



Craig Allen Richards

March 21, 1959 - April 20, 2024

Craig Allen Richards of Bloomington, Indiana passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the age of 65.

Craig was born in Hammond, Indiana. He graduated from Munster High School in 1977. He continued his higher education at Indiana University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business in 1983.

Craig was a well-respected businessman in the Bloomington community. After 35 years in the automotive industry, Craig and his son opened Jersey Mike's franchises in Bloomington and Muncie. Outside of work, Craig was passionate about philanthropy. He was an integral part of Pets Alive- Nonprofit Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic, serving on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee for many years.

Craig was preceded in death by his mother Carol Jessup Richards.

Craig is survived by his wife, Jamie Wade Richards of 32 years; his son, Carter and daughter, Ellen; father, William Richards and sisters, Wendy McCarthy (Gary Silverman), and Tracy Richards (Mark Grudzinski).

The family would like to extend their appreciation to IU Health Bloomington Hospice House.

Private funeral services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Pets Alive or IU Health Bloomington Hospice House.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington

Tribute Wall

PT

“*Jamie, Carter and Ellen...I was so saddened to hear the news of Craig's passing. He was a wonderful person. Although I did not know him well, I was lucky enough to cross paths with Craig, Jamie and usually Ellen on vacation. I was fortunate to see him in March and stay next door. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.....he is gone way too soon.....Fondly, Pam*

Pamela Travis - April 29, 2024 at 04:34 PM

MH

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I am so sorry to hear about his passing, and send prayers and condolences to his family.

Marie Haraburda - April 28, 2024 at 09:25 PM

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Marie Haraburda - April 28, 2024 at 09:24 PM

MC

“ Craig was a kind and genuine man. I am so happy that I had the opportunity to know and work with him on the board at Pets Alive. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. Hold tight to all the good memories. Martina Chance

Martina Chance - April 26, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JB

“ Craig was a true quality standup guy. He will be missed. My prayers to his family. Jim Brothers

Jim brothers - April 24, 2024 at 09:17 PM

TO

“ *Jamie and family*
We are so sorry to hear of Craig's passing. May God hold you close at this sad time. We spent lots of time with Craig and are so glad we were able to meet you as well. God's grace and blessings.
Treva and Ric Olson

Treva Olson - April 24, 2024 at 04:25 PM

RH

“ *May God Hold You In The Palm Of His Hands. Numerous prayers have been said over the past 20 days for healing and comfort. Those prayers will continue for peace, fond memories, strength, and comfort. Craig was a true friend and always right there to help in anyway that he could. He will be so missed by many.*

Rex Hinkle & Cook Aviation Staff

Rex Hinkle - April 23, 2024 at 03:30 PM

JR

“ *My heart is broken for you Jamie. Craig was one of the most important people in my life. He was so generous with his wisdom and kindness. I am forever grateful to have claimed him as a friend.*

Jill Robinson - April 23, 2024 at 09:21 AM

TS

“ *I am so sorry for the family's loss. Craig sounds like an incredible person. May his memory live on in all of you. - Tracy Silverman*

Tracy Silverman - April 22, 2024 at 07:32 PM

WJ

“ My wife Terri and I are so very very sorry for your loss. Craig was a great guy to work for and a great guy to know. Our prayers are with you.

Wil and Terri Johnston

Wil Johnston - April 22, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MK

Jamie, Carter, and Ellen... I am heartbroken to hear the news. Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I am truly sorry.

Michelle Keller - April 24, 2024 at 11:47 PM

DR

*We are so sad to hear of Craig's passing. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jamie, Ellen, Carter and the entire family. Craig was a good businessman and a true friend. He will be sadly missed by the community and all who knew him. Rest in peace my friend.
Dale & Chieta Rightley*

Dale Rightley - April 26, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JJ

Jamie, I am so very sorry to hear of this. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Juanita Jochim

Juanita Jochim - April 26, 2024 at 04:02 PM

JG

Jamie, Carter, and Ellen, Our family is devastated to hear this news. We are thinking of you every day. Sending love to you all. The Gass family. Julie, Glenn, Mathew, Julian

Julie Gass - April 26, 2024 at 11:06 PM