



Craig Griffin Anderson

January 28, 1946 - February 22, 2021

Craig Griffin Anderson, age 75, passed away peacefully in his home in Cottonwood Heights, Utah on February 22, 2021, following a short battle with stage four Glioblastoma. He was born on January 28, 1946 in Logan, Utah to Sarah Maud Griffin and Michael Mariner “Luke” Anderson. Craig was married to his high school sweetheart, Kathryn Jensen Anderson for 52 years. They were married in the Logan Utah Temple on March 18, 1968.

Craig served his country honorably, receiving his commission in the Air Force right out of college and retiring from military service with the Utah Air National Guard after 28 years of service. He was a navigator and flew many missions as a crew member in the KC-135 refueling aircraft. He served in Viet Nam, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Allied Force during his active duty years. Craig was a devoted husband to his wife Kathy, a loving father and grandfather, and an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where he served faithfully as Bishop and in many other callings working with the youth, scouts, and Elders quorum to name a few. Following his retirement, Craig and Kathy served in the Hispanic Initiative in the inner city project outside downtown Salt Lake, two education missions in Guangzhou, China and a Military Affairs mission in the Rome, Italy Mission. Craig truly enjoyed traveling, whether it was as part of an aircrew, trips all over the world with his wife Kathy, or vacations with his children and grandchildren, he made the most of every opportunity to immerse himself in the

places he visited. Taking countless pictures and documenting his adventures brought so much joy to his life. Craig was very competitive and picked up sports, games, really any activity he was presented very seriously and usually came out a winner! He was the best at assigning nicknames to anyone and anything without coming across as offensive. He had a true gift of words. He could strike up conversations and made fast friendships with anyone, be it on a plane, with a random stranger while visiting a foreign country, or waiting in line at the grocery store or amusement park. He was truly remarkable with an ability to connect with so many people. Those who had the privilege of knowing him truly loved him! Craig was always quick to volunteer to help or provide service to anyone in need without question. He was an example to all who knew him.

Craig is survived by his brothers, Milton Anderson (Dianne - deceased) and Tom Anderson (Anne) and his sister Sarah Bozich (Craig), his wife Kathy, daughter Kaci (Bill Okland, Mesa, AZ), son Mike (Jessica, Colorado Springs, CO), daughter Ashley (Jeff Clark, Newport Beach, CA), son Garrett (Cindi, Draper, UT) and his twelve grandchildren, Karli (Terrel), Rex, Olivia, Griffin, Ella, Taegan, Marley, Cade, Carter, Hudson, Charlie & Reed.

Craig is preceded in death by his parents, Sarah Griffin & "Luke" Anderson and older sister, Paulene Berge.

Funeral Services are Monday, March 8th, 2021 at 11 am at the LDS Chapel located at 8169 S. Top of the World Dr., Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121.

Services will be streamed on-line at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUo0IS6sE69vpvnqvZah2Vg/videos>.

Graveside service and interment at Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park at Camp Williams. 17111 S. 1700 W., Bluffdale, UT 84065

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to: www.AZBrainfood.org

where Craig served as a volunteer every Thursday the past few years of his life.

Cemetery Details

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams

17111 S. Camp Williams Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Cottonwood Heights Chapel
8169 Top of The World Dr
Cottonwood Heights, UT

Graveside Service

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams
17111 S. Camp Williams Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Craig Griffin Anderson*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I never saw Craig without Kathryn so I'd like to share how they both impacted our lives for the better. As senior missionaries they were such an example to me and my entire family. Always cheerful—greeting everyone they saw and genuinely caring for everyone they spoke to. And so much energy! I've never seen a couple get so much done! Such a tour de force. My husband and I hope to grow up to be just like their duo! Such amazing people!!! My heart goes out to Kathryn and their family. He will be greatly missed.*

jeni - March 08, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *The funeral service today was inspiring, lovely, and a fitting tribute to a wonderful man. May God be with all his family and grant you peace, understanding, and many cherished memories.*

Dave and Carol Harris - March 08, 2021 at 02:15 PM

Jane
Wakefield

“ Craig may have left this earth but his life will live on in our memories. We only briefly got to know Craig as neighbors in Mesa AZ. A few years ago the Andersons moved in next door as winter visitors. We became great friends and good neighbors right away. Craig's friendly personality, his easy going attitude and his obvious loving presence shone through in everything he did. Craig was not one to hide his light under a bushel. I look at his house and feel such sadness in knowing that I will never see him again but I rejoice in knowing how much he was loved. Craig lived a full life, created a wonderful family and will be missed.

