



## Craig Merrill Chandler

March 21, 1940 - July 25, 2020

Craig Chandler - Graveside Service Zoom Link

Time: Jul 31, 2020 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Craig Merrill Chandler passed away peacefully in the early hours of July 25 in his home, surrounded by beauty and love. He joined those who predeceased him: his parents, Harry (Hal) and Helen Chandler, and two brothers, Hal and Steve.

Craig was born 80 years ago in the foothills of Salt Lake City. He was always proud to announce that he went to East High School, which he deemed more prestigious than any university. He always had a song and a dance ready, which leads one to believe that he was the inspiration for High School Musical.

After serving in the Army Reserve, Craig was called to the Southern States Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in Florida where he made life-long friends.

On July 4, 1966, Craig met the love of his forever at Pineview Reservoir. Equally smitten, they conveniently left their respective dates to be with each other. Two months and five days later, Craig and Sharon were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. This was the beginning of a legacy of love and a beautiful family.

Craig's career spanned several decades. The highlight being the opportunity to "Chandlerize" properties. Craig had a talent to turn any dilapidated property into a prized home fit for a king. He saw potential in those properties and was able to bring together teams of experts to help him achieve his vision. Once a home was "Chandlerized", the home did not stay on the market for long. Equally important to Craig were the relationships he developed. These relationships were influential throughout his lifetime. He was grateful for those friends and loved the times he had with them. Through the years, Craig enjoyed celebrating his fri

ends' milestones. He loved dinner dates, lunch dates, parties, and visits. Craig was always grateful to find someone else who he could eat his peanut butter, miracle whip, and onion sandwiches with.

It was truly humbling to have witnessed the relationship Craig had with his "weeheart." He teased Sharon endlessly. They laughed together, cried together, and were always affectionate with each other. There was never a doubt that they had fun together and were forever in love and devoted to each other. Craig was complete when he was with Sharon.

Craig Chandler took his role as a father seriously. He loved his children. He saw in each child potential for greatness. Through the years, he expressed pride as he saw his kids hit milestones of excellence. Craig always shared his love for history, boating, laughter, and the beauty of the earth with his family. His children, in turn, have followed his example and embraced those same loves.

The entire Chandler family would like to offer our thanks to Zions Way Home Health and Hospice. Amberly and Vicky opened our relationship, and every moment together made the last few months of Craig's life beautiful.

The family has determined to have a private graveside celebration Friday. If you would like to participate, it will be available on Zoom. In lieu of flowers, Sharon asks that you please share a memory you have of him on the comment board below.

# Events

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**JUL** **Graveside Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Sandy City Cemetery

700 East 9000 South, Sandy, UT, US, 84094

# Comments

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“ I met Craig in April of 1984 when I accepted the job of Operations Officer in the Other Real Estate Owned Department at First Security Bank. My first memory of Craig was one day when he was leaving the office. Someone mentioned that it wasn't lunchtime and he responded that he was going to get a haircut as his hair grew on work time! He constantly made me laugh. We both knew instantly that we were kindred spirits, even down to having the same favorite peanut butter, miracle whip and onion sandwiches. Back then, women were not on the same footing as men in business and the men officers would leave together for luncheon meetings. It was Craig who had my back and insisted that since I was an officer and a supervisor, I should be invited to go to lunch with the officers and supervisors who were all men. He chose to make sure that I was part of the group. He took me under his wing and for some reason, chose to be my mentor. He helped me understand how I could be perceived more professionally in how I presented myself and how I spoke, taught me many things about corporate politics and even chose to help me understand the financial aspects and importance of saving for retirement. He had a passion for buying and selling cars and had an incredible memory, so he could remember every car that he had owned and what car he had replaced it with. His jokes had everyone rolling with laughter, and he and Sharon always hosted the most awesome Christmas Parties. Sharon has been such an incredible wife to Craig, being so patient and caring all through the years. When someone dear passes on, it is always a comfort to know that everything that needed to be said, had been said multiple times. I'm so grateful that Sharon, Craig, Scott and I are "forever" friends and how blessed I am that Heaven put them on my path.

