



Kathleen P. Craig

December 18, 1934 - September 12, 2012

Kathleen Phyllis Burns Craig, 77, of 39 Chestnut Ridge Drive, Clarion, went to be with her Savior on Wednesday evening, September 12, 2012, at the UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Born December 18, 1934 in Sligo; Kathleen was the daughter of the late Clair Riley Burns and Gladys Ruth Somerville Burns.

She was a 1952 graduate of Sligo High School, where she was an active participant in the chorus and band.

On August 28, 1953, she married her high school sweetheart, Donald "Chirp" Craig of Callensburg, and he survives. They recently celebrated their 59th anniversary.

Kathleen was employed by Owens Illinois Glass Factory for 9 years, before settling down to start her family. At that time, she started her career at Paul's Market, in Sligo, where she was head of the meat department and managed the finances and store inventory. Kathleen retired in 1994, with 26 years of service.

She was a devoted Christian woman who loved the Lord. Kathleen was a long time member of the Sligo Methodist Church, before attending Zion Baptist Church in Reidsburg, and most recently, New Hope Church in Strattanville. Her involvement included Women's Prayer Group, The Sligo Ladies Auxiliary, The United Methodist Women's Group, and Church Choirs & Ladies Trio's. She was an active participant in missionary work through the years, where she travelled to New York City, Pittsburgh, and southern

Kentucky to minister to the less fortunate. Her favorite scripture was in Psalms 119.

Kathleen was a member of the Sligo Order of the Eastern Star and the Clarion County YMCA. She made it her life long effort to generously contribute to numerous charities and foundations for the good of other people.

Kathleen and Chirp enjoyed travelling extensively throughout their marriage. In recent years, they would often take “car-rides” together, usually ending up at an ice-cream shop. She loved to cook and bake, and always had a casserole or pie in the oven. Some of her other hobbies included playing cards and board games, gospel music, attending local sporting events, and following the Steelers, Pirates, and Penn State athletics.

Above all else, Kathleen’s crowning achievement was her lifelong dedication to her family. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Chirp. Also surviving are two children, Tina Craig Siegel of Newport Beach, CA, and Jeffrey Craig of Clarion; three grandchildren, Nikki Siegel Silverman, Christopher Murphy, and Andrew Craig; and one great-grandchild, Ava Rosalyn Silverman. In addition, she is survived by her sisters, Priscilla Moore and Gladys Shoup; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Richard Burns. She was a dear friend to many and will be missed, but forever remembered by all.

Family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, 2012, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Sligo.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012, in the United Methodist Church in Sligo with Pastor Colin Koch, pastor of the New Hope Church in Strattanville, officiating, assisted by, Pastor Craig Peterson, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Sligo.

Interment will be held in the Sligo Cemetery.

Memorials and donations can be made to National Breast Cancer Foundation,

Inc., 2600 Network Blvd., Suite 300, Frisco, Texas 75034.

Tribute Wall

WC

“ *Dear Chirp, Jeff, and Family,*

We were so shocked to hear of dear Kathleen's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy. May the Lord Jesus surround you with peace and comfort during this time of grief.

*Although we have lost contact with your family and do not have occasion to see you as often as we use to, please know your family is thought of and greatly appreciate
Kathleens life indeed she was a loving and giving lady.
God be with your family,*

*Love,
The Walter Clutter family*

Walter, Joan, and Roger Clutter - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *Dear Chirp and the Craig family,*

We are very saddened at your loss. Kathleen was a kind and wonderful neighbor. We will all miss seeing her. God bless you in your time of loss.

Beth and Thomas Oliver - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ As the old saying goes, "Our loss is Heaven's gain.", is certainly true in Kathleen's home-going into our Lord's presence in Heaven. Our comfort is in knowing that she is totally set free from all the limitations, infirmities, and problems of life in this present world. We also have the comfort in knowing there will be a future reunion which will go on forever in the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (John 14)

Clayton & Jean (Botzer) Harriger - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Kathleen, was a beautiful, and loving person. John & I will miss her very much. Our thoughts and prayers are for Chirp and her family, that the Lord will draw them close and bring them peace knowing she is with HIM. John & Helen Yeaney

John & Helen Yeaney - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Hi Chirp and Family.....
So sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing....how we enjoyed knowing her...what a wonderful Christian gal....Bill remembers being your paper boy way back when in Sligo.....our prayers go out for you.....
In His Love,
Bill and Lois Eisenhuth

Bill and Lois Eisenhuth - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dear Chirp & family,
Sorry to hear of the passing of your special one. She was one of the sweetest spirited ladies that we ever came across. She was a walking ministry to many. She always had an encouraging word for you and a beautiful smile. She sure loved her family by how she talked about you all. She will always be remembered by us. She was one of a kind lady, very meek and soft spoken. May the peace of our God be with you in this time of loss. Our Thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this sad time. Our loss and truly Heavens gain until we meet again.
With Deepest Sympathy*

Don & Sue Hockenberry - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM