



## Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig

August 21, 1942 - April 12, 2020

Graveside services for Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig, 77, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2020 at the Shady Grove Cemetery with Bro. Matt Comer of the Still Waters Cowboy Church officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Guests are invited to attend via Facebook live stream.

Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig was born August 21, 1942 in Garrison, Texas. He passed this life April 12, 2020 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Eddie was the youngest of three children born to the marriage of Eddie L. and Martha Craig. He was raised and schooled in Garrison completed schools in Nacogdoches, where he met Rosine Frederick, together they raised four children. He later married Alta Mae Craig and gained three daughters from the union.

Mr. Craig worked as a truck driver for Tyson Foods, Inc. He was a member of the Still Waters Cowboy Church, loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and riding horses. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; Alta Rae Craig; brother, Johnny Craig, and sister, Alma Barton.

Mr. Craig is survived by his children, Eddie Craig of Austin, Jerry Craig and wife Rhonda of Nacogdoches, Sherry Kolb and husband William of Nacogdoches, Sammy Craig and wife Michelle of Nacogdoches; Michelle Ghering of PA, Pat Cole and husband Johnny of Marshall, Jane B. Hardee of Carthage, and Renee Lawhorn and husband Dale of Carthage; ten grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

145 CR 314  
DeBerry, TX 75639

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 23, 2020 at 02:17 PM

SN

“ Ride like wind Eddie, Vaya Con Dios, Sam

Sam Neely - June 08, 2020 at 10:22 PM

SB

“ Sharon Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig



Sharon Bush - April 19, 2020 at 03:19 PM

KC

“ Kathy Craig lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig



Kathy Craig - April 19, 2020 at 01:50 PM

KC

*You are very deeply loved and will forever be missed. You've always held a special place in my life and I'll always feel your loss. Love You.*

**Kathy Craig** - April 19, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DM

“ *Sherry, I know the loss is great, I know he will ne missed.*



**David Muckleroy** - April 18, 2020 at 01:36 PM

JD

“ *Renee, Dale and Craig family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you  
and remembering you in our prayers.  
With love,  
Jerry Don and Pat (Edens) Dorman  
Isaiah 40:31*



**Jerry Don and Pat E Dorman** - April 17, 2020 at 11:57 AM

SG

“ Uncle Eddie was one of the most loving, giving, honest, sincere and special men I have ever known. He loved God and his family to the fullest and always stood up for them. But, if they were wrong, he had no problem telling them so. He was very special to me and will be forever in my heart.

A huge, heartfelt Thank You to his son and daughter in law Sammy and Michelle Craig for the excellent care you gave him in your home in his final days. I am forever grateful for the love and generosity you shared with him. Sammy always remember that he loved you dearly. God bless you all. From a cousin you have never met but only talked to via phone and text. 🙏❤️😊 Susan Gillioz

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**susan gillioz** - April 17, 2020 at 08:23 AM

BW

“ Uncle Eddie always prefaced his greeting by telling me, “Beth this is your favorite uncle”. And he was my favorite. I have many fond memories of him over the years riding horses fishing and swimming. I remember one trip we took on he and Aunt Rae pontoon boat. Rae, my mom Opal, myself and a few others were cruising the lake and decided we would swim uncle Eddie stopped the boat and we all jumped in. However getting out of the water and back on the boat was not so easy. He pulled us all back in. Afterwards he said “I never pulled so many big butts out ever”! That was him always joking with us and always laughing.

To his family we send our condolences and our love. May peace be with you all and may you have his strength to get through this sad time. He will be missed by me as well as all and I am glad to have known him and shared so many happy times.

*Beth Windham Walters  
Baton Rouge*

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**beth walters** - April 16, 2020 at 11:28 AM

AS

“ *My condolences to the family and friends. I was saddened to see where Mr. Eddie passed. Mr. Eddie was my neighbor and friend for over 14 years. He was a fine man. He always had a smile and a big handshake. I miss him and his dear wife. May God bless the family as they work through their grief.*

*Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury*

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**Arnold Shrewsbury** - April 16, 2020 at 11:07 AM

SA

“ *Stephanie Almeida lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig*



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**Stephanie Almeida** - April 15, 2020 at 10:25 PM

TH

“ *Tony Hoght lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie J.R. Craig*



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**Tony Hoght** - April 15, 2020 at 04:48 PM