



Dr. Craig Carson Wood

March 9, 1955 - February 1, 2022

Dr. Craig C. Wood, 66 of Fort Myers, FL passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in Fort Myers, Florida. Formerly of Findlay, OH and Indianapolis, IN, he moved to Bonita Springs, FL in 1982, and was a resident of Southwest Florida for the remainder of his life. Craig was born March 9, 1955 in Chicago, IL a son of Quentin H. and the late Margaret (Anderson) Wood.

He spent his childhood in Park Forest, Illinois. Dr. Wood attended Indiana University where he earned his undergraduate degree and his doctorate in dental surgery degree. In 1982, he established his dental practice in Bonita Springs where he served his community until his retirement in 2001.

Dr. Wood was a member of the American Dental Association and held the position of president of his Kiwanis Club chapter. He enjoyed traveling the world, visiting over 95 countries. However, one of his favorite destinations was Disneyworld, where he visited yearly with his family around Christmas time. Craig was also an avid sports fan, and especially loved his annual trip to Las Vegas with friends for the NCAA men's basketball tournament. He had a fun-loving personality that earned him many friends and acquaintances, and he was known for his clever one-liners and nicknames for everyone he met.

Survivors include his father Quentin, sister, Sara Wagner of Findlay, OH, loving children, Kate (Scott) Sadowski of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Andrew

(Kyi Phyu Shwe) Wood of Singapore, cherished grandchildren Maverick, Jett, and Oliver, and loving niece Elizabeth Wagner. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his brother, Philip Scott Wood.

Funeral services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dr. Wood's name to Kiwanis Children's fund.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Craig Carson Wood*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sending belated condolences to Craig's family. I have tried to keep in touch in the years since Craig and I dated at IU and often thought we'd get the chance to see each other on one of my annual visits to Naples. I was so sad to find this posting online today. Now I've missed the chance to buy him a banana daiquiri and share a toast to happy memories of younger days.*

His nickname for me was squirrel and I still have a stuffed Steiff squirrel he gave me. I remember his love for the Honeymooners reruns and references to the invisible man. He was so proud of his orange (and later white) Corvette Stingray. Super intelligent and very competitive. He gave me my first pet...a black cat I named Mitters. I know years later he had a family cat of the same name. My friends and family all loved him and his personality made him a beloved dentist to his patients I'm sure. Rest in peace Craig.

*With love, Holly Brady Rudie
hrrudie82@aol.com*

Holly Rudie - August 11, 2022 at 05:57 PM



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jeff - February 15, 2022 at 02:49 PM

JE

“ I remember Craig from his teen years, braces and all, watching him over and over perfecting his magic tricks and making Sara's bunny disappear. We would practice hitting the plastic golf balls for hours, I think he got good at golf later on, but sadly we lost contact during our adult years, except to wish each other a happy birthday. I know that he was taken too soon and that he will be dearly missed by all that knew him. My condolences to his family.

Jeff - February 15, 2022 at 01:11 PM

SW

Thank you Jeff. Craig liked you so much... he always talked about the time that you rescued him from a group of guys!

Sara Wood Wagner - February 16, 2022 at 04:44 PM

“ Craig was my first school friend. We met on the first day of first grade and he sat directly behind me. It was 1961 and the Dick Van Dyke Show hadn't even premiered yet.

With the addition of Bill, our group grew to three and stayed that way through high school. If you've seen the movie "Stand By Me", you know what I'm talking about. There was also a fourth person, but they came and went. For the best decade of our lives, it was Craig, Bill and me.

Craig was the cool one, but he was also funny and a lot smarter than he let on. We even dated some of the same people, but Craig was the leader. In fact, Bill ended up marrying one of these young ladies.

There are lots of Craig stories, but my favorite is from high school. Craig had a math class with Bill and Bill was always "sick" on test day. Bill would get the test answers from someone else, then take the make-up test. Craig and I went to the math teacher, Mr. Rinkenberger, and proposed a good-natured get-back.

Rinkenberger gave Craig and me a blank mimeograph sheet and we wrote a fake math test with impossible solutions. We made it look exactly like a real test...typing, graphics, the works. As Rinkenberger told us, when he handed out the fake test, Bill's cocky confidence instantly drained from his face. I guess you could say that for one day, Rinkenberger was the fourth member of our group.

Unfortunately, there was a "friendly fire" casualty in this story. There was another person who was absent the same day, a serious and studious girl named Diane. Unlike Bill, she actually tried to answer the math questions. To this day, she may still be sitting in that classroom :)

I was devastated when I heard of Craig's passing. Bill passed away two years ago and now there's nobody left to confirm that any of this

ever happened. I'm going to miss you, Craig.

Eric Rosenbery - February 12, 2022 at 02:07 PM

SW

What a great story Eric! It's nice to hear about "Craig" experiences that we never knew! I know that both you and Bill meant the world to him.

Sara Wood Wagner - February 13, 2022 at 10:59 AM

KA

This is such a nice story! I can just picture all of this! Thank you for sharing :)

Kate - February 17, 2022 at 03:23 PM

SW

“ *Sara Wood Wagner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Craig Carson Wood*



Sara Wood Wagner - February 11, 2022 at 10:46 PM

SW

“ *Craig was my brother. He was definitely one of a kind! He would light up any room that he walked into and could keep you laughing until it hurt. We spent Thanksgivings together for years on end and he would submit his required menu before his arrival! Christmas was his favorite time of the year and he mastered the voice of Santa to bring joy to children of all ages over the phone. I could go on and on about Craig but I'll just end by saying that he loved his children and other family members deeply and I will miss him every minute of my life.*

Sara Wood Wagner - February 11, 2022 at 03:44 PM

DL

To Craig's family, I met Craig about 15 yrs ago. I dated his sister and they showed me what family was all about. They had such a rivalry with who could argue more about everything and nothing but you could tell they loved each other. Craig was a very smart man and a man of the world. I'll miss him.

Darrell Lanagan - February 16, 2022 at 07:07 PM

AS

Ann and I are so saddened to hear about Craig. I met Craig when we were first year dental students. I was married so Craig came to our house a lot for a home cooked meal. Actually my nickname was married. I have great memories and stories about our 4 years in Indianapolis. I was remembering last night some of the names he had for all of us. Craig and I have stayed in touch through the years just wish it could have been more frequent. Sending our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mark and Ann Shaffner

Ann Shaffner - February 17, 2022 at 12:01 PM