Jane Wakefield - March 08, 2021 at 01:00 PM

WL

“ It is not goodbye...it is see you on the other side. I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Craig and family! I love his sense of humor and as a small child fell in love with him and beautiful Aunt Kathy. To many memories to list, I feel so very blessed he and his family are a part of my life. So very grateful families are forever. ❤️

Wendy Lowry - March 08, 2021 at 12:15 PM

SS

“ Kathy,
We express gratitude to you and Craig for your caring friendship for nearly sixty years. Where has the time gone? Please know of our sorrow in the passing of Craig! During this difficult time, Kathryn and I are extremely honored to have so many great memories of you and Craig. You are the best of good old friends. And, we know that old friends are real treasures in our lives.
With love, Seth and Kathryn Sparks



Seth and Kathryn Sparks - March 06, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JW

“ Dear Anderson Family,

May you be filled with happy memories of an amazing husband, dad, grandpa and friend. I really enjoyed every minute that I spent with uncle Craig. He was so kind and fun. I smile as I think of him and wish I could have seen him at least one more time. I am thankful for his positive attitude and how he made everyone around him feel special. He will be missed!! Sending our love, and wishes that you will feel peace and think of the many happy experiences that you shared with him. Love, Jessica Warner & Fam.

Jessica Warner - March 05, 2021 at 10:12 PM

SY

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sherry Young - March 04, 2021 at 03:36 PM

MB

“ Craig and I were stationed together on active duty.. I remember flying as an Instructor Navigator with Craig. He always was on top of things and put forth a great knowledge of navigation. Later on we both joined the Utah Air National Guard and we remained good friends throughout our service together.

Mac Bills - March 03, 2021 at 09:20 PM

BM

“ *The Anderson family lived next door to us in Newton. Craig was my brother's age and Sarah my age. We spent hours, days, years together growing up and playing together. Craig was a very special man and lived his entire life looking after others. Intelligent, handsome and good natured, he was so fun to be around. He will be sorely missed by all those lucky enough to know him. ❤️*

Benita Mattioli - March 01, 2021 at 05:46 PM

ER

“ *We are heartbroken at Craig's passing, and that such a wonderful man was taken so soon. We will always remember the first time we met our wonderful neighbors, Craig and Kathy, and how they immediately invited us to dinner. Dinner was Craig grilling which was amazing! Their warmth and kindness made us feel so welcome and as if we'd known them forever. The world is a lesser place without Craig in it. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and the family.*

Don & Erika Voiret

erika - February 27, 2021 at 08:59 PM

SW

“ *Every time I saw him, he just brought a smile to my face.*



Savannah Wilson - February 27, 2021 at 04:46 PM

KB

“ Craig was a great individual, glad that I got to fly with him for over 20 years in the ANG. My prayers are with you and your family. He was a great example to follow.
LTC Ken Burton

Ken Burton - February 27, 2021 at 10:27 AM

AC

“ Lots of grand memories with Craig, be it as Nav or Commander. Can't tell about running the Bulls in Spain. I can still see and hear his unique smile and laughter while he attempted Spanish. We, are still laughing in my heart and mind, and will always.
To the entire Anderson Family, please accept my sincerest heart felt condolences.

Al Chapman

Al Chapman - February 26, 2021 at 06:37 PM

MB

So very sorry for your loss, Kathy. Scott and I love you both very much. Craig (Bishop) was one of the major forces that helped reactivate me back into the church after 18 years of being inactive. He was always so understanding and never judgmental and always encouraged me on my path back into the church. He will be sorely missed, but we are comforted knowing he has his well earned place in heaven. Craig, we'll see you sometime, dear friend. God bless, Kathy. 🙏😊💕

Marjory and Scott Barber - February 27, 2021 at 12:08 AM

MN

“ Kathy, I had no idea this was going on. I’m so sorry to hear this. You and Craig were such great ministering souls to our family and we love you for it. I loved meeting with you both so many times, both in that capacity as well as at church before our new assignment. The last time I saw you both was on a walk when Craig was sporting a fine looking “Covid Beard!” Please know of our sympathies and love.

