



Craig Monette

February 10, 1960 - August 17, 2023

Craig Monette, 63, who was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and mentor to so many, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home.

Craig loved life and lived every day to the fullest. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved fishing, hunting, hiking, shed hunting, riding dirt bikes, 4-wheelers, stand-up jet skis and snowmobiles. He took pride in his ability to fix anything with an engine and built several beautiful classic mustangs that you have probably have admired driving around town. He never met someone that he couldn't share a story with, find something in common with, or find love for. He would give the shirt off of his back to help anyone in need. He was very involved with the AA chapter of Chelan and was a few days shy of celebrating his 35th year of sobriety, something that he was truly proud of. He had a passion of sharing his sobriety journey and was a beloved sponsor to so many that were able to get their own lives back. He had so much pride and value in his work ethic and was a legend within the asphalt community for his expertise and skill. We all drive on his roads every day! He loved his wife, Deborah, and they shared an amazing life together, full of lots of adventures in their almost 37 years. Above all of this, he was an amazing father that raised three daughters to be independent, strong women. Craig was a man filled with compassion, understanding, generosity, and a wicked sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Monette; daughters: Arianna Galdarisi (Daniel), Jessica Maddox (Dean), and Shaleesha Escalera; brothers: Verne

(Tami) and Sam; sister, Debra; and his six grandchildren: Alex, Aniyah Rose, and Ben Galdarisi; and Ava, Blake, and Eli Escalera. He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna; father, Wally; and brother, Leigh.

Words cannot express how much Craig will be missed, not only by his family, but by the countless friends and lives he touched. He left little pieces of himself in everything he did, so there are many ways that he will be remembered and carried on in each of us. A riverside Celebration of Life will be held on September 9, 2023, in Entiat, WA. If you would like to attend, please contact the family to RSVP at (907) 268-0575 or (580) 483-4273.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local AA chapter or Toys for Tots at your local police department. One last thing from Craig,

LET'S GO BRANDON & GO TRUMP 2024!

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 9.

Riverside
Entiat, WA

Tribute Wall

GB

“ Craig when we was young you always set the rule of the game. Kickball At Phantom lake elementary to swimming spearing fish in phantom lake. We as kids had the most amazing time. But the one time you and I sat on top of a giant ledge of a mountain. So high that the air was different. We looked down to the bottom of the mountain. We sat there oblivious to the -30 deg cold. Enjoying our Marlboro just wowing at the amazing earth. We really did things. God gave us a hell of a time. When your dad brought me into your home. As a foster kid. For the first time I felt loved. I miss your or our family. Everything always special. Thank you for the life. Wish I had came before your exit. But don't worry I'll join you soon. I love you Craig. Dad Wally our lives was amazing. Thank you God my lord. Look over me Craig. I need all the help I can get.

Guy Ruff - Foster Brother - July 29, 2024 at 08:11 PM

SE

“ As I am not able to attend Craig's Celebration of Life, I want to offer my sincere condolences and well wishes to the entire Monnette family. It is with great pleasure that I can say I am a better man as a result of my being fortunate enough to work with Craig. He, along with my brother, Sherman Evenhus, were two of the hardest working and most respected individuals in the asphalt industry. Their energy, love for their work and their workmanship were unmatched! When I became General Manager of Morril Asphalt, Craig followed me there and never left until the sale of the company. He led the expansion of our operation into the Omak area as foreman of our paving crew. We never had to worry about customer service or quality of our finished product with Craig in charge. He was like the "Energizer Bunny"!!! He became a key piece of our entire operation as we were changing our company logo and color scheme of our equipment. We brought him on year round as his body repair and paint skills came to the forefront and allowed us to complete our makeover. His love of family, work, play time and his hunting was something we shared quite often in our conversations. I can only say that I am proud to say I knew Craig and that a really, really great man was taken from this world way to early. I can't recall him ever having a bad attitude or speaking harshly of another person! I drive on his work everyday as I use our driveway. Thank you Craig for allowing me to be a small part of your life and God Bless you family members and friends. Craig, you were simply one of the BEST. Love you my friend!!

Stan Evenhus - September 06, 2023 at 08:27 PM

LR

“ I am heartbroken by the news of this loss. Craig lit up our office everytime he came in to see us. I have a picture of him from the day he brought in the biggest elk antlers I have ever seen. We will miss your stories Craig and we will miss you. My heart goes out to Deborah, Craig's daughters, and to everyone that loved him.



Loni Rose - September 01, 2023 at 10:06 AM

KR

“ That smile and Hearty Hello will be missed he always had time for other people...Rest well my friend you will be missed

Kelly Rainford - August 27, 2023 at 10:22 PM

RS

“ Craig was a great brother-in-law to me and a wonderful uncle to my boys, Rodney & James. We will miss him and think of him always. My heart goes out to my sister Deb and my nieces Arianna, Jessica, and Shelli and their families. I know our lives won't be the same without him.

*In Loving Memory,
Rebecca Smith/Driver
Rodney Driver
James Driver*

Rebecca Smith/Driver - August 26, 2023 at 06:45 PM

TM

“ I met Craig in A A over 30 years ago Me and my family had just moved to Chelan He was great to talk with he had a story for everybody and one of his passions was Mustangs and I had a 69 Mustang for years and we talked about cars I was so lucky to talk him into fixing mine up and making back to the way it was when it was Brand New I wouldn't of had anyone else other then Craig when he agreed on doing it I was so excited because he loved doing it and He knew Mustangs like no other !!! I'm so fortunate to know Him and His Awesome wife and most of his family!! I'm so privileged to have My Mustang and to remember all the talks we had about my car with him and my sons and my husband He was so passionate about it I loved him as a person he was a good man He loved his Wife and family so much He is going to be missed so much and Godbless His Wife and Family See you again someday buddy fly high in heaven give dad a hug RIP ❤️🙏

Tina Moro - August 26, 2023 at 06:11 PM

DO

“ Prayers for you and your family Deborah Wayne and Dorene

Dorenesannes@yahoo.com - August 22, 2023 at 10:47 PM

CW

“ R.I.P. Craig. Thoughts and prayers for Deb and family .



Cheryl A. Williams - August 19, 2023 at 08:59 AM