



Philip A. Craig

April 22, 1953 - June 25, 2017

Philip Alan Craig, age 64, passed away on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at his home in Liberty Township, Ohio. Born in Lorain, Ohio on April 22, 1953. Preceded in death by his mother Betty (Sasso) Craig. Phil is survived by his loving wife and partner of 15 years, Cindy Parsons Craig; son, Paul; daughter, Brooke Bell; father, Paul; brothers, John (Heidi) and Kevin (Jamie); brother-in-law Duffy Parsons (Paula Butterfield); nieces and nephews. Phil was a graduate of the Ohio State University. Phil was the President of the Craig Group for nearly 20 years and most recently served as Vice President at Shumaker Advisors. Phil began his professional career as a social worker, and quickly moved into campaign management and public relations. After years of working in other firms, he started the Craig Group in 1990. Over time, the Craig Group Inc. became the fourth largest public relations firm in central Ohio. He was fixture in Ohio politics. Last year, in 2016, The Craig Group merged with Shumaker Advisors, where he continued his work with his many clients and served as an integral part of the team. Phil served as the Executive Director of the Ohio Licensed Beverage Association, the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus and the Ohio Spirits Association. He was beloved by many and has many close friends and colleagues who will miss his kindness and infectious laugh. Phil's family will receive friends 10-12 p.m. Thursday, June 29th at Saint Brigid of Kildare, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017 where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated directly following at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

American Heart Association <https://donatenow.heart.org>.

Previous Events

Visitation:

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road
Dublin, OH 43017
<http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/>

Funeral Mass

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Philip A. Craig*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *cindy your husband craig was kind sweet guy, phil will be missed bye all of us. , phil was nice to every one.phil phil could play basketball real good.,god bless you all, lilly marlene(Blankenship) driver. phil was a grade a head of me at lorain high school, I grad in 1972*



lilly driver - July 14, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ *I'll never forget the great dinners my wife Jennifer and I would have with Phil and Cindy. So much fun, so many laughs with great food and great wine from the cellar. I will forever cherish those memories. We are thinking of you Cindy.*

Todd and Jennifer Anderson

Todd Anderson - June 30, 2017 at 10:39 AM

JP

“ Cindy,

Our thoughts & prayers to you and your family, as you morn the loss of such a great man. May the cherished memories of you two together remain in your heart forever.

*Deepest sympathies from The Hartford family to yours.
-James G. Pesta-*

James Pesta - June 30, 2017 at 09:23 AM

DN

“ *Word of this tragic loss arrived this week to my family in Arizona. I had the honor and pleasure of working with Phil for 10 years while I was with the CVB in Cleveland. Phil was very smart, had wonderful gift of speaking and engaging people with class and dignity. He also was calm and filled a room with intelligent ways to make things happen for our industry. I remember is laugh and nice sounding voice. This good man was taken too early and I am sorry. Please know Phil was greatly respected and considered the best of the best. This a a true loss. Phil was a real pro.*

*Dave Nolan
Former Cleveland CVB Director*

Dave Nolan - June 29, 2017 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ Phil gave me my first "real" job out of college and taught me about how to be a hard-working entrepreneur. I will always have fond memories of working for him at the Craig Group. He was a great mentor and role model. He also showed great loyalty to his employees, which I think is an outstanding characteristic and describes him very well.

My best wishes to his family. Rest in peace. Jeff Pharion

Jeff Pharion - June 29, 2017 at 10:11 AM

TP

“ The Ohio Democratic Party purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip A. Craig.



The Ohio Democratic Party - June 29, 2017 at 09:52 AM

DA

“ I knew Phil in his home town of Lorain, Ohio played basketball with him his dad was my basketball coach at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. For those of you that don't know in my opinion he was one of the best basketball players to come out of LHS. He had the best jump shot. My younger brother n I use to try to shoot like Phil and use his form which was very unique. Phil was an inspiration to me in playing the sport I always looked up to him. He was a senior when I was a freshman in high school but he lived on the east side down the street from me so I saw and play ball with him. Mr Craig was a good coach him too I always respected. RIP Phil . My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time. I know how hard it is, I just suddenly lost my older brother a couple of months ago he was a 71 LHS classmate of Phil. We all will remember happy n great thoughts of Phil he'll never be forgotten as long as we remember him.

