



Capt. Edward C. Craig

March 9, 1936 - June 18, 2025

CAPT Edward C Craig, USN (Ret) was born on March 9, 1936 in Huntington, West Virginia. He was born into eternal life at his home on June 18, 2025, at the age of 89. He attended Catonsville High School in Maryland and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1961. He went on to a successful career in the US Navy Submarine Force. Notable achievements in his career include commanding a squadron of PBRs in Vietnam and serving as the commanding officer on two diesel submarines and a submarine rescue ship USS Sunbird. Under his supervision, Sunbird performed an integral part of the retrieval of a Phoenix missile, which is highlighted in the book *Dark Waters*. Ed went on to graduate from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Ed was also a prominent member of the team that located and surveyed the Titanic. After serving in Illinois, California, Hawaii, Connecticut, South Carolina, Italy, Guam, and Rhode Island, he finished out 38 years of Naval service in Washington, DC. Following his Naval career, he also worked for a large defense contractor until he was 76 years old.

Ed met his wife, Joanne (Musashe) Craig, in Chicago while training a reserve submarine crew. They were married for 57 years and had 4 children, 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ed enjoyed working in the yard, playing golf, and being at the ocean.

In addition to his wife, Ed is survived by his sons Edward (Patricia Akins)

Craig of Manassas, VA and Matthew (Anne Ryan Sinnott) Craig of Haymarket, VA, his daughter Helen (Bradley) Anen of Gurnee, IL, his son-in-law Sherman Metcalf of Aldie, VA, 15 grandchildren: Victoria (Richard), Grace, Alexandra, Taylor, Amelia, Abigail, Edward, Katherine, Lucas, Ashlyn, Colin, Tyler, Jane, Ryleigh, and Tatum, 1 great grandson Atlas, his sister Patricia Shaw of Parkville, MD and many additional beloved extended family members. He is preceded in death by his parents Earl Craig and Vinnie Mae (Dawson) Craig, his brother Richard Craig and his daughter Elizabeth Metcalf.

The family will be receiving family and friends on Thursday, June 26 from 4-7 PM at Pierce Funeral Home at 9606 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, June 27th at 11:00 AM at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101. A luncheon celebrating the life of Ed will immediately follow at Flaherty Hall. Ed will be laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Capital Caring Health in Aldie, VA or Youth Apostles in McLean, VA.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave
Arlington, VA 22211
(877) 907-8585

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Catholic Church
7001 Georgetown Pike
McLean, VA 22101

Tribute Wall

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“ *May your beautiful memories comfort the days ahead. May his memory be a blessing.* ”



Rebekah Gibson - June 27, 2025 at 07:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Capt. Edward C. Craig.* ”



June 26, 2025 at 07:18 AM

BS

“ *Brian, Megan, Elizabeth & Abigail Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Capt. Edward C. Craig.* ”



Brian, Megan, Elizabeth & Abigail Smith - June 24, 2025 at 12:53 PM

FF

“ *From Pat and Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Capt. Edward C. Craig.* ”



From Pat and Family - June 23, 2025 at 07:21 PM

RA

“ Rick and Joanne Anen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Capt. Edward C. Craig.



Rick and Joanne Anen - June 23, 2025 at 01:08 PM