



David William Craighton

July 20, 1949 - April 9, 2023

David William Craighton, 73, of Sheffield, Iowa, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2023, at Mercy One North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Hampton Church of Christ, with burial in the Hampton Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 14, 2023, at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton.

David was born on July 20, 1949, in Hampton, Iowa, to Rex and Alice (Armstrong) Craighton. He graduated from Hampton High School and then furthered his education at NIACC where he earned his Associates Degree in Electronics. In his early 60's he completed a three year electrical apprenticeship, passed his Journeyman's test, and graduated with honors.

David was united in marriage to Lois Meints on August 21, 1969, at Zion Reformed Church in rural Sheffield.

David worked many jobs throughout his life. He started with Bell Telephone Systems in Naperville, IL, where he worked in the design labs. Coming back to Iowa in 1972, David took a job working for a farmer in rural Alexander. David and Lois moved to her family farm in 1973, where he continued to farm the rest of his life. David drove bus for the Sheffield school district, was a certified jailer, and also taught Hunter's Safety classes. He was a reserve law enforcement officer for the city of Sheffield and then later for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. He was elected for two four- year terms as a Franklin County Supervisor, where he served on numerous boards. David co-owned and operated Craighton Construction with his brother, Dan, and then went to work with his son, Kevin, at Craighton Electric as a Journeyman electrician. He also served as an EMT for the Sheffield EMS for 21 years.

David was a lifelong member of the Hampton Church of Christ, where not only did he serve his Lord, but he also served the church. He was an elder, board member, deacon,

and Sunday School teacher, and he also served as a trustee for the Northeast Iowa Christian Service Camp. David enjoyed snowmobiling, golfing, hunting, going to auctions, his John Deere tractors and attending his grandchildren's various activities.

David is survived by his loving wife, Lois Craighton, of Sheffield, son Kent Craighton of Hampton and Paula Monroe, daughter Kristen (Tom) Christianson of Belmond, son Kevin (Jennie) Craighton of Sheffield, grandchildren Cole (Holly) Beirnes, Coltin Craighton, Samantha Beirnes, Madison (Matthew) Dettmer, Keely Craighton, Court (Sydney) Christianson, Drew (Danielle) Christianson, Jonah Christianson, Cannon Craighton, Grace Craighton, and Griffin Craighton, great-grandchildren Tatum Rings, Berkley Christianson, and another great-granddaughter on the way. He is also survived by his siblings Sandra (Rick) Kyles, Daniel (Connie) Craighton, Larry (Deb) Craighton, Lowell (Sandie) Craighton, Timothy (Rosina) Craighton, and Thomas (Dawn) Craighton, brother-in-law Verne Sanders (Brenda Nichols), brother-in-law Larry Meints, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws, daughter Amy Sue, sisters Sheryl and Diana, sister-in-law Donna Meints, brother-in-law Ron Meints, niece Sherylyn Kyles, nephew Glenn Craighton, niece Jennifer Craighton, and nephew Jeremy Craighton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be mailed to Hampton Church of Christ, PO Box 404, Hampton, Iowa, 50441, or to Northeast Iowa Christian Service Camp, 19268 Forest Ave, Dumont, Iowa, 50625.

Counsell Woodley Funeral Home is caring for David and his family.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Service

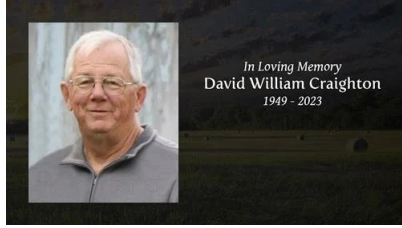
APR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hampton Church of Christ
811 4th Street NE
Hampton, IA 50441

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of David William Craighton



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - April 12, 2023 at 06:42 PM

RL

“ We have always enjoyed you both. Visiting at church or coming to the programs. Dave was a wonderful man of God. You can tell by the family that is a huge part of his legacy. He is with his Savior now.

Randy Lich - April 21, 2023 at 10:20 PM

CH

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Craig Harris - April 14, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.



April 14, 2023 at 12:13 PM

CB

“ Central Millwright - Donnie & Gina Bown purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David William Craighton.



Central Millwright - Donnie & Gina Bown - April 13, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.*



April 13, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JD

“ *Joe and Trisha Darby purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of David William Craighton.*



Joe and Trisha Darby - April 13, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.*



April 13, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.*



April 12, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.*



April 12, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.



April 12, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.



April 11, 2023 at 11:23 PM

DN

“ So sorry. I wish I could be there for you.

David Nelson - April 11, 2023 at 07:28 PM

MC

Our sympathy to Kristen, Tom and the rest of your family. Kent and Mari Cramer

Mari Cramer - April 12, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.



April 11, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.



April 11, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.



April 11, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David William Craighton.



April 11, 2023 at 10:37 AM

MM

“ Mid-American Grain, LLC, Kahoka, MO purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David William Craighton.



Mid-American Grain, LLC, Kahoka, MO - April 11, 2023 at 09:25 AM

GG

“ Such terrible news! A stunner. One of the kindest and nicest anyone could ever know. Compassion to all who loved David. Gary Grant, Class of 1967

Gary Grant - April 11, 2023 at 07:24 AM

BE

“ Betty & Ed Etnier lit a candle in memory of David William Craighton



Betty & Ed Etnier - April 10, 2023 at 10:14 PM