Mark Newman - February 25, 2021 at 02:21 PM

NB

“ A truly wonderful and beloved uncle! I will miss him dearly.

Nels Berge - February 25, 2021 at 01:36 PM

YU

“ Micheal (Ouyang Cong) and I met Mr and Mrs Anderson in Guangzhou in 2013 during their education mission. It was a memorable time to be their students. Mr Anderson always brought joy to everyone around him. He invited us to visit him in Utah and we had been looking forward to seeing him some day. Micheal and I were saddened to hear that he passed away. We are missing him with heartfelt sympathy, and our prayers go to his family. Please know we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.



Yuchuan - February 25, 2021 at 01:35 AM

BM

“ When Ron and I first met Craig and Kathy as missionaries in Rose Park I remember looking at him and feeling that I already knew him from somewhere. He was our leader, dear friend, and they were frequent dinner companions when we were all in Carlsbad, California. He and Kathy always made life more fun and I always felt one hundred percent being around them. I will regret not being able to see him again and hope to connect with Kathy soon. God bless you both!!! You have made such a difference to so many people!

Barbara Miller - February 25, 2021 at 12:41 AM

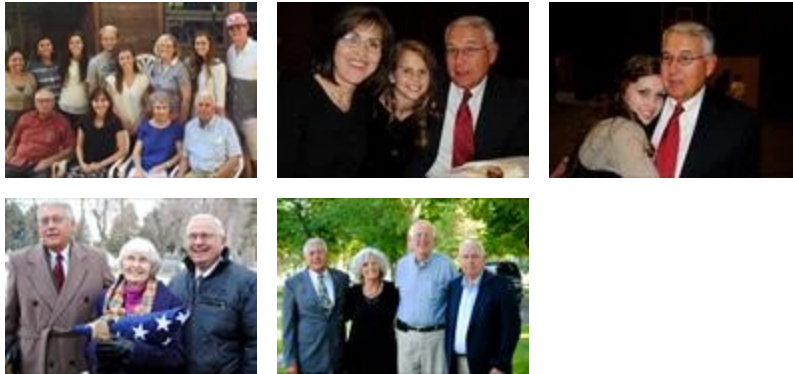
DH

“ I have greatly appreciated Craig's friendship. He was and is an outstanding soul. He was fun, thoughtful, spiritual, faithful, and genuine. We will dearly miss him. The small Eiffel Tower puzzle he brought to me from Europe and surprised me with sits proudly on my desk and will long remind me of him. Loved visiting with Craig following church services and our experience having Thai food together. He has been in our prayers earnestly since his diagnosis. Kathy, you and your family will remain in our prayers. I'm so grateful I was able to visit with Craig on the phone a few weeks ago. Dave Harris (Mesa, AZ)

Dave Harris - February 24, 2021 at 09:23 PM

MJ

“ I loved visiting Uncle Craig and Aunt Kathy as a college student in Utah. They often hosted me for dinner and it was always such a treat. I loved hearing memories and experiences they had in several countries and cultures. He gave the warmest hugs, the best advice, and the silliest jokes. I love his go getter attitude. Every time I arrived at their home, he would be standing at the door ready to welcome me. I love his love for family. He cherished his family dearly and was so excellent at keeping up with his children and grandchildren and always had cool accomplishments to share in a humble and sweet way. He never aged and always made everyone feel welcome and loved. Love you, Uncle Craig! ❤️



Megan Jones - February 24, 2021 at 08:58 PM

JM

“ I was blessed to travel the world with this wonderfully kind man and it was always a joy! May the Lord bless and keep those he loved.

Joe Mace - February 24, 2021 at 07:23 PM

WB

We are so sad and sorry to hear of the passing of Craig. We always enjoyed hearing about Craig and Kathy's Missions around the World. He was a wonderful brother in the Gospel. Our prayers go out to Kathy and his children. William & Susan Bryan Mesa, AZ

William Stanley Bryan - February 28, 2021 at 11:21 AM

BW

He was the consummate officer, navigator, friend and example to me as a great person seeing life for what it is and making the best of every opportunity. Sad to see this part of his life come to an end but know there is much joy in the future for all of us to find him again. There weren't many like him that leave such of impact on everyone like he did.

Brent Winget - April 25, 2021 at 09:52 PM