



## Craig H Mortensen

June 5, 1947 - September 23, 2020

Craig H. Mortensen our loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother returned home to his Father in Heaven on September 23, 2020 (his 51st wedding anniversary), surrounded by his family, following an accidental fall.

Craig was born June 5, 1947 to Hugh A. Mortensen and Hartence LeFevre in Panguitch, Utah. As the oldest of 8 children including Mary, Garry, Paul, Phillip, Margaret, Steven, and Troy, he was blessed with a patient nature that continued throughout his lifetime.

Craig served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Eastern Atlantic States, where he spent most of his time in Philadelphia. Following his mission, he married Karen M. Larsen on September 23, 1969 in the Salt Lake Temple. Shortly after their marriage, Craig was drafted into the US Army where he served for nearly two years as a communications specialist, spending time at the Pentagon and Vietnam. It was during his service in Vietnam that the first of their 5 wonderful children arrived: Duane (Amy), Karrie (Greg), MaryAnn (Brian), Bryce (Becky), and Eric (Trisha).

By trade, Craig was a skilled welder; he taught welding for the Salt Lake Community College and shared his passion for welding with his students, sons, and grandsons. Craig worked for Kennecott Copper for 30 years as a Millwright, and through this job was asked to teach welding to the people in New Guinea. His service there touched many lives and the experience stayed with him through his entire life.

Craig was known to be a kind man and would help anyone he came across that was in need. He would give his last five dollars to a veteran down on their luck. He had a knack for knowing when someone was down and just what to say to comfort them. Hunting, fishing, and camping were some of his favorite ways to spend time with those he loved. Everyone was kid, punkin and sis to him. There were so many that were touched by his kind words, and his sharp sense of humor. He could find a joke in every situation and his clever wit will be greatly missed.

As the years went by, Craig's testimony of the Gospel grew enormously. He proudly served a service mission at the Humanitarian Center, and the Jordan River Temple. His example was a shining light to all who knew him.

Our beloved Craig is preceded in death by his parents Hugh and Hartence, brother Steven, father and mother in law Earl and Helen Larsen, and brother in law Martin. He is survived by his sweetheart Karen, children, grandchildren Casey, Alex, Gabe, Taylor, Sam, Katie, Nate, Drew, Dylan, Jake, Hailey, Dani, Mac, Josh, Allie, Joey, Molly, Izzy, and great grandchildren Kai and Ben.

The viewing will be held on Sunday, September 27th from 6:00-8:00pm at Premiere Funeral Services, 67 E. 8000 S. Midvale, UT. The family viewing will be held on Monday the 28th from 11:00-12:30 pm in the same location. The Graveside service will be at 1:00pm at Memorial Estates: 6500 S. Redwood Road, Taylorsville, UT.

To watch the service live, go to the Premiere funeral services Facebook page, or join the Zoom meeting ID 482 436 0733 at 1:00pm.

# Comments

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“ I first met Craig and Karen when I was dating Bill. Corpon. I can't think of Craig without thinking of Karen. We hit it off immediately and knew I had met lifelong friends. I feel so badly I did not know about his funeral as I would have been there.

I loved Craig - his kind, loving nature, his laugh and when he would tell a joke or tease you. No matter the time that passed since we had seen each other, I always felt comfortable with them. His love of fishing, camping was contagious. I loved to hear his stories

My heart aches for Karen and his kids.

Please know you are in our prayers.

Love,

Kay Kenyon

**Kay Kenyon** - September 30, 2020 at 05:45 PM

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“ One of my best memory's of Craig was how kind and patient he was. One time me and his son Eric took Craig's truck up elk hunting in price , so me and Eric loaded up truck and trailer and headed to price , so me and Eric got to our hunting spot and took a road up the canyon we probably shouldn't have lol, well after couple days it starts to rain got really muddy and slippery and only way to get down off the mountain was to put the driver side tires in a runoff ditch on the side of the road , that would keep us from sliding and going off edge on the other side of the road, needlessly to say we stretch and scraped the driver side of the truck really bad dents from rocks , anyway when we made it down , we called craig told him what had happened , so came up and brought us some tire chains and made sure we were safe , didn't get mad or upset at us , just wanted to make sure we were safe

**john coates** - September 27, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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“ I have always felt like a part of the family, that is the way the Mortensen family treated everyone. Have known they all to be kind and lovely to all. But, also big teases. May your memories be sweet and ever lasting. It is so wonderful that we know Heavenly Father's plan and we will be able to be with them again, if we do our part. Will you give Nancy and my parents a hug from me? Much sympathy and Love, Susan and Joe Bradshaw

**Susan Bradshaw** - September 26, 2020 at 10:55 PM

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“ I am going to miss my big brother one of my funny memories of him was when I pierced my ears when I was younger and he made the comment if God wanted holes in those ears he would've put them there he always look out after us who is always there for us who's kind heart is going to miss terribly I love you brother I will always remember the fun memories of you And your gentle kind ways I love you

**margaret goff** - September 26, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Craig was always there for me with a hug and a kiss and always a comforting word I love him very much I will miss him To the Mortensen family I am so sorry for your loss what a comfort it is to know that we will all see him again I love all of you so very much

**Deborah Dunton Johnson** - September 27, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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**Carolyn L Jones** - September 26, 2020 at 10:05 AM