



Willis "Lyn" Craig Sr.

July 31, 1931 - March 8, 2019

Willis Lyn Craig, Sr., of Lawrenceville, Ga., passed away on Friday, March 8, 2019. He was 87.

Lyn, a native of Holliday, Texas, served 20 years in the United States Air Force, there for its transition from the Army Air Corps to an independent branch of the military. A mechanic who rose to the rank of master sergeant, he served at posts both domestically and internationally. In the United States, some of his duty stations included Hunter Army Air Field near Savannah, where he met his first wife, Mary Eva Craig (née Morse) in 1950 as well as Patrick Air Force Base near Cocoa Beach, Fla., and Eglin Air Force Base near Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Internationally, he also served on Okinawa, Japan, Recife, Brazil, and in Vietnam.

Through his dedicated service to his country, he visited nearly every continent and was witness to important periods of the 20th century, including the early days of the U.S. space program, where he served with units tracking missiles in the South Atlantic Ocean, as well as travelling to Great Britain during the time of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, and service in Saigon during the Vietnam War while transferred on temporary duty assignments to Mactan Air Force Base in the Philippines. Lyn retired from the USAF with an honorable discharge at the rank of master sergeant in 1969. After his active military service, he put his mechanical skills to work for Lockheed Martin in Marietta, Ga., and later at Sun Oil Co. in Heflin, Ala., and Huntsville, Ala., and then at Corbin Gas Company in Jonesboro, Ga. until his retirement.

Lyn was a Mason and also involved in the Order of the Eastern Star as a Worthy Grand Patron. After retiring from Corbin Gas, he continued his love of travel, often traveling across the United States with Mary, visiting all 50 states and Canada. After Mary passed away in 2001, Lyn married the late Bonnie Keller Craig in 2002 with whom he had many happy years until her death in 2017.

Lyn was preceded in death by Mary Eva Craig, his first wife, in 2001, second wife Bonnie Keller Craig, in 2017, and his first son, Willis Lyn Craig, Jr. in 2014; his father and mother Robert and Jane Craig; his brother Robert (Leon) Craig; his sister Teresa Krout; and brother Frank Craig.

He is survived by his sister Bettie Gilbert of Wichita Falls, Texas; son Alan and daughter-in-law Melinda Craig, of Columbia, S.C., son Ernest and daughter-in-law Dale Craig, of Alpharetta, Ga., daughter Eva Wyatt, of Lawrenceville, Ga., six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a host of stepchildren and their kin from his second marriage.

Visitation will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 12 at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30046, with a memorial service at 2 p.m. Lyn's ashes will be interred at Camp Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville, Ga. Donations in lieu of flowers should be sent to Folds of Honor or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Memorial Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road, S.W.
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willis "Lyn" Craig Sr.*



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“ *Willis "Lyn" Craig Sr.*

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“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willis "Lyn" Craig Sr..*



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“ To all of Uncle Lyn family I offer my sincere condolences. I was very fond of Uncle Lyn and will miss our phone calls. As I young child I remember Uncle Lyn taking time to play with us and having time with me. My mother, his sister Thresa was always proud of her brother and loved him very much. Prayers of comfort for you all.
Karen Clouch and family

Karen Clouch - March 10, 2019 at 11:20 PM