



## Rita Ann Craig

February 18, 1955 - April 6, 2024

Rita Ann Craig, 69, Scranton, Kansas, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Rita was born February 18, 1955, in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of Robert Jr. and Rita Brennan Barber and attended Topeka High School. On May 28, 1983, Rita and Bill Craig were united in marriage enjoying more than 40 years together.

Rita owned and operated several restaurants in Topeka and Carbondale but her heart was with those with disabilities whom she served through several entities but primarily SLI. She loved enriching the lives of those she served and that included doing all the required planning and accompanying them on trips they'd otherwise not be able to experience, like to Branson and Colorado. Rita enjoyed sewing and crocheting, creating many baby blankets and gifts.

Rita was dedicated to her family and loved them dearly. Her presence will be greatly missed.

Survivors include Rita's husband, Bill; daughter, Beth Greene (Tim); son, Ed Pursley (Jessica); daughter, Aimee Craig; very special niece, Tish Hermann (Doug); 12 grandchildren, Brandon, Taylor, Cylina, Collin, Hannah, Morgan, Ashley, Kristen, Katelyn, Kyler, Kayla and Justin; and 12 great-grandchildren;

her brothers, Rob Barber, Chris Barber and Danny Barber; and many nieces and nephews.

Rita Ann was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Michael, Tim, Mark and John Paul Barber and an infant great-granddaughter, Sawyer Greene.

Rita's family will greet friends Thursday, April 11, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Carbondale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to SLI or Midland Care, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Carbondale Cemetery

Carbondale, KS 66414

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Rosary

APR 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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APR **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Ann Craig



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - April 10, 2024 at 05:11 PM

PS

“ Rita will be very much missed. I worked with her at SLI and I just loved her. She cared so much about the clients and as you've already been mentioned, she always took them on trips and did everything she could with them. Make sure they went to bingo and everything else. She loved the clients very very much and they all loved her. She was a hard worker and a great friend, she would help you in anyway that you needed help. She will be greatly missed heaven did , she would help you in anyway that you needed help. She will be greatly missed heaven did I knew angel today gay a beautiful angel gain a beautiful angel prayers to the family and friends. God bless.

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**Patricia Shomaker** - April 10, 2024 at 01:58 PM

CW

“ Aimee, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. Although I did not know your mother, I do have the pleasure of working with you. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. There is nothing that I can say to make your hurting cease, but I can tell you that you have all the support and love from my family and I. We love you and May God place his hand over you and your family.

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**Chelsea White** - April 09, 2024 at 03:53 PM

DH

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was a great advocate for the people she supported while at SLI. She treated them like family and they knew how much she cared about them. She always did her best to make sure folks went to BINGO, thrift shopping and fun activities of their choosing. As Cindy said she enjoyed planning trips. She was also down for concerts and took people to a few of them. She was a hard worker.  
Praying for peace, strength and comfort in the days ahead for her family and friends.

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**Donna J Holstein** - April 08, 2024 at 11:05 PM

CF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Rita. I worked with Rita at SLI, we sure had some good times and took a couple of trips together with the clients. Some great times. I know she enjoyed planning the trips! You will be missed. Heaven gained a wonderful person where I am sure she is already planning parties! God Bless.  
Prayers to the family. Cindy Freeman

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**cindy freemal** - April 08, 2024 at 03:58 PM

RB

“ Rest in PEACE dear cousin.



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**Rita Berens** - April 08, 2024 at 12:32 PM

NJ

*we will miss you*

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