



Craig K. Strain

August 28, 1959 - December 4, 2019

Craig K. Strain passed from this life on December 4, 2019 in Lafayette, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Rev. and Mrs. Charles Kirkindoll, and Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Strain. Survivors include his mother, Ann Tillman of Jefferson, TX; father Ernest Strain of Abilene, TX; two sisters and brother-in-laws, Cheryl and Bobby Schroeder of Plano, TX, and Stacia and Dr. Randy Richards of South Palm Beach, FL; three nieces and their spouses, Leigh Schroeder of Austin, Texas, Kayla Schroeder & Ben Carpenter of Dallas, TX and Nikki and George Sabodash of Bedford, TX; two nephews and their spouses, Josh and Savanna Richards of Bismarck, ND; Jacob and Anastasha Richards of Pleasant Prairie, WI; along with several great nieces and nephews, other family members and friends, and many close colleagues and beloved students.

Craig was born in San Angelo, Texas on August 28, 1959, and he spent his childhood growing up in the cities of Abilene and Ft. Worth, TX. While in high school, Craig excelled in the sports of baseball and basketball. After graduating from high school in 1977, Craig attended Texas A&M University where he received a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering in 1981. After a several years in the petroleum industry, Craig was accepted to the graduate program at Rice University. He completed his master's degree in Economics in 1994. While at Rice, Craig discovered a love for teaching which led to him become a college professor at South Louisiana Community College. At family gatherings Craig shared that some of his most enjoyable times were working with his students and spending extracurricular time with his colleagues in South Louisiana. At the time of his death, he was a resident of St. Martinville. Craig will be missed by his family, friends, colleagues and students.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

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Comments



“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Craig's passing. I met Craig our freshman year at A&M, and have so many good memories of our time together both at A&M and after graduation - Willie Nelson concerts, working at the same oil company after A&M, meeting once halfway between Abilene and Fort Worth for a chicken fried steak at Mary's in Strawn TX. I could fill a number of pages with my memories of Craig. His humor and laughter was contagious. The people we meet and share time with in our lives become part of us, and Craig will always be part of mine.

Jack Green - January 21 at 08:52 PM



“ It broke my heart to hear the news yesterday about Craig K. My emotions have swung from the extremes in these 24hrs. Sad that his smile and warmth has left us. Laughing so hard about the fun we had on road trips or just sitting in the Chicken or the letter to the Batt or Sea Monkey fun.

Reading the comments of his students and co-workers has helped ease the tightness in my chest and the lump in my throat. I have no doubt he was an excellent educator who freely shared his knowledge and gifts to help others.

Chris Drake

Chris Drake - January 03 at 12:57 PM



“ Craig was a dear friend at Rice when we were in graduate school today. He was a proud volunteer manager of the graduate student bar (Valhalla) at Rice. He always had a story to tell and was always smiling. As a graduate student, he was a great teacher of introductory microeconomics to the undergraduates and a great mentor to the students of Hanszen college where he was a resident asistant. I am so happy he found his calling as a professor. May he rest in peace.

Purvez Captain

Purvez Captain - January 01 at 04:45 PM



“ Charlene Potier lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Charlene Potier - December 10, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Professor Strain. My deepest sympathies to your family for this great loss. I was blessed to have him as a Professor. He will be deeply missed.

Charlene Potier - December 10, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ We appreciate your kind thoughts.

Ann Tillman - December 11, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ South Louisiana Community College was so fortunate to have Craig as a member of our faculty. Craig impacted students so positively and was a respected and kind colleague. We will miss him greatly.

Natalie Harder - December 07, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss.
Please accept my deepest heartfelt sympathies during this most difficult time and the days ahead.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Richard Wallace - Norfolk, Va. - December 07, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Thank you for the loving thoughts you have written about my son. Craig loved his friends and his students and spoke of you often. Your kindness gives me great comfort. Thank you. Ann Tillman

Ann Tillman - December 07, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ It was an honor to have Mr Strain as a Professor this semester. He will be deeply missed and he was most certainly loved by all.

