Matthew J. Craig

February 14, 1974 - May 9, 2013

Benton Harbor – Matthew J. Craig, 39, of Benton Harbor, went to be with the Lord early Thursday, May 9, 2013, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Monday, May 13, at The Chapel, 4250 Washington Avenue, in St. Joseph. Burial will follow at Ruggles Cemetery in Baroda. Visitation will be held from 4 PM to 7 PM on Sunday, May 12, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 2506 Niles Ave., in St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to Matt's family. Messages, memories, or photos may be shared at www.florin.net.

Matt was born on February 14, 1974 in Ionia, Mi to James and Mary Craig. Matt was a joy to his family and friends. He loved to laugh, joke and tease and had a passion for hunting. He was friendly and kind; no one was a stranger to Matt.

He is survived by his wife, Heather; his children, Kiersten, Allison, Caleb and Austin; his parents, James and Mary Craig; his sister, Katherine (Bradley) Johnson; his brother, Andrew (Robin) Craig; his nieces, Elizabeth and Ellen; his Grandmothers, Doris Van Laan and Elizabeth Craig; his Great-Aunt, Jean Van Laan; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Richard N. Craig in 1982 and Earl J. Van Laan in 2011.

Cemetery Details

Ruggles Cemetery

Baroda Township, MI 49101

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
staff@florin.net

Service

MAY **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel
4250 Washington Ave.
St. Joseph, MI

Gathering

MAY **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

The Chapel
4250 Washington Ave.
St. Joseph, MI

Burial

MAY **13**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ruggles Cemetery
Baroda Township, MI 49101

Tribute Wall

Florin Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew J. Craig

Florin Funeral Services - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

Thanks,

I just heard about Matt's passing a few minutes ago. I am totally in shock. I am so sorry to hear about this it saddens me deeply. I am in tears as I write and I haven't seen Matt in over a decade at least probably almost 2 decades. Matt was always so coachable, personable and walked with a beat in his step. Also i remember him with a heart after God. A young life who was always trying to better himself, ask questions and excel in what he put his mind too. Doesn't surprise me he acted with such integrity at a young age knowing the background, heritage, and the family he came from. His positive attitude brought life to those around him as I remember. Great Athlete as well. This kid was different than the rest...his responding to things of God is why some of us devoted time, energy, and resources to Kingdom Causes. He always had his heart open to God and was vocal about his faith. He was a lover of people. I am sure he made the best husband & father one could have. I know he made his folks very proud. I will miss you Matt Craig.

John Price

Jessica Price - February 28, 2014 at 07:08 AM

JP

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John Price

John Price - February 28, 2014 at 06:55 AM

WF

Condolences to the Craig family. It's sad to lose someone so young as Matthew. Please be assured that one day we will see our loved ones again happy and healthy. Jesus promised at John 5:28 & 29 that "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." I hope this promise bring you comfort as it has my family.

Williams family - May 31, 2013 at 06:29 PM

5 files added to the album Memories Album

Florin Funeral Services - May 12, 2013 at 01:58 PM

51 files added to the album Memories Album

Florin Funeral Services - May 11, 2013 at 09:41 PM

JB

We are so very sorry for your loss! Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers!

Jerry and Lori Buys - May 13, 2013 at 05:29 AM

DG

We are so sorry for your loss. Matt was such a fun guy! We've enjoyed him so much over the years. When he and Randy were in high school it seemed like they were either at your place or ours! We have so many memories from that time. I know It is a big loss for your whole family. Praying for you as you go through this time and during the coming days, months and years. Know that we care. Dan and Norma Grieser

Dan and Norma Grieser - May 11, 2013 at 07:17 PM

AS

Dear Mary, James, Kathy, Brad , And Your Entire Family ~

We are So Sorry You Lost Your Beautiful Son/Brother ~ You have Our Deepest Sympathy. Knowing Matt is now in Our Dear Lords' Loving Arms ~ May God Comfort All of You. And may Cherished Memories of Matt live within all who knew Him !

Please know that You are All in Our Thoughts and Prayers ~

God Bless You All ~

Andrea and Dann Sullivan

Andrea and Dann Sullivan - May 11, 2013 at 04:58 PM