



## Anthony "Tony" Craigg

May 19, 1949 - October 4, 2019

Anthony (Tony) O. Craigg, age 70, quietly slipped into the arms of Jesus Friday, October 4, 2019, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, Missouri, one week after suffering an accident at his home in Grove, Oklahoma.

On May 19, 1949, Tony was born in Sand Springs, Oklahoma to Margaret Markle Craigg and Walter Craigg. Tony was raised by his mother and step father, Martin Harris. Martin was a traveling salesperson so his family moved often throughout Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado. Changing locations so often helped Tony develop his charm and easy going personality. He never met a stranger and could boast of having friends throughout the United States.

During the Viet Nam era, Tony joined the United States Army. He was trained as a Helicopter Gunner. It was during this period that Tony was exposed to Agent Orange which caused him to suffer many debilitating medical issues in his later life.

Tony was a born "fixer". A man of many talents, he had a knack of knowing how things were put together and how to make repairs. Although he was a trained Mill Wright and was employed by various companies until retirement, Tony was well known to friends and family as either McGiver or Mr. Fix It. He was a constant source of knowledge to friends and family. Without exception, he was eager to share and help whenever requested.

He loved the outdoors and outdoor sports. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Tony loved to go camping and to ride jet skies with Kyzer.

In short, Tony loved life and enjoyed anything that provided him time to be

with friends and family. Recently buying his lake home in Grove, Oklahoma was a dream come true. The last few months of his life were filled with joy. Many weekends and evenings were spent on his deck overlooking Grand Lake. Nothing pleased him any more than to have his home filled with friends. However, as the evenings drew to a close, he was ready for alone time with his beloved wife, Anne, and grandson, Kyzer. That was when he was most content and happiest.

On November 11, 1985, in Tulsa, OK, Tony married, what he described as his biggest challenge, Anne Burnett. The Lord never brought two more opposites together. Despite their differences, the couple formed a union that even death will not separate.

On August 31, 1990, the couple made their final home in Prairie Grove. Tony loved it there and quickly became involved in the community. A lifelong Christian, Tony was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Prairie Grove, and served as a church Elder. He was also a member of the House of Representatives for Life Ministries. Tony served as a member of the Planning Commission for the city of Prairie Grove and was a 32nd degree member of the Masonic Lodge.

Left to cherish Tony's memory: wife, Anne and grandson, Kyzer Wilmer, of the home; Son, Anthony O. Craigg, Jr.; Daughter, Colleen Marie Craigg; Step Daughters, Lora Phillips (deceased), Leslie Fall Leaf, and husband, Chris; brother, James Harris and wife Patricia, sister: Tori harris, Five grandchildren, several great grand children, and many other loving family members.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7 PM Monday, October 7, at the Luginbuel Funeral Home in Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Prairie Grove, Arkansas at 2pm Tuesday Oct 8, 2019. Reverend John King will officiate.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bob Powell, Tyler Harris, Jeff Barnett, Steve Stills, Bob Sanford, and Jared Beck. Interment will follow in the Prairie Grove Cemetery in Prairie Grove, Arkansas Masonic Rites and Military Rites will be performed at graveside.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
[nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com](mailto:nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Anthony "Tony" Craigg

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Colleen Craigg lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Craigg



Colleen Craigg - October 07, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ Marsha Fall-Leaf lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Craigg



Marsha Fall-Leaf - October 07, 2019 at 06:44 AM

TM

“ I meet Brother Tony while attending Prairie Grove Lodge in Prairie Grove Arkansas. Brother Tony was a very good encouragement to me over the years. I learned a lot of things from Brother Tony over the past several years that has made me a better man, husband and father. Betsy and I will miss him more than you will know. We have moved from the area but will never forget the MAN and MASON that Brother Tony was to the world in which he lived. Now that you have laid down your working tools of life please find rest in the ONE that created you. Peace my BROTHER, peace. Ann and Kisor,  
Betsy and I are very sorry for your lose. Thank you for sharing Brother Tony with us! We love you.  
Tommy and Betsy

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**Tommy Monk** - October 06, 2019 at 10:44 PM

CW

“ I have known Toney since 1991. He joined the Masons, he has been a great friend and brother in the mason. I will miss him dearly, he always had a smile and was upbeat. My prayers are for Toney, Ann and Kisor, wish the best for the family.

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**Corbin & Betty Wood** - October 06, 2019 at 09:06 PM

DV

“ Debi Turner VanNostrand lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Craigg



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**Debi Turner VanNostrand** - October 05, 2019 at 10:56 PM

TO

*Good morning Mr Tony*

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**Tony** - January 22, 2020 at 04:01 AM

DV

“ *I didn't finish and misspelled words. But I loved him very much! I just wish that I could have seen him more than I did.  
Over one thousand miles between us. Please hug and kiss your family every day.*

Debi Turner VanNostrand - October 05, 2019 at 10:13 AM

DV

*I remember him saying to a dog when the burgers were sooo bad. Tony in a burr hair cut as we threw them out of the window saying WATCH OUT DOGGIE YOU'RE GONNZ GET HEARTBURN 💡*

Debi Turner VanNostrand - October 05, 2019 at 11:05 PM

DV

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Van Nostrand*

Debi Turner VanNostrand - October 05, 2019 at 11:06 PM

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Debi Turner VanNostrand - October 05, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Craigg.*



October 05, 2019 at 01:43 AM