



Craig V. Beary

January 31, 1986 - August 30, 2020

Craig Vincent Beary, 34, of Pottstown, formerly Clarion, passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2020 with his family at his side following complications from his second lung transplant.

He was born on January 31, 1986 in Clarion; beloved son of Richard “Curly” and Cynthia Wakefield Beary of Clarion.

Craig attended Immaculate Conception Catholic School and graduated from Clarion Limestone High School in 2004. He then graduated from Clarion University in 2009.

He was also a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion.

Craig worked as a 911 Dispatcher for Clarion County for 10 years and most recently for Montgomery County. Craig loved his job.

He was the happiest as a husband to Melinda “Mindy” Warnsing Beary. Craig and Mindy were married June 8, 2019 in Brookville with many friends and family celebrating their big day. They had a love that was indescribable. Craig and Mindy were the love of each other’s lives.

He enjoyed life itself. Craig never let his health issues define him. He spent his childhood with close friends and family and loved spending time with his Grandma Wakefield. His IC days made friends that have lasted forever. High School at C-L continued his love for sports, music, and socializing. College days included intramurals, Diversity club, WCUC TV Station, attending concerts and MMA fights, watching Pirates, Steelers, and Penguin’s games,

and road trips to anywhere.

He especially loved coaching IC basketball with his friend, Curt.

Mindy brought additional happiness and adventure. They enjoyed board games, playing punch bug, trips to Sam's Club, Ichiban, and Cozumel.

Craig and Mindy were able to travel to many places in the eastern US. They also spent two weeks backpacking in Europe, England, Paris, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy for their honeymoon. He had the privilege of meeting his stem cell donor, Mathias Schaller and his wife, Rebecca, of Germany.

In addition to his wife and parents, Craig is survived by his aunt: Paula Kuzma of Johnstown; his uncles: Raymond Beary of West Virginia and Michael Beary and his wife, Theresa, of Ohio; his grandmother: Theatis Beary of Clarion; his four children: Zoey and Zena; and many extended family members.

Craig was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Lloyd and Dorothy Beary; maternal grandparents: Jake and Elma Wakefield; an uncle: Paul Kuzma, his father-in-law: James Warnsing; and his special hairless cat: Cleo.

Craig's family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion. A Christian Wake Service will be held at the conclusion of visitation.

Due to Governor Tom Wolf's mandate, we are only permitted to have 25 people in the building at a time. Please limit your stay inside during visitation so we can accommodate all who would like to pay their respects.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Thursday, September at 11 a.m. with Rev. Monty Sayers presiding.

Interment will be held in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery.

Craig was a long term blood bank donor and supported CORE after his experience with stem cell and lung transplants.

The family wish to thank his caregivers at the UPMC Lung Transplant Center and Hillman Cancer Center.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions, if desired, can be made in Craig's name to a charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

Clarion, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
720 Liberty St
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-8433

Tribute Wall



“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Craig V. Beary



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - September 01, 2020 at 04:25 PM

DS

Beautiful Memories..God has Taken Another One Of His Angel's Home
🙏🙏

Debbie Shumaker - September 01, 2020 at 09:18 PM

JD

Beautiful tribute, beautiful memories, God bless!!!!

Janet Doherty - September 05, 2020 at 11:32 AM

LL

Beautiful tribute and memories ❤️

lindsay launer - September 09, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Craig was well-loved and led a life that was well-lived.
Take care of yourselves.

Mark Mitchell

Mark Mitchell - September 10, 2020 at 06:32 PM

BC

“ *Dear Beary family,
We cannot fathom the loss you are feeling. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that God will wrap His arms of comfort around you and give you the peace that only He can give.
Bill, Bonnie, Sheldon, Becca and Amy Champion*

Bonnie Champion - September 04, 2020 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ *Tamra Yankson and Family purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



Tamra Yankson and Family - September 03, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - September 03, 2020 at 11:42 AM

PS

“ *Dearest Cindy
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son Craig. I have lovely memories of helping him when I worked in the emergency department. He had a wonderful soul. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this devastating time.*
Paula Scalise

paula scalise - September 02, 2020 at 07:52 PM

HS

“ *Holly Stitt lit a candle in memory of Craig V. Beary*



Holly Stitt - September 02, 2020 at 03:56 PM

DS

“ *The Knox Area Ambulance would like to extend sincere sympathies to the Beary family.
We appreciate and love our 911 dispatchers
Rest in peace dear friend
Donna Schreffler -EMT-Paramedic
Director of Operations
Knox Ambulance*



Donna Schreffler - September 02, 2020 at 01:42 PM

NW

“ *Curly, Cindy and Mindy, we are so sorry for your loss. Craig was such a wonderful man. Our thoughts are with you. Joe and Nancy Wyatt*

n wyatt - September 02, 2020 at 06:33 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



September 01, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



September 01, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *211 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - September 01, 2020 at 04:19 PM

TS

*Cindy, Curly and Mindy,
So very sorry to hear about Craig. There are no words to express my sympathy in the loss of your son and Mindy's husband. Please know that I am praying for all of you.
Terry Smith*

Terry Smith - September 02, 2020 at 12:44 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



September 01, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *With our deepest sympathy and prayers to your family.*

Paul and Pam Ryder

Pamela Ryder - September 01, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



September 01, 2020 at 01:14 PM

MS

“ Rebecca and I are deeply shocked and it’s hard to find any words at the moment.

