



Verne Craig

March 13, 1925 - August 21, 2008

Verne L. Craig, 83, of Topeka, passed away peacefully August 19, 2008 at Midland Hospice House. He was born March 13, 1925 in Varner, Kansas, the son of James Herbert and Zula (Thornsberry) Craig. Verne graduated from Kingman High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 with the last year on a weather ship in the South Pacific. He served during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953 in Adak, Alaska and Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in Chicago, Illinois in 1945 where he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. He remained in the Naval Reserves until retiring in 1966. Verne attended Kansas University and graduated in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation in 1949 and served in the Transportation Planning Department until her retired in 1987 as Chief of Transportation Planning. Verne was a member of the Crestview United Methodist Church. He was member of the Kansas Engineering Society, National Society of Civil Engineers. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 555 and Post No. 400 of the American Legion. He was a member of Topeka Orient Lodge No. 17, Topeka Scottish Rite and Arab Shrine. Verne married Evelyn June McMillan on October 16, 1949. She preceded him in death on September 18, 1991. Also preceding him in death was one sister, Helen (Craig) McClure and a brother, Howard L. Craig. Survivors include a son, James Allen Craig of Topeka, a daughter, Lana Kay (Craig) Stockdale and her husband, Dave of Colorado Springs; two grandchildren, Brian Guy Stockdale

and Lindsey June Stockdale of Colorado Springs. Other survivors include two sisters, Valda (Craig) Moorhead and her husband Richard of Roscoe, Texas and Joy A. (Craig) Stewart of Cedar Park, Texas. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. Viewing will be held at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road; Thursday, August 21, 6 to 8 PM. Services will be held at Crestview United Methodist Church, 2245 SW Eveningside Dr., Friday, August 22, 10 AM. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice House, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606.

Tribute Wall



“ Verne Craig

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jim and Lana,
We send our sincere Sympathy. You probably don't remember us but Larry was in the Mini-T's in the 70's. We attended many Shrine functions with your Mom and Dad. We were very fond of both and had many good times with them. Larry dropped out of the Mini-T's when our sons got into high School and we became so busy with their activities and living in Galva, Kansas, we could not keep up with everything. Sorry to say we haven't seen your Dad much in the past few years. We will always remember both your Mom and Dad.
Sincerely,
Larry and Bernie Tredway*

Larry and Bernie Tredway - August 21, 2008 at 08:50 PM



“ *I wanted to convey our most sincere condolences on behalf of my father and the rest of our family. My Dad worked closely with Verne at KDOT and more importantly they were good friends. During their retirement years I personally got to meet Verne at many get togethers that my parents went to or hosted with the rest of the KDOT "Cruise Group". My father is too ill himself now to attend the memorial but I wanted to let you know that he sends his best. I know it is difficult now but embrace the years and years of good memories and know that Verne is at peace now.
Best Regards, Traci (Stratmann)Bortz*

Bert Stratmann & Family - August 21, 2008 at 05:03 PM



“ *Jim, I am very sorry for your loss.*

Kellie McCain - August 20, 2008 at 01:50 PM