



## David I. Craig

April 19, 1943 - August 15, 2024

Dave was surrounded by love when he peacefully passed away at his home in Camas, Washington on August 15, 2024. Dave was born on April 29, 1943 in Walla Walla, Washington to Harold and LaVada Craig. He was the eldest son and the second of eight children. Dave was a fun, compassionate, thoughtful, and loving son and brother. Dave graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1961 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps the same year. He proudly served his country and was honorably discharged as a Lance Corporal in 1967. Dave moved to Camas where he met his beloved wife, Gloria Urie, whom he adored. They were married 57 years and raised three children together, Terry, Diane, and Sherrie. Dave was a supportive, loving, caring, and involved dad who was deeply devoted to his family. His children were his world and his grandchildren were his pride and joy. Dave began his career with Crown Zellerbach in the pulp and bleaching department. He later became a supervisor and stayed with the company through restructuring, relocation, and changes of ownership. He retired from Georgia Pacific in 2005 after nearly 40 years of service. He was dedicated to his job, where he built many lifelong friendships. Dave was a fiercely competitive sportsman who golfed, bowled, played softball, racquetball, basketball, and volleyball. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, smelt dipping, clam digging, and crabbing. Dave loved playing and winning at bingo, and he had the best luck with slot machines and roulette. Dave was a member of Gateway Community Church and his faith was a big part of his life. He loved greeting the congregation and knew

everyone by name. He volunteered with various organizations, and he supported fellow Veterans. He was a positive person and was always willing to serve others. Dave made friends wherever he went. He was always making people laugh and was adored by many. Dave was one of a kind and leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter. Survivors include his wife, Gloria Craig; his children, Terry Craig and his wife Mayla of Washougal, WA, Diane Connolly and her husband James of Camas, WA, and Sherrie Lauer and her husband Paul of Camas, WA; his grandchildren, Ashley, Mathew, Christopher, Deneuve, Austin, Corey, Brandon, and Michael; his honorary granddaughter, Dylana; his great-grandchildren, Amelia, Brentley, Grason, Adelina, Hudson, Abel, Josie, Charlotte, and Oliver; his honorary great-grandchildren, Caden, Dawson, and Audrey; his sisters, Rosalie and Don Lommasson, Cindy Harrington, Susie and Mark Robins, Tina and Phillip Karmout, and April Craig; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; and many wonderful friends. Dave was preceded in death by his father, Harold Craig; his mother, LaVada Wingert Craig; his brothers, Mike and Lee; and his nephews Kevin, Kenny, and Kevin James. A viewing will be held on Thursday, August 22nd from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The funeral service will be held on Friday, August 23rd at 10:00 am, followed by a graveside service with full military honors, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. A luncheon will be served in the hospitality room from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Gateway Community Church Food Pantry in Washougal, WA or Kaiser Hospice in Portland, OR in Dave's honor.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *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 David I. Craig - August 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM**