



Craig Farrelly

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Craig Driver Farrelly, 53, of Memphis, Tennessee, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2016. Craig was born August 29, 1962 in Memphis, Tennessee to Charlotte Driver Farrelly and Robert (Bob) Farrelly. He attended Memphis State University and graduated from Baylor University. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He married Elizabeth (Beth) Perkins of Memphis, Tennessee on June 9, 1995 and was a devoted step-father to Matthew Randall Perkins. Craig enjoyed many years as an active member and former chairman of The Grand Krewe of RaMet, Carnival Memphis. He enjoyed playing tennis and spearheaded the weekly theme for his league. An avid snow skier, he and Matthew had opportunities to ski throughout the United States, Europe, and South America. Craig loved people and never met a stranger. He made lifelong friends while working at FedEx and Medtronic. His love for his family, extended family, particularly his cousins who were more like siblings, friends, and his beloved dog could never be measured. Craig was preceded in death by his brother Robert Guy Farrelly. He is survived by his wife, Beth of Memphis, Tennessee, step-son Matthew (Meredith) Perkins of Houston, Texas, his mother Charlotte Farrelly of Memphis, Tennessee, and father Bob Farrelly of Memphis, Tennessee, and his mother-in-law Olive Bridger Summerford of Memphis, Tennessee. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Presbyterian Day School. A visitation will be on Thursday, February 25 at Memorial Park Funeral Home from 5-7PM. A celebration of Craig's life will be at Christ United Methodist Church in the Wilson Chapel on Friday, February 26 at 10AM.



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NA

Natilee Ashworth posted:

Beth, I am so sorry. I cut Craig's hair in Memphis and just now found this devastating news as I was wondering why I hadn't seen him in awhile. He talked so lovingly of you. Sincerely, Natilee

July 28 at 8:07 AM

CV

Cathy Vanleit posted:

Craig and I have served on the same team in HR for a number of years. I often told him, that he had the largest capacity of brain power I had ever witnessed. I saw Craig's deep commitment and serious passion for his work where he was consumed with the focus of bringing the best solutions to the business. I also saw Craig's playful side where he entertained without effort at our HR events. He always brought joy and laughter to our team. The loss of Craig has not been easy for our team and yet we cling to our friendships with each other for comfort. I pray that as the days, weeks and months go by that Beth and family will continue to heal and gain strength in knowing that you were loved by Craig. "He heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds" Psalm 147:31 commit to continually pray for you Beth during this difficult season. Cathy Vanleit

February 29 at 6:38 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Farrelly.

February 25 at 1:27 PM

RF

Ria Flake posted:

Beth, and the Farrelly Family; I'm so sorry for your loss. I wish to let you know you're thought about during this difficult time with sympathy and caring. Ria Flake

February 25 at 10:38 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Farrelly.

February 25 at 10:31 AM



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LE

Linda R. Edwards posted:

I met Craig many years ago at FedEx. Craig worked with us in a consulting capacity, before he became a FedEx employee. He was such a smart guy and wicked funny, but with a kindness and sensitivity to others that made him so likable. I haven't seen Craig in several years and I am deeply saddened by his passing at such a young age. My deepest condolences. I am lifting the entire Farrelly family in prayer that you find comfort for your grief and find the peace that passes all understanding. May the love of friends and family help you through the days ahead. I am attaching an old photograph of Craig with me and two other FedEx friends from the late 80s. We were in Jackson Hole, Wyoming with a FedEx group having a cookout in the Tetons. Craig entertained the group with his great humor and funny stories. He will surely be missed by many. Blessings for all of you.

February 25 at 10:24 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Craig Farrelly.

February 25 at 9:19 AM

GF

Gloria Sangstet-Fort posted:

Craig and his laughter, quick wit, and professionalism will certainly be missed by all that have ever met him. My heart goes out to Beth and Matt. I pray that your memories give you peace With love, The Fort Family Gloria and Lewis

February 25 at 4:29 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Farrelly.

February 24 at 2:09 PM

KK

Kris O'kelly posted:

How will we ever forget his sweet smile and wonderful laughter.

February 24 at 9:40 AM



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RE

Rebecca posted:

Becky Bishop & Judy Powell Shannon (Baylor Girls) purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Craig Farrelly.

February 24 at 8:40 AM

JF

John Flotron posted:

Dear Farrelly Family, I am very sorry for your loss. Craig was one of my favorite customers over the past 20 years in business. We worked together the past five and quickly became friends. What a fantastic man with incredible zest for life. We just recently had dinner and Craig shared such wonderful stories about his family and how he was looking forward to the holidays. A larger than life personality and sense of humor, Craig will be greatly missed. God bless and prayers to you all, John Flotron

February 24 at 4:39 AM

TM

Tricia Mcelroy posted:

Craig was a dear, dear friend who helped me immensely in a time of need in my life. He was one of the first people I met in Ra-Met. His presence could not be missed or forgotten. He had a way of making everyone feel welcome and always made you laugh. Our friendship extended beyond Ra-Met and over the decades we shared many laughs and fond memories. I was so glad to see him this past Holiday on my visit back to Memphis. I will cherish our last visit Forever. To his gracious wife Beth and family. My heart is filled with pain for your loss. There are no words to express the Void you are experiencing. Know I am praying for you and God does hear prayers even when it doesn't seem like He is. Tricia McElroy

February 23 at 6:30 PM

CA

Carolyn Akin posted:

Beth, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Doug and I were so saddened to hear this news- it seemed like just yesterday that you opened your new house in Memphis to us and we enjoyed our time with you and meeting some of the other members of the family. We will always cherish all the times we were together laughing at one of Craig's stories....oh how he will be missed!! So very sorry for your loss, Doug and Carolyn Akin

February 23 at 10:13 AM



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DK

Duane Knight posted:

Craig will surely be missed. We had only known him for less than a year. But he made you feel like you had known him for a long time. We enjoyed our time with him and we always looked forward to when he would be on the court. He always brought life and humor. Our prayers and condolences are with the family. God bless. Duane and Jeanne Knight

February 23 at 9:58 AM

CB

Catherine Boyce posted:

Our deepest condolences to Beth and Ms.Charlotte. We have many fun memories of Craig. May God bless and give you strength and peace during this time. The Ross Family

February 23 at 9:54 AM

JM

Julie And Dan Minnick posted:

Julie and Dan Minnick purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Craig Farrelly.

February 23 at 8:41 AM

AG

Amy Gates posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Craig on a couple of projects and through those he became a friend. We bonded after realizing that we'd both been involved in Carnival. I loved that he was a straight shooter, but with that directness came a sensitivity that was very kind. He always had a smile and a kind word and will be utterly missed at Medtronic. I can only imagine how his family and friends felt about him. My heart and prayers are with you all.

February 23 at 6:09 AM

GB

Greg Barber posted:

So sorry to hear of this. I just want to express my most humble condolences to the family. Our prayers are with you!

February 23 at 6:07 AM



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MF

Michelle Fifer posted:

I am at a loss for words in hearing about Craig's passing. He truly enjoyed life and had a passion for Sales Comp.

February 22 at 4:37 PM

DM

Dee Moore posted:

I met Craig at Second Line – a friend and I were having dinner at the bar and were sitting next to Craig and his wife. We immediately began chatting and had great conversation with them. He was telling us about his new house in Memphis and his backyard retreat, and about how much he loved his wife. My friend and I both being divorced asked him how they had stayed together so long – he replied, without a second's hesitation, "because I love her". I'll never forget it. We friended each other on Facebook and he stopped by my shop in Collierville one day while my son was working. My son said "this guy came in today and said he knew you – he was awesome". So to Craig's family – please know that Craig was a shining star to everyone he met. I will miss having him in this world.

February 22 at 2:31 PM

JB

Jon Berry posted:

On behalf of Craig's many colleagues and friends at Medtronic, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to his family. Craig was loved by all who knew him, and his wonderful sense of humor and kindness will never be forgotten. We will always treasure his friendship.

February 22 at 2:16 PM

PA

Pam posted:

Craig was one of a kind.. such a sweet, funny, witty man! I am so very sorry for your loss.

February 22 at 1:20 PM



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LS

Lisa Stringer posted:

Craig was an amazing one-of-a-kind man who had a flare for fashion, a passion for delivering results, and a dedication to ensuring all of us added fun into our lives at work. He was the "subject matter expert" on sales comp and the "go to guy" for uplifting conversation and laughter. Our Medtronic family will never be the same but Craig's memory will live in our hearts forever. Beth, special thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Lisa Stringer

February 22 at 12:23 PM

MB

Monica Brodie, Mba posted:

Craig's office was outside my cubicle. He once asked me "Am I making up too much noise, if so, please let me know." I looked at him and said "Nope, because I am taking notes of some of your comebacks. I plan on using them when the time is right." He was the most hilarious individual that I had the opportunity to meet. I am going to miss his infectious laugh and quick wit. My prayers go out to the family and friends of Craig. Monica Brodie, MBA

February 22 at 11:16 AM

SK

Stephanie Key posted:

My heart is overwhelmed with sadness. Craig made me laugh every single time I worked with him or just passed him in the hall. I will miss him and his "stories." He loved to laugh and tell a story...and they almost all ended with how much adored his wife. For Craig's wife and family, I am praying for peace that God may comfort you all.