It’s unbelievable that we cannot speak, hug and laugh to my brother Craig anymore.

But, where do I start??? I’m not sure, if Craig and I would have met under “normal conditions” - but, what does “normal” really mean? In early spring 2008, I got a call from our local doctor. My stem cells would fit to 99,9% to an unknown recipient who would need them very urgently. Not knowing, that those cells would be flown over the Atlantic was the start of a special bond I would never have guessed. After the mandatory time period, were it was forbidden to know who got the donation, Craig and I found us on Facebook. Even our look was similar... really crazy 😞 but something!

But it took some time, to realize a meeting in person. But on Thanksgiving 2018 it became reality. During my assignment in New York, my wife Rebecca and I took a ride from our then-home White Plains, NY to Clarion, PA. From the first moment on, as we stepped into his parents living room, it was like as if we know each other for years. We had two wonderful days with Craig, Mindy and the Beary family – just enjoying life. We met as “strangers” but left as “family” – and I got a brother...

Last year, I was a privilege to welcome Mindy and Craig on their honeymoon in our home town Wernau in Germany. Days full of laughing, sightseeing trips, meeting our families, BBQ and spending lot of time together followed.

If we would have known what would follow as we waved “Good Bye” and “Auf Wiedersehen!”, I cannot believe it...

Craig was an inspiration to me! Never complaining about his conditions, pure optimism and always with keeping a smile. Craig, you raised the bar, you are a role model for us all, you made this world a better place for us all – I looking up to you and will try my best to live according to the principles you set.

You are now with my mom and my grandparents in heaven - I’m

sure, my mum will immediately provide you with some German potato salad, which he liked so much last year... 🍷

To Mindy, Cynthia, Richard and the entire Beary and Warning family, Rebecca, Tia and myself sending our deepest condolences. May those words comfort you a little.

Mindy, we love you! Even or especially in those dark and hard days, we're looking forward to meet and hug your one again - our ribbon is much stronger than anything else 🥺 and Craig, my brother, you are forever in our hearts...

Matthias Schaller - September 01, 2020 at 01:07 PM

TF

“ *The Long Family purchased the In Remembrance for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



The Long Family - September 01, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



September 01, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



September 01, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



September 01, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Craig. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

CARA J CHERICO - September 01, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ *Sending our love and prayers Cindy and Curly.*

Doug & Diane Davenport



Diane Davenport - September 01, 2020 at 07:25 AM

SM

“ *My hear breaks for you all in this time of sorrow. In time, I hope you find peace and comfort. Kendall's Aunt Boo*

Suzanne Marshall - September 01, 2020 at 05:24 AM



“ *White Large Sympathy Arrangement In Basket was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



August 31, 2020 at 09:59 PM

PW

“ *My deepest sympathy. God made Craig a special person, and gave him special parents. All the yrs I took care of him he just became like one of my sons. My prayers are with you*



PAtty Weaver - August 31, 2020 at 09:19 PM

BB

“ *“Curly” and family:
Please accept my condolences on the loss of your son, husband and sibling. He was obviously an excellent individual. May God bless his soul and may he RIP.*

Bud Bender

Bud Bender - August 31, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



August 31, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ *I am soooo sorry!! xoxoxoxo
Love Jodi*

Jodi - August 31, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *Eileen and Oliver Evans and Family purchased the Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket for the family of Craig V. Beary.*



Eileen and Oliver Evans and Family - August 31, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *Cindy and Curly: My deepest condolences. Thinking of you.
R. I. P., Craig.*

Jack King - August 31, 2020 at 03:48 PM

MM

“ *The Pottstown Police Department sends its deepest sympathy to Craig's family and wife, Mindy. We were all saddened to hear of Craig's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mick Markovich, Chief of Police.*

Mick Markovich - August 31, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RW

“ *We were so saddened to hear of Craig's passing!! may He REST IN PEACE!! OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS PARENT'S, CURLY & CINDY & TO HIS WIFE MINDY!! MAY GOD GIVE ALL OF YOU STRENGTH GET THRU THIS DIFFICULT TIME!! WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS!!*



REGIS & PAT WALTERS - August 31, 2020 at 01:57 PM

TS

“ *On behalf of the Montgomery County Dept. of Public Safety, I would like to extend our condolences to Craig's family and friends. Craig was well liked and was a highly respected Emergency Dispatcher. He will be missed. Tom Sullivan, Director of Public Safety*

Thomas Sullivan - August 31, 2020 at 01:12 PM

NB

Craig was on my squad at Montco and we enjoyed working with him. He was very kind and had a great sense of humor He will be missed. Condolences to Mindy and Craig's family.

Nancy Bangert - September 01, 2020 at 09:33 AM