



## Craig F. Abrahamson

November 25, 1953 - March 6, 2022

Craig was a well loved, respected and talented musician, artist and carpenter. He was a hard worker who was full of fun and loved life and passionate about music. Craig got his first drum set when he was 9. Classical music was his first love and he went on to study percussion at the University of Oregon. Craig toured Europe and Russia in 1972 with Astoria high school band and played for Clatsop College Jazz band. He played on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, Ca for a summer and played in many bands throughout his musical career. A few of those are, Good Buddies, Spindri, Syncopated Sound, The Chris Parker Trio, United Flight, Shuffle, Freestyle, The Wabbits, Lucky Dawgs, and Bivalve. He played many years in Astoria for the North Coast Symphonic Band and played the Timpani in The Little Ballet Theater Company's Nutcracker also for many years. Craig was one of the original California Raisins and studied with Joe Amato and Mel Brown. Craig had various jobs, he worked in Astoria at the fish

Canneries, at Greens Seafood, Hanna Anderson and Sustainable Flooring Solutions all while continuing to play the drums. He also taught drum lessons. Craig resided in Vancouver after having lived in Astoria, Eugene, Cannon Beach, Portland and St. Helens Oregon. He fought a hard and long battle, never giving up hope and never dwelling in despair. He passed away on March 6, 2022.

Craig was born in Everett, Wa. on November 25, 1953. His family moved to Astoria when he was 3 years old.

Craig leaves behind his wife Sarah Weddle and 2 children Bianca and Maxwell (Tara) Santino, 2 grandchildren (Everett and Teddy), sister Kathy Freeman (Lanny) and 13 nieces and nephews.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents Ed and Doris (Fager) Abrahamson.

Craig was a great friend to so many people and always had a warm smile and kind words to

share. The family would like to thank all of his wonderful friends and family for helping him with

Dr. appointments and visiting him at home.

Craig's ashes will be cast off the South Jetty in Astoria.

A party/celebration of Craig's life will be scheduled at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:25 PM

TF

“ May you use the anniversary of Craigs passing to remember all the joy he brought into the world. Our Deepest Sympathy.

The Schmid Family - March 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I have had so many images in my mind lately of United Flight playing at the Elks Club and Seaside tavern. Craig was the best drummer in the best band of the 70's. RIP Craig and say hello to Duoos if he's there.

Linda Opdycke - March 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Did you know that Craig passed on the same day Terry Duoos did - ten years to the day. Helen

Helen - March 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. With our deepest sympathy,

The SCHMID Family - John, MaryAnna, Kristina and Marcus - March 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Craig, since we first met in the Astoria High School library in the spring of 1970, you have been my closest of friends. One of the smartest guys I've ever known, although you were humbled and amazed that I thought so. It has been my pleasure traveling with you through life, dissecting matters of science and music, laughing at the world and ourselves, witnessing extreme weather with childlike fascination, and simply -- quietly -- enjoying the now. Thanks for every minute of it.

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**Jim Clune** - March 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Craig has been my rhythm twin since 1970, in many bands and my best friend forever since. He knew how to make me laugh and smile as we traveled through life. We will miss him but we will always have him in our memories and his recorded music.

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**Steve Johnson** - March 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I met Craig through my husband, who played in many bands with him. He was an amazing man, very thoughtful and always positive. He will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Sarah, Bianca and Max.

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**Julia Johnson** - March 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ If it's true that no man is poor who has friends, Craig Fager Abrahamson was a zillionaire. Those of us who made music with him knew him as a consummate pro, armed with talent and perspective, usually nailing his part on the first take, thoughtfully sharing his encyclopedic knowledge of music. We also tended bar together for a while, where his charm and organizational skills made him a standout workmate. Intelligent, non-judgmental, understanding and funny, he was the kind of friend everybody wants and hopes to be themselves. He leaves us vastly wealthier for the parts he played in our lives. My condolences to his family and his many friends.

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**John F. Crowley** - March 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ One of the best drummers I ever played with. He had the Inna-Gada-Davida drum solo down pat. Wish there had been an opportunity to jam with him one more time. This breaks my heart.

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**Stephen J. Wiley** - March 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Craig F. Abrahamson

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**Marco** - March 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ RIP CRAIG you touched us all

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**Tribute Store** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ There truly will never be one so genuinely thoughtful who had a joyful sense of presence. His smile sums it up. Our healing thoughts be with you all.

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**Marie & Marty Brand** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I'm very sorry. What a wonderful boy he was.

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**Vicki Berger Mihajlich** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Craig is one of my oldest friends. Can't believe half the members of our last band are gone. He has played his last gig. Our hopes and wishes are with Sarah and the kids . Playing at the Seaside class of 69 reunion was the best.

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**Brian Opdycke** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Craig was a dear friend in High School. His smile and positive attitude was one of my fondest memories of high school. My prayers to all of you. You will find joy and smiles some where down the line to replace you terribly pain!

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**Angus Debra** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Craig was all that anyone would want in a friend. He was funny, smart, kind and talented and more of a brother than friend. Fager may be gone but your spirit and memory will live forever. Peace and love to Sarah, Bianca and Max. Mark Bugas

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**Mark Bugas** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ Craig You were the most awesome neighbor. I always looked forward to seeing you, your bright smile and positive vibes. I will miss our chats. Oh heck, Let me just say I will miss you. Sarah, Bianca and Max, I am sending my love for you to find comfort in the coming days and cherish memories you can forever hold on to. If there is anything you ever need please ask. We love you. Doug and Kym

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**Kym** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Every now and then somebody comes along in life that will stay with us forever in spirit. Whether or not they know it they've left you with with a gift. I met Craig in high school and it was his smile, warmth and humor that staid with me to this day. It's like having a picture inside your mind that never goes away and you feel lucky to have it. To my good fortune Craig later came looking for a summer job at a local cannery I'd been working at while going to school and after graduation. I had the honor of sharing my knowledge and working with him as we toiled away the summer making the best of hard labor. Several years later I was making some deliveries in Portland and ran into Craig. There was that same memorable smile, warmth and humor that rolled off him so naturally. I am sad to see such a wonderful soul not part of this world anymore.

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**Tom Dent** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Fager and I played music together from 1974 onward. We were close. I trusted him completely. I am missing him greatly. My best wishes are with Sarah and everyone who loved him (a long list).

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**Jim Stewart** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ 8 had the privilege of being close to Craig since 1974. I played some great music with Craig on percussion. I just can't believe he has gone on. I'll miss him every day I have left. Love you, Craighead. Dios vaya contigo, Amigo

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**J. Craighead** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Always smiling and a very kind person. Fond memories of our friendly battles in junior high for 1st chair drummer. Craig was one of the good ones! Love and light to Sarah and all his family. Linda Duncan Jordan

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**Linda Jordan** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Craig F. Abrahamson** - March 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM