



Roy "Craig" Dowland

July 22, 1951 - December 18, 2021

Roy "Craig" Dowland, 70, left this earth on Saturday morning, December 18, 2021. Surrounded by his daughters, Craig gave his five-year battle with cancer the greatest degree of hell up until his last breath.

Craig was tenacious about family, career, music and computers. He instilled in his children a deep-rooted love of music and the importance of learning a skill or trade and being the best at it. He is survived by his children Lisa (Mark) Dowland, Chris (Brenda) Dowland, Amy Dowland and Karen Dowland of Southaven, MS. and three beautiful grandchildren: Ryan, Olivia and Vada Dowland. Craig was preceded in death by his son Steven Dowland, of an unsolved homicide in 1994.

Known best for his unwavering work ethic, it was no surprise to anyone, that he put up quite the ruckus when finally deciding to retire from the State of TN in late October.

Craig was also preceded in death by his father, Roy H. Dowland and mother, Ruth "Eugenia" (Martin) Dowland, both of Forrest City, AR.

Although born an only child, Craig grew up with many close neighborhood friends and cousins as an extended family. His stories were always centered around the Hobbs, Taylor and Wayman families; he was devastated at the recent loss of his closest friends Mark Wayman and Rush Hobbs. We are sure heaven is in quite the pickle now that Dad is reunited with them!

Craig also leaves behind a beloved aunt: Tolise McGough of West Helena, AR and his favorite cousin, Kathy (Gene) Ficker of Jackson, TN.

Services will be held at graveside only. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Praying for the family's Peace.*
Jeanne Cox

Jeanne Cox - January 31, 2022 at 11:05 AM

GF

“ *Compassionate and Gracious Jesus, I lift the family and friends of Craig Dowland to you. Touch them with your mighty hand and help them to find healing in you.*

Wrap your arms of love around them that they may not be filled with grief. May they seek you daily for comfort and support. May the fond memories they shared with Craig remind them of the love that you have for them.

Protect the Dowland family that has been left behind and remind them to live in unity. Fill their hearts with the assurance that your servant (Roy Craig Dowland) is in your presence. In Jesus' name, we believe and pray, Amen

Gene & Kathy Ficker - December 31, 2021 at 01:55 PM

LK

“*"Corn Dog" arrived at the TDOT radio shop a couple months before me in 2015. Our desks were next to each other and we shared many adventures, both mundane and dramatic, till he retired this year.*

His chair sits empty nearby in 'missing man formation'.

Craig was always ready to help me, and stepped up big when accompanying me to a local Memphis ER for one of my many kidney stone events.

We shared a love of Maine Coon cats, Billy Butterfield, Stan Getz, Neil deGrasse Tyson, and a couple Papillons named Finn and Dilly which he allowed me to adopt.

Like Bernie Tipton, Tim Hardy, and Ray Embry - Craig left too soon. Another hole in my life.

To steal these words again from Sir James M. Barrie id simply to find better ones than my own.

I wish you well my friend on your new journey, over there, so begone now Craig toward "the second star from the right, and straight on till morning."

Larry Keyes - December 29, 2021 at 04:54 PM

SY

“*I dated Mark Wayman in school and was always around Craig. What a kind soul.*

Sheila Parsley Young - December 28, 2021 at 11:19 PM