



Obituary

Born: Wednesday, December 18, 1929

Died: Monday, March 11, 2019

James "Jim" Marion Craig, age 89, of Griggsville, IL passed away on Monday, March 11, 2019 at Eastside Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Pittsfield. James was born on December 18, 1929 in Cherry Point, IL to Archie and Retta Newport Craig. He married Marlene Calhoun on October 15, 1954 at the Chrisman Methodist Church, and she survives.

Jim served in the United States Marine Corps for 2 years. Following his Honorable Discharge, he worked for Herschel Craig as a farmer and truck driver, and worked for IPLA as well as King Feed which became United Feed. He retired from LSSD and hauled grain for Brenton Dean and worked at Logan Agri-Service until he was 82. Jim was a member of the Griggsville American Legion and held the Vice Commander position in Chrisman, and was also a member of the Griggsville Christian Church. He enjoyed being outside working in the yard and loved his pride and joy, a 1952 Studebaker. Jim and Marlene liked to travel, taking many trips to Branson, and went to Niagara Falls for their 40th Anniversary. They also went on many family vacations and took many trips with Marlene's graduating class. Jim loved his children and grandchildren, and was a hardworking man with an ornery sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marlene; five children, Jennifer Blakley of Paris, IL, Steven (Leann) Craig of Nioga, IL, Jay (Janna) Craig of Griggsville, IL, Alicia (Scott) Dunham of Griggsville, IL, Anna (John) Emrick of Griggsville, IL, and one daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Craig of Perry, IL; thirteen grandchildren, Curt (Jamie) Blakley, Chris (Lori) Blakley, Joshua (Julie) Craig, Jill (Corey) Buchanan, Gayla (Lance) Risley, Kimber (Tracey) Martin, Kellen Craig, Kollin (Brittney) Craig, Tasha (Justin) Poggemiller, Preston (Bethany) Dunham, Nathan (Krystal) Emrick, Daman Emrick, and Lacy Emrick; 22 great grandchildren and 2 on the way; and sisters, Rosalie Krabel of Brockton, IL, Betty Kraemer of Paris, IL, Joan Lacy of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, Lucille (Bert) Good of Charleston, IL, and Elsie (Elton) Ingram of Chrisman, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Paul Craig; granddaughter, Courtney Blakley; brothers, Donald Craig and Joseph Craig, and one brother in infancy; and a sister, Mary Lou Krabel.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield. Visitation will be held prior to the service on Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Shiloh Children's

Service Summary

Visitation

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Mar 15, 2019

Niebur Funeral Home

530 W. Adams
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

Funeral Service

7:00 PM Fri Mar 15, 2019

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Home. Online condolences may be left to the family at www.nieburfh.com. Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in James 'Big Jim's' memory to the following organization:

Shiloh Children's Home