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Jessica



Jessica Cooper - December 07, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. I was one of his students at SLCC and though we only met once a week, I had the fortune of running into him in the hallways. I had gotten to see him a couple of times and he always had interesting stories to tell. I had looked forward to seeing him again next semester but I guess time had other things in store. I will miss him and his stories. In his memory, I will always remember; guns and butter, Mr. Strain. Thank you

Issac Jordan - December 07, 2019 at 02:34 AM



“ Marsha Burris lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Marsha Burris - December 07, 2019 at 01:13 AM



“ I have lots of fond memories growing up behind Bro & Mrs Kirk, when Craig and his sisters would visit! Love you Ms. Ann, and family. Praying for you.

Marsha Burris - December 07, 2019 at 01:15 AM



“ Thank you, Marsha

Ann Tillman - December 07, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to Mr.Strains family. Craig Strain was a pure soul and always kept a smile on his face. He was an amazing professor and he definitely enjoyed what he did. I'm thankful for having the honor of knowing you Professor Strain, Fly high!

Trinity Katherine - December 06, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ Nataki Faulk lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Nataki Faulk - December 06, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ I have such fond memories of our conversations between classes in New Iberia and Lafayette. Craig always had a smile and kind words for me. He will be missed.

Lois Dooley - December 06, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ My condolences to Mr. Strain’s family and friends. I only just saw Professor Strain last week for our last day of class before the Thanksgiving holiday. He was a great professor and quite funny. I was saddened to hear of his passing, all too soon. He will be missed tremendously by many people including the students and staff of SLCC. Fly high Mr. Strain!

Alisha Sattler - December 06, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ Sara Albert lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Sara Albert - December 06, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Craig's passing. Craig and his family were family to me while growing up.
I pray that the Father's peace be on this family at this time. Ya'll are so special to me.

Roger Gibbs

Roger Gibbs - December 06, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ We are so sadden to hear of Craig's death, he and our son spend every Sunday together either at our home or his. Also many other times together they were like brothers. May God be with all of you. Dale and Pat Gibbs, Abilene, Texas

Pat Gibbs - December 06, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Pat, we have so many wonderful memories. Thank you for reminding me. My love, Ann

Ann Tillman - December 07, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Ann, yes I can just see our sweet boys playing together and watching the Dallas Cowboys play football and then play with the race cars in our kitchen floor. Roger loved going to your house. Our prayers are with and for you.

Pat Gibbs - December 08, 2019 at 02:17 AM



“ Ready in Peace, Mr. Strain.



Stefenie Miller - December 06, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ I enjoyed our weekly visits at the New Iberia campus. You will be missed.

Dawn Thibodeaux



Dawn Thibodeaux - December 06, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ I often early and stayed late, just to chat with Professor Strain. He was interesting and engaging and I enjoyed hearing his thoughts. Many of his class examples involved his family, for whom I send my deepest condolences. I also send my sympathies to his friend and colleague, Professor Mamta, whom he also spoke so fondly of. He will be missed throughout the halls.



Rhegan - December 06, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ God bless you, Craig.
Katherine Rolfes,
Library Director, SLCC

Katherine Rolfes - December 06, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Shelia Charles lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Shelia Charles - December 06, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ Kelita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Kelita Johnson - December 06, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ Lawana Stokes lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Lawana Stokes - December 06, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Tami C Whittington lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



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“ Delana Prudhomme lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Delana Prudhomme - December 06, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ Kevin Isbell lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



Kevin Isbell - December 06, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ John W. Wright lit a candle in memory of Craig K. Strain



John W. Wright - December 06, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Ann, I am so sorry to hear about Craig. I last saw him at James' funeral and he told me he was doing well. It still seems surreal to me. I just want you, to know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. I can't imagine how difficult it is for you.

Rex and Melba Stokes

Melba Stokes - December 18, 2019 at 05:58 PM