



## William Craig Hinde

July 11, 1937 - August 5, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

WILLIAM CRAIG HINDE

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

William Craig Hinde, 86, died August 5, 2023 of complications from cancer. Craig was born on July 11, 1937 in the farm home of his parents near Storm Lake, Iowa to W. Kenneth and Pearl (Hussey) Hinde. He married Janice Campbell in 1959; they recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Steven Ronk.

He is survived by his wife Jan, four children, Susan Lynn Hinde of Harvest, AL; John Kenneth (Sara) Hinde of Murphysboro, IL; Carolyn Janette Campbell of Tinley Park, IL; and Grant Douglas (Jill) Hinde of Albion, MI; five grandchildren, Shelli Ronk of Knoxville, TN; Dylan Hinde of Royal Oak, MI; Daniel (Niki) Hinde of Marshall, MI; Cayden Hinde and Carlisle Hinde, both of Murphysboro, IL. He is also survived by three great grandchildren, Gabriel Ronk of Harvest, AL; Murphy Jean Hinde and Miles Jack Hinde, both of Marshall, MI.

Craig attended elementary and high school at Providence Consolidated School in Sulphur Springs, Iowa and was valedictorian of his high school class in 1955. He attended college at Buena Vista and then at Iowa State University, Ames where he was graduated in 1960. He majored in both Agricultural Business and Tele communicative Arts (Radio, Television and Film). He began his career by giving daily farm commodity reports on radio and television. Following graduation he served in the Iowa National Guard and later in the U.S. Navy reserve. He began his career as a film writer, director and editor of documentary, educational, and corporate films. He won 21 national awards for his films while working for Southern Illinois University and, later, his own media business, Maplewood Productions.

Craig's avocation was in the dramatic arts. He was a co-founder of the Stage Company community theater in 1982 and appeared on stage in roles in over 25 plays, plus directing others and serving as president, treasurer and other offices in the management of the company. He was instrumental in helping the Stage Company renovate and move in to the Varsity Center in 2008 and served 11 years on the Varsity Center for the Arts Board of Directors. In 2017 he was honored with a celebration at the theater denoting his many years of being instrumental at the Stage Company. He was also active in Green Earth, serving as president, and Rotary Club.

He was adept at story-telling and also loved golf, following in his father's footsteps in those pursuits. He enjoyed playing with the Hickory Ridge senior golfers in Carbondale, and enjoyed playing golf courses around the country where his wife would accompany him. He cherished his family and was a loving husband, proud father and grandfather.

The family would like to thank Craig's loving team of caregivers: Lili, Brandi, Patti, Dana, Suzanne, and Lawanda.

A Memorial Service will be Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Dr., Murphysboro.

The family will receive friends at 1:00 pm until the hour of the service at the funeral home.

A private inurnment will be in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials are encouraged and can be directed to The Hickory Ridge Development Fund.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

To view the obituary and/or to leave an online condolence for the family, please visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 12.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ Tomorrow is the alumni reunion for classmates of Sulfur Springs so was thinking of my '55' classmates and knew that most of us were gone. However, thought I would look up Craig but unfortunately he is gone as well. I am very sorry for his loss. There were 16 in our graduating class and it appears that I am the only boy remaining.

Craig played basketball with us all four years but he spent most of his time studying. Craig was a fun guy but I lost touch with him after HS and never did see him again. My name is Bob Peters and I also went to Buena Vista then graduated from there. I sure wish I could have talked with him but that isn't what the Lord had us do. God Bless his soul.

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**Bob Peters** - August 22, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ William Craig Hinde

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

TD

“ My dad, Neil Dillard, was among Craig's longtime fellow golfers at Hickory Ridge. My parents joined Craig, Jan and other golfing friends and spouses for dinner on many Tuesday evenings. After my mom died, Craig and the group made sure to keep my dad's social calendar filled! Craig sent a most thoughtful note following my dad's death. I'm thinking of Jan and family as they navigate this difficult loss. - Tracy Dillard

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**Tracy Dillard** - September 30, 2023 at 02:06 PM

TC

“ Tina C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Craig Hinde.

Tina C. - August 13, 2023 at 09:15 AM

AM

“ My love and sympathy to the family, Carolyne and Grant, whom I know the most, know I love you both and your Father was such a special man. I was thinking about it and I realized I have know him for nearly 40 years, between horsing around, the theatre, and the Tuesday night dinners, our paths crossed many times. I remember cleaning stalls in the Southern Illinois heat and then going for a swim out back and your house many times. All the best to you and your mother. My father wishes he could attend the services but he is just not up to it, but he too loved your Dad. Take care, Amy Temple Massari

Amy Temple Massari - August 11, 2023 at 06:23 PM

AM

“ Jim Temple sends his love and has many fond memories of playing golf with Craig over the years. He was also a member of the Tuesday night dinner group and he will miss seeing him then too. Jim sends strength to Jan and the family. Craig was a great man and will be missed. Kindly, Jim Temple Sr.

Amy Temple Massari - August 11, 2023 at 06:12 PM

KH

“ Kathryn H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Craig Hinde.

Kathryn H. - August 11, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William Craig Hinde.*



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August 11, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Craig Hinde.*



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August 11, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Jan, Susan, John, Carolyn, and Grant, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Craig. He was a great man. He has left behind a legacy through his family and his work, I still have a copy of a video he made called "the maple syrup farmer". My parents and I watched that video every spring before we started making maple syrup. Craig was a strong man and I'm sure he gave a hard fight against his cancer. He will always have a place in my heart and my memory and he will be missed.*

*Don Borst*

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**Don Borst** - August 10, 2023 at 10:58 PM

LI

“ To the Hinde Family... It has been such an honor to have been a part of your family. It's been a real pleasure getting to know Craig and Jan. To open up your home and allowing me and the caregivers could not have been easy. We just hope we helped make this chapter in your life be a little easier. As we all said, we will always be there for you and your sweet family. You family made our job easy and we looked forward to coming to work everyday. 💕

Lili - August 10, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Craig Hinde.



August 10, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Craig Hinde.

August 10, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Craig Hinde.



August 10, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Craig Hinde.*



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August 10, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Craig Hinde.*



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August 09, 2023 at 07:05 PM