



William "Bill" Edward Craine

August 22, 1946 - November 29, 2014

William Edward "Bill" Craine, 68, of Murphysboro, passed away at 12:04 pm Saturday, November 29, 2014, at the Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Bill was born on August 22, 1946, in Murphysboro, to Clara Augusta and Frank S. Craine, Jr. He was the youngest of three siblings. His parents, his brother Frank S. Craine III, and his sister Doris E. Wright have all preceded him in death.

Bill graduated from Murphysboro High School in 1964. In September, 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He attained the rank of Lance Corporal and served in Vietnam. He received a Purple Heart for wounds received in action on May 12, 1968. He then retired from military service.

After his military service, he worked as a heating, air and refrigeration service technician. In his early years, he was part of the family run Craine Furniture business. He later worked and retired from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Bill had many friends and was a member of the Murphysboro Elks Lodge # 572, the American Legion Post # 127, Patriots Bravo Co., and was a member and past commander of the Murphysboro V.F.W. Post # 7190.

He is survived by his niece Janie Wright and her husband Larry Hughes of Murphysboro, his nephew Hugh T. Wright III and his wife Cathey of East Alton, his nephew March Wright and his wife Kim Scalise of Tinley Park, his nephews Jody Craine and his wife Darlene Craine of Murphysboro, and his niece Micki Thompson; and several great nieces and great nephews.

A gravesite military service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 4, 2014, at Murdale Gardens of Memory conducted by the American Legion Post # 127, V.F.W. Post # 7190 and 2605, and the Jackson County D.A.V. Chapter # 69. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Pettett Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to American Legion Post # 127, V.F.W. Post # 7190, or the Murphysboro Food Pantry. For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Edward Craine*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I was very sad to read about Bill's death. He was the last of the Craine siblings and they were all good friends of mine. I miss them all. My condolences to the remaining nieces and nephews...Janie, Hibby, Mark, Jody, and Micki and their families. Bill will be missed as a neighbor and friend.*

Jean Alexander - December 02, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ *going thru the city in style whether to the lake or out to the shack, we were friends forever.*

Don Sharon - December 01, 2014 at 09:05 PM



“ *Words can not express my sorrow in losing my very close friend. We have been very close for many years all through our lives. Bill will be missed by everyone who knew him.*

Don Shadron - December 01, 2014 at 06:35 PM