. He was never too busy to help someone in need, and his generosity, kindness, and strong spirit touched everyone who knew him.

Gary lived a life of hard work, faith, and love. His legacy will live on through the many lives he touched, and he will be deeply missed until the day we are reunited again.

Gary is survived by a son, Bobby Craig; two daughters, Jenny Studt (Michael) and Kelly Venable (Scott); seven grandchildren, Chelsi, Ariel, Brianna, Ali, Dakota, Lexi, and Livi; and eight great grandchildren, Nevaeh, Wyatt, Brantley, Colton, Tucker, Ruby, Remington, and Amir; a sister Carolyn Birk of Cleveland, TN; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

In addition to his wife and parents, Gary was preceded in death by three brothers, Willard "Junior" Craig, Leonard Craig, and David Craig; a sister, Wilma Walker; a great granddaughter, Kayden Studt.

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m.

Friday, March 13, 2026

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Paul Hughes

Special Music

“Daddy’s Hands”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“Go Rest High On That Mountain” - Video Tribute

Interment

Crown Hill Cemetery

Sedalia, MO

Military Honors

United States Army

VPW Post #2591

Pallbearers

Michael Studt, Scott Venable, Bobby Craig,
Donnie Craig, Dakota Venable, Bradley Burton

Honorary Bearers

Eddie Craig, Ralph Craig, Ronnie Craig,
Cameron Netz, Dustin McCubbins, Kollin Goodwin

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