**Tillie Kasteler** - August 08, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ I knew Craig from my early days at WFB. We worked together for many years. He was quite the character and kept the office lively. Thank you Sharon for bringing him to meet me and some of the old FSB crew to lunch last year when I was in town. I know he struggled to remember me but it meant a lot to see him again. It brought back so many good memories and that's what it's about. I'm sorry for your loss, he was a good man but I know he is whole again and it will be a beautiful day when you are together again

**Geneil Bissell** - August 07, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ Sharon,  
You and Craig always made our days sunny and bright. We loved seeing you at church every Sunday and your robust smiles and "hello"s. We will truly miss Craig but will always hold our love for you. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Ken and Adele Truscott

adele - July 31, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ I have only known Craig and Sharon for the past six years. The things about Craig that really stood out to me were his kindness and his knowledge of the scriptures. In our Sunday School class he would often answer a question by quoting several scriptures. Even with his declining health his memory of the scriptures was clear. He inspired me. He and Sharon loved each other very much. Her love for him was very evident as she cared for him as his health declined. Thank you for being an example to me.

Lorraine Glazier

:Lorraine Glazier - July 31, 2020 at 12:33 AM

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“ Craig and I were acquainted at an early age but became best friends after our missions. Moving to St. George provided the opportunity to get together frequently and enjoy playing dominoes, card games and trips to Fish Lake. Before Craig's health declined, we looked forward to our weekly lunches and long drives. He always had a warm smile, a joke, and a knack for making a stranger his friend. Craig took great pride in and loved dearly, Sharon, their children, the Church and his cars. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.  
We love you, Craig

Phil and Joan Hayes

Phil and Joan Hayes - July 30, 2020 at 04:31 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Craig and send our love and our deepest sympathy to your family. We always enjoyed visiting with Craig and remembering our high school years at East High School. He had a great sense of humor and love for his family. We have a special love for Kristin. She is always so willing to cheer us up and help us. Sharon, we know you have had some difficult times during the past few years, but your knowledge of the gospel and eternal life make these times bearable. It is never easy to part with those who are so dear to us. We're sure Craig is rejoicing with those who have gone before him and he is busily engaged in preaching the gospel and serving others as he did here upon the earth. As we work through the difficult times in our lives we learn that where there is struggle, there also is strength and that after the darkness, there is a brighter dawning of a new day.

Much Love!!!

Bob and Marjean Kamerath

**Marjean Kamerath** - July 30, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ Craig and Sharon have been our neighbors and friends for over 22 years and they have always been dear to our hearts. Yes, Craig had a wonderful sense of humor and we loved spending time with the two of them. As Craig's illness progressed we have watched as Sharon courageously cared for him. He has now regained all of his fun stories to tell, but we will miss hearing them - for a while anyway. Much love to Sharon and the rest of the family. John and Gayle Broberg

**Gayle C Broberg** - July 30, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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“ Craig and Sharon were my next door neighbors in our first home in Sandy. Funny man. He could always make me laugh

**Barbara Hansen** - July 29, 2020 at 08:28 PM

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“ Sending our deepest sympathy. We have many fond memories of The Chandler family.

Ralph and Eileen Siebert

**Ralph Siebert** - July 29, 2020 at 08:22 PM

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“ Craig was truly one of a kind. He always had you laughing. The stories and experiences that he told from his life - no one could do it better! He was good at balancing his devotion to God along with the struggles of life. He was a great neighbor and friend and he will be sorely missed. Sharon gave it her all to care for him and her selflessness was remarkable. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

**Tyler Hoskins** - July 29, 2020 at 04:38 PM

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“ I worked with Craig for many years. No one was more capable and professional.....and fun! I have many fond memories and stories from our travels around the West to visit his properties. He was a delight to work with.....a delight just to be with.....I feel fortunate I was able to know and work with Craig. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Durell Dibb

