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Peter Craig



Peter Thirkield Craig, 84, great lover of nature and the outdoors, died on Nov. 11, 2016 at home after a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Mary B. Craig; his wife, Carol Schafer Craig and their son, Dudley; his wife, Mary Belle Langfitt Simpson Craig and her son, Kent Simpson; his wife, Jewel White Craig; and his grandson, Joshua Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Hollon-Craig; his brothers, Bert Craig of Port St. Lucie, Florida and Clifford (Linda) Craig of Batavia; his children, Robin Craig (David Williams), David (Patty) Craig, Anne Milder (John Mattson), Thea Milder (Frederik Heller), and John (Samantha) Craig; the children of his late wife, Mary Belle, Kathy (Artie) Singer, Kevin Simpson and Keith Simpson; his grandchildren, Matthew Williams, Marissa Williams, Bethany (Seth) Beebe, Jack Mattson, Perry Heller, Cordelia Heller, and Addison Craig; and, his great-grandson, Drew Beebe. Mr. Craig, a lifelong resident of Blanchester, was a graduate of the Phillips Exeter Academy and Williams College. With his father, Harold, his uncle, Peter A. Craig, and his brother, Bert, Mr. Craig owned and operated S. B. Craig and Co., which had been founded by his grandfather and which for nearly a century served the agricultural communities of Clinton and Warren counties and the surrounding areas.

Mr. Craig devoted much of his life to various charitable endeavors, including serving on the Board of Directors of Clinton Memorial Hospital and Chatfield College of Brown County, whose mission of offering educational opportunities to those less served by traditional colleges was particularly close to Mr. Craig's heart. He was honored to be named a Trustee Emeritus of Chatfield.

Mr. Craig loved reading, music, birding and canoeing. Among his great passions were his backcountry canoe trips in Algonquin Park of Canada, which he last visited in 2015, and his field service trips with the Sierra Club.

At his request, his body has been donated to the University of Cincinnati for the advancement of science. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the JCDP Fund at Chatfield College at chatfield.weshareonline.org/TheJCDPfund or a charity of choice. The JCDP Fund (named for Josh, Carol, Dudley and Peter) provides travel opportunities for students of the college.

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