Dean Arroyo - June 29, 2017 at 04:39 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 28, 2017 at 10:06 PM

JB

“ Dear Cindy, you may not know it, but Phil was my first client in private practice. He has remained special to me for not just that reason but for whom he has always been. His love for you and delight in your company has been evident every time I have seen you two together. Rick's and my love and prayers go out to you. Lots of love, Jennifer and Rick and Brunner

Jennifer Brunner - June 28, 2017 at 08:09 PM

LF

“ *Phil was kind, smart, and caring. He will be missed by all of us who had the privilege to know him.* ”



Lee Fisher - June 28, 2017 at 07:01 PM

GF

“ *Greg and Lori Finnerty purchased the Share the Health for the family of Philip A. Craig.* ”



Greg and Lori Finnerty - June 28, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.* ”



June 28, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.* ”



June 28, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray* was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 28, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *Gary Reed, KRKM Lansing, MI* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Philip A. Craig.



Gary Reed, KRKM Lansing, MI - June 28, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 28, 2017 at 02:53 PM

MB

“ I am feeling numb, after just learning that my good friend, Phil, has passed. Phil had an infectious personality. The better you knew him, the more you liked him. Phil was always kind, generous, welcoming and seemed to have friends, everywhere. We shared many good times together, both in Columbus and at various sports venues (including the 2003 Final Four in New Orleans). Thinking about those times, it continues to bring a smile to my face, a chuckle in my heart and a tear in my eye.

My deepest condolences to my dear friend Cindy and the rest of The Craig family. Phil will sorely be missed by the ones who knew and loved him the most.

Mike B.

Michael Bernstein - June 28, 2017 at 01:09 PM



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



June 28, 2017 at 10:22 AM



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



June 28, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.*



June 28, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.*



June 28, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *To Phil's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of knowing and working with Phil for over 18 years, and I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. He was a true leader, a mentor and above all, a friend. Please know that all of you will be in my prayers.*



Greg Eyerman - June 27, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.*



June 27, 2017 at 09:03 PM

BK

“ My sincere condolences to Phil's family ; we spent close to Twenty years working together for PM & Altria & had 4 other amigos . We truly enjoyed all our time together & especially our regional meetings & the Annual gathering. Will miss the great belly laugh .
Condolences. Brendan Kennedy.

brendan kennedy - June 27, 2017 at 06:41 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 27, 2017 at 06:14 PM

MS

“ Saddened and shocked by Phil's passing.

Our family loves "Uncle Phil" and miss him terribly.

Mike Stinziano

Mike Stinziano - June 27, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 27, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ Jeff and Stacy Cahill purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Philip A. Craig.



Jeff and Stacy Cahill - June 27, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 27, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 27, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Philip A. Craig.



June 27, 2017 at 03:37 PM

MS

“ Phil was a great friend and business ally for 20 years. I hadn't talked to him in a while, but whenever we did, we picked up right where we left off. I can hear his laugh now. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. -Mike Shea, Louisville KY

Mike Shea - June 27, 2017 at 03:26 PM

NM

Sending my love and prayers.

Nicole Mowery - June 27, 2017 at 03:45 PM

JK

Praying for peace and comfort for the Craig family. I know my life is better for having known you. I appreciate your wisdom and above all your laughter. Rest in peace.

Jeri Knowlton - June 27, 2017 at 03:52 PM

TF

I knew Phil for over 30 years and worked with him on several issues. He was always upbeat, always had smile on his face and a kind word for everyone. His family can be very proud of Phil and what he accomplished in his business. He will be missed.

Terry Fleming - June 27, 2017 at 04:12 PM

CM

*Cindy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you.
Ric and Connie Mallory*

Connie Mallory - June 27, 2017 at 06:06 PM



Phil was a true professional and a gentle giant in his profession. Phil earned my trust the first time I met him. Phil brought out the best in people . The world lost a good man this week. God Speed Phillip Craig and please tell my son Daniel I love and miss him. Scott Weidle

Scott Weidle - June 28, 2017 at 10:07 AM

TS

Cindy, so sorry for your loss , thinking of you and your family .

tammy smith - June 28, 2017 at 05:45 PM