**ddibb** - July 28, 2020 at 11:18 PM

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“ Sharon and family-  
I was one of the East High School Class of 1958 with Craig, and among those members that admired Craig ever since we became friends way back then. Even though we have gone separate ways, meeting only on occasion, our appreciation for Craig and all the good things he did for people over the years will never be forgotten. Please accept our sincerest condolences at this time.  
Tony Temple

**Anthony R. Temple MD** - July 28, 2020 at 04:55 PM

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“ I went to high school with Craig, and we bumped into each other occasionally through the years. He was a good friend and will be missed. Larry Jewkes

**Larry Jewkes** - July 28, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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“ Larry Jewkes lit a candle in memory of Craig Merrill Chandler



Larry Jewkes - July 28, 2020 at 03:40 PM

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“ Scott,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. May the memories of your father along with the love of family, give you strength in the days ahead.

Adam Hunt, SLC

AH - July 28, 2020 at 02:05 PM

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“ Smiles, laughter, good times, and acceptance of each other is what I will carry with me in my memory of Craig. I will always be grateful for his reaching out to us after our move to St George. One lucky man to have Sharon by his side when help and support needed as he battled the nuances of his infirmity. Crazy Eights forever.  
Stephanie Cannon

Stephanie Cannon - July 28, 2020 at 01:56 PM

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“ Sharon, we just want to send our love and prayers to you at this difficult time. We have so many fun and special memories with you and Craig. What a fun loving couple, and it was always a party when we were around you guys. Loved our time in the old neighborhood and hope to see you again soon. Take care and know we will keep you and your family in our hearts and prayers.  
Steve & Darlene Sorenson

Darlene Sorenson - July 28, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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“ Sharon and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Craig. Craig and I have been friends for over 50 years and I have many fond memories of our “excursions” and barely staying out of trouble while having fun. I know that he will be missed

Curt Astin

Curt Astin - July 28, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ Craig and I worked together for about 18 months. He was my “boss”, but he really was my friend. He cares deeply about people and how their lives were going. I learned to take shorthand (my own version) since Craig would prefer to dictate his business correspondence directly to me rather than use the dictaphone. He was patient with my mistakes! At least once a week he would call out from his office and say “I think we all need to go to lunch!” Then he would treat anyone in the office to a nice meal. He was always very well dressed and every hair in place. He had a fun sense of humor and loved a good joke!

Barrie Giles - July 28, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ Dear Chandler family, We express our heartfelt sympathy to you at the passing of Craig and hope to will find peace in the message of the gospel. Ron and Tracey Daw

Ron Daw - July 28, 2020 at 10:17 AM

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“ Kristin and family, I’m so sorry to hear of the passing of you father. He is a great man. I have so many great memories spent with your family. The many sleep-overs watching movies and eating too many M&M’s and getting “in trouble” for talking too loud in the middle of the night. My favorite memory has to be coming with your family to Bear Lake and watching your dad sing and dance to “Elvira” in the middle of the lake. I still love that song because of the joy these memories bring. Thank you all for being such a wonderful part of my life!! All my love and prayers to everyone. Leslie Chapman

Leslie Chapman - July 28, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ My condolences to Craig’s family  
We were good friends at East High and enjoyed  
being Leopards  
Rest In Peace my friend

Rick Morris

Rick Morris - July 28, 2020 at 08:57 AM

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“ Sharon, I was so sorry to hear of Craig’s passing. I worked with him at FSB. Our  
offices were next to each other and I remember his laugh. He was a caring person.  
My prayers are with you and your children.

Paula Rosinski - July 27, 2020 at 06:19 PM

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“ My favorite memory of Craig is when he would tease and play with the kids in the  
ward, even as his disease progressed. He would get a sly look and a twinkle in his  
eye and he would interact with them. He definitely had a soft spot for children.

Tara White - July 27, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album Pictures through the years



Leslie Seal - July 27, 2020 at 01:16 PM