



Milbourn "Mel" B. Craig Jr.

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Milbourn "Mel" B. Craig, Jr., age 78 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at his home. He was born in Baltimore, MD on August 20, 1942.

Mel and his family lived in Oxnard, CA and Kilmarnock, VA before settling in Ellicott City, MD. He was a graduate of Howard County Senior High School and was a member of the FFA and Lions Club. Mel also helped run a food booth at the Howard County fair and clerked for auctions. He worked for the State of Maryland as a commercial tax assessor for 29 years before retiring to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Following his retirement, Mel began working for the City of Rehoboth Beach in Building and Licensing. He worked there for 2 years before becoming Director of Public Works, a role he held for 15 additional years. Mel enjoyed riding the boardwalk in his city truck and talking with residents and workers of Rehoboth. He was also an original member of the First State Tractor Club. He kept the city streets, boardwalk, and beach clean and maintained. Mel sincerely loved working with his staff, the people of Rehoboth Beach, and the community in which he lived. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Marie (Sempeck) Wolfel. He is survived by his beloved husband, Duane Willis; his cousin, Marjorie Gardner; and many dear friends.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Mel's memory to the Rehoboth Beach Rescue Squad, 219 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, or St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 200 2nd Street, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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Joyce Brown posted:

Dee, I worked with Mel many years ago at the assessment office. We were office buddies until he moved to DE. We reconnected when my son, Lou, came out to me when he was 16. Louie and I came to DE and stayed with you guys so Mel could give him some guidance. You guys were so kind and welcoming to us. You gave him a good understanding by modeling what a happy relationship looked like. You guys answered his questions (and mine!), and gave him his start towards becoming a successful guy man. I didn't know if you would remember us. If not, just know that you did a wonderful thing, and I have always loved you for it! Joyce Brown

January 10 at 9:26 PM



Jean Goolsby posted:

Mel, you were a class act! Of all the people I have gotten close to from our years with SDAT, you were one of a kind. You always knew how to "bribe" me to help you get things done with a crab salad from Parker House or cheesecake from Lexington Market. You will always be one of the sweetest, kindest, and most generous people I have ever known. You had a wonderful, giving nature and a great smile. You had some great stories and always knew how to make me laugh. RIP, my friend. You will be missed by so many who loved you. Dee, I am so sorry for your loss. He really was a sweetheart!

March 13 at 9:56 PM



Carol Shonts posted:

Dee, I am so sorry to hear about Mel. He was always good to me. He will be missed by a lot of people. He helped me buy a car after my husband left me with nothing. And helped surprise me on my 50th birthday. He is and will always be loved

March 13 at 11:01 AM



Tammy Horn lit a candle in honor of Milbourn "Mel".



March 11 at 4:31 AM



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Tony Crivella posted:

It was a pleasure knowing Mel. Mel was a stand up guy who would pull together all and any resources to help a friend in need. A good man for sure RIP

March 11 at 2:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Milbourn "Mel" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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