February 22 at 10:51 AM

LB

Lew Baumgartel posted:

I met Craig through my Mom and Dad and he was such a guy to be around, his personality lite up a room. Rest Well Craig! And God Bless. Lew Baumgartel Marlene Baumgartel Stephanie Short

February 22 at 9:59 AM



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DS

Darlene Schutt posted:

It was 1997 and Craig and Beth were the Chairman of the Grand Krewe of RaMet and I was the Queen. I enjoyed the moments we spent together back in those days of fun and frivolity. We are so grateful to have known you, Craig. I always wanted only the best for you ever. May you find the rest and the peace that you sought. Your friends, Tom and Darlene Schutt

February 22 at 9:48 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Craig Farrelly.

February 22 at 9:11 AM

LC

Laura Cornell posted:

Craig always had a smile and would brighten up your day if you did not have a smile he would share his. I offer my deepest sympathy to the entire Farrelly family during this time of sadness. Craig's family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers.

February 22 at 8:51 AM

CL

Connie Lambert posted:

We all are very saddened to hear the news about Craig's passing and can only imagine the grief you are feeling. Craig was a very genuine and sensitive man and he will be missed terribly. I remember his sense of humor and his love for Beth and his family. We are lifting you up in prayer asking HIM to be with you through this very difficult time. We are also praying for HIS immediate grace and peace today and, in the days to come. Respectfully, Connie and Perry Lambert

February 22 at 8:33 AM

JB

Joe Brandenburg posted:

My deepest condolences to Beth and Matt. I enjoyed knowing Craig through Matt and through Carnival Memphis. He knew how to light up a room. His high spirited and effervescent personality will be greatly missed. at the annual Boll Weevil Party and the St. Patrick's Day parade will be greatly missed.

February 22 at 7:39 AM



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AE

Allison Edwards posted:

Craig was one of my dearest friends at Medtronic. He and I worked in HR together and even after I transitioned to a different department, we continued to keep up with one another and spoke often. Craig was full of life. His presence alone brought so much joy into the lives of others. His laugh and smile were contagious. I am going to miss my friend. Beth & family- I am covering you in prayer daily. May God give you strength and peace during this time. His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

February 22 at 6:33 AM

AJ

Aj posted:

I will remember Craig as a kind, smart, well-dressed, and funny person. He will be greatly missed.

February 22 at 5:52 AM

LG

Leesa Gunter posted:

What a colorful character that radiated joy for living. I am in shock and saddened to hear my buddy has gone on to glory. My heart goes out to the love of his life...he was so incredibly dedicated to loving Beth. I will miss him.

February 22 at 5:05 AM

RT

Rita Tait posted:

I worked on many projects with Craig at Medtronic and he always went over-and-above to do good work and help his colleagues. I valued his sense of humor so much when we worked on particularly challenging projects together. He was a kind, gentle man and I will miss him greatly. To Craig's family — I am so sorry for your loss and please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Rita Tait

February 22 at 4:46 AM

SM

Susan McElroy posted:

Craig had a great sense of humor. He was kind and caring and an all around wonderful person. Susan McElroy

February 22 at 3:43 AM



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DG

Deanne Gammon posted:

Craig has been such a dear, precious friend for many years. I will miss his huge smile and his wonderful sense of humor. I am heartbroken and overcome with grief. My prayers go out to Beth, Matt, and all of his extended family and friends. DeAnne Gammon

February 21 at 7:45 PM

JU

Judy posted:

I met Craig at Baylor University where we enjoyed lots of laughter and fun back in the 80s. He was always happy and uplifting as well as fun seeking! We kept up our friendship and he attended my wedding 25 years ago. I am sorry to hear the news of his passing and will miss him dearly.

February 21 at 9:35 AM

JS

Judy Shannon posted:

I met Craig as a junior at Baylor and we became friends instantly. He had a big heart and a kind smile and we shared lots of fun times together at BU and afterwards. He even came to my wedding and made my reception happy and joyous! I loved Craig dearly and he was a true friend to me. He will be missed by many of us from Baylor. RIP my sweet friend. ❤️ Judy Shannon

February 21 at 6:28 AM

NI

Nicole posted:

I met Craig in the 10th grade and he eventually met my whole family. He was loved by all of us and at many family events over the last 36 years. I will always remember his big ol smile, and how loving and kind he was. Nicole Blasingame-Pratt

February 20 at 12:59 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Craig by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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