



Craig Lee Ruble

May 22, 1956 - August 31, 2023

Craig Lee Ruble of Salem, Missouri, departed this life August 27, 2023, from his home in the beautiful Ozarks.

Craig was born in Sedalia, Missouri on May 22, 1956, at Whitman Air Force Base, the oldest of five children. The family lived in several areas of southwest Missouri as his father was a lineman for the Rural Electric Association, finally settling in Salem, where Craig graduated from Salem High School.

He discovered surveying while working for the Bureau of Land Management and became a Professional Land Surveyor, eventually establishing Ruble Survey Company. He served on the Board of Directors of Missouri society of Professional surveyors, holding office from 1997 to 2005 when he was elected President. He was a member of the Missouri Society of Professional surveyors and served as Dent County Surveyor.

Friends and family remember Craig for his tender heart, contagious smile, love of beagles and wildlife, rock and knife collections and his incredible sense of humor. He was a gifted storyteller, captivating an audience whether he was describing work in the federal and national forests of the Ozarks; changing the course of a river; or quirky mannerisms of relatives long gone. He delighted in hunting and camping on his property named Fishwater. His nieces and nephews were entertained as children by his musical instrument

solos on guitar, banjo, fiddle, violin and the all time favorite – his air trombone. He was a gentleman who made everything more fun.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents: Jack Ruble and Lela Jacobs. He is survived by his loving family including, stepdaughter: Deanna Nash of Salem, MO; siblings: Pamela Childress and husband Robert of Springfield, MO, Mark Ruble of North Little Rock, AR, Kim Gollhofer and husband Thomas of Salem, MO, and Amanda Wampler and husband Gene of Springfield, MO; grandchildren: Emily Brooks and husband Jake, and Savannah, Erin, Aubrey, and Eli Nash; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Celebration of Life was held Saturday, September 23, 2023, in the Wilson Mortuary Family Center.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Craig Ruble to the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors (722 E. Capitol Ave. Jefferson City, MO 65101). The MSPS program is to help aid surveyors who are working to get their license.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **16.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Family Center
1000 West International
Salem, MO 65560
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com>

Tribute Wall



“ I just found out about Craig’s passing, and am so sorry. That’s too young. We’ve been out of touch for so many years (1986?), but I can still hear that laugh and voice, and remember some of those inspired outbursts of his. I really appreciated him as a gifted, joyful, sorrowful human and can only imagine how much harder it was for his family and friends to lose him. Many condolences.

Nancy Hensold - July 03, 2024 at 08:42 PM

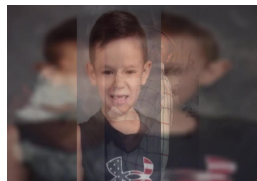


“ RIP, Craig. We had a few great times together at Parker with Billy, Scott and the crew.

Gene Krause - September 20, 2023 at 11:10 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - September 18, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ 142 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wilson Mortuary - September 15, 2023 at 06:04 PM

KD

Love these pictures.

Kurt G Dennison - September 16, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Craig Lee Ruble*.



September 12, 2023 at 08:49 PM

LF

“ I remember meeting Craig for the first time while attending a MARLS Surveyors convention, sometime in the mid 80's in Jefferson City. He was always full of smiles and stories. From that time on when we would see each other, he was relentless about selling me on Trig-Star and taking it to my local area high schools to show students there really was a purpose for math! I enjoyed his stories of rural Missouri Land Surveying. He will be missed, my deepest condolences to his family.

Lee Ferrenbach PLS

Lee Ferrenbach - September 12, 2023 at 12:17 PM

PC

“ My condolences to the Family. I'm not absolutely certain if I had met Craig at a past MSPS seminar or not as he does look familiar.

*Sincerely,
Patrick S. Cooper, PLS, Realtor*

Patrick Cooper - September 07, 2023 at 01:53 PM

JR

“ Craig was a kind and generous soul who had the biggest heart. His presence always lit up the room. He kept his nieces and nephews enthralled with his antics. His laughter was contagious. He spoke to them and sang to them in what he called “Double Talk.” I think he just made it up, but we were always so impressed. The memories we have bring a smile. He will truly be missed, as he was greatly loved by so many.

Janet Ruble - September 05, 2023 at 10:59 PM

MS

“ Sad news. Back in the early 70s, Craig and I were swimming in the Salem City Pool when he encouraged me to apply for a DJ job at KETU, where he was working too. I went on to work at KSMO before joining the Navy Submarine Service, and have been at KSMU in Springfield since 1980. Craig helped in the creation of my career in radio. Rest In Peace, friend.

mike smith - September 03, 2023 at 11:11 PM

MN

Sad to hear my brother. Craig and I met in school at Viburnum and lost track of him after they moved to Salem. Many years later we crossed paths at a Surveyor conference and rekindled the friendship. Thanks for the great times and sharing Fish Water. Love you buddy. Until we meet again.

Mark Nations - September 04, 2023 at 06:43 AM

BB

We cherish the memories of Craig. Time spent when our offices joined and time at our home. Sad to hear of his passing. Praying for his family. Bill & Sandy

Bill and Sandy Bowers - September 04, 2023 at 10:05 AM

LM

We were very sad to learn of Craig's passing. We enjoyed every opportunity to visit and be entertained by him at land survey conferences and survey rendezvous. We regret we're unable to attend Craig's services on the 16th, but we have my sister's husband's Celebration of Life in Springfield the same day. We are keeping all who love and miss him in our prayers. We count ourselves extremely blessed to have known Craig for the past 35 years and we look forward to seeing him again, someday.

Loyd & Connie Todd - Ozark MO - September 07, 2023 at 03:23 PM

CP

I was saddened to learn of Craig's passing. I worked for the State Land Survey office for 26 years so talked to him quite often. We had many conversations ranging from surveying to religion to our love for music. He had a great sense of humor & kept us in stitches most of the time. I deeply regret I will not be able to attend his services as I have an out of state trip planned. I feel blessed to have called Craig a friend. Prayers for his family. Carol Payne

Carol J Payne - September 08, 2023 at 07:55 AM