



## Thomas "Jeff" Craney

May 15, 1955 - May 2, 2018

Thomas "Jeff" Craney 62, of Chicago, IL and a winter resident of Bonita Springs, FL completed his earthly journey peacefully and surrounded by love Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at his home in Florida after a valiant fight with cancer. He was born May 15, 1955 in Montgomery, IN a son of the late Thomas F. and Marjorie (née Watson) Craney.

In 1973, Jeff graduated from Barr Reeve High School in Montgomery, IN and continued his education at Indiana State University where he received his Bachelor's degree in 1977.

He spent over 25 years with Owens Corning at various locations throughout the country ending his career as Vice President of Sales at the Toledo, OH World Headquarters location. He then joined Crane Company where he spent 10 years as President of the composites division located in Channahon, Illinois until his retirement in May 2017.

He was a loyal member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville, IL and a dedicated 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly J. Mellars-Craney of Chicago, IL, one son, Thomas M. Craney of Irvine, CA; one daughter, Hannah L. Lusk and her husband, Thomas of Chicago, IL; two brothers, Fred (Janice) Craney of

Washington, IN and Tim Craney of Indianapolis, IN; three sisters, Linda (Arnold) Sussman of St. Louis, MO, Mary Ann (Mark) Walton of Bloomington, IN and Janet (Brad) Stiemel of Lake Mary, FL. As well as several nieces, nephews and great nieces/nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held beginning at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at St. Raphael Catholic Church 1215 Modaff Rd., Naperville, IL 60540 A celebration of life gathering will follow at a location to be announced.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAY **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
1215 Modaff Rd.  
Naperville, IL 60540

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas "Jeff" Craney*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Beverly...  
It was my honor to get to know you and Jeff these last few months.  
You gave him such comfort and wonderful loving care; it is clear  
that's what love is all about and you two were a good example of  
that.  
May your sweet memories comfort you and console you in the  
weeks and months ahead.*

Adrienne Cady - May 23, 2018 at 11:17 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased  
for the family of Thomas "Jeff" Craney.*



May 18, 2018 at 03:46 PM

RS

“ Jeff and I were veteran Owens Corning employees when we met at OC Sales School. From that point, we tracked each other careers in different divisions. Not surprisingly, he rose rapidly with his sharp sense of what is right, not only in the moment but long term, for both customers and employees.

Our paths crossed again, Jeff as president of Crane Composites and now a valued customer for me!! Through that time, we shared life experiences of divorce and finding new partners to complete our lives. I know Beverly made the sun shine in new way for Jeff and in special ways this past year.

They broke the mold after Jeff and a dear friend will be forever missed.

Reagan Stephens

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Reagan Stephens - May 16, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas "Jeff" Craney.



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May 16, 2018 at 11:26 AM

PL

“ Bev, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and his family at this time. May his memories provide you comfort in the days ahead.

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Pam Luzio - May 16, 2018 at 08:45 AM

JB

“ *Bev...so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man Jeff was. We are all better off having known him. Wow...just wow*

Jeff Blunt - May 12, 2018 at 06:34 PM

BW

“ *Bev and family - just wanted to send my condolences on Jeff's passing. I enjoyed very much, working with him at OC. A kind, great leader.  
Wishing blessings for your family during this difficult time.  
Barb Whetstone*

Barb Whetstone - May 10, 2018 at 09:48 PM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Thomas "Jeff" Craney.*



May 08, 2018 at 08:59 PM

KH

“ *Bev and Family*

*My heart breaks for you.*

*I have known Jeff for 20 years - as a colleague at Owens Corning, as a peer on the ACMA board, as a customer at Crane Composites, and as a friend. In every situation, Jeff has been top notch - professional, positive, caring, disciplined, and happy. Even as he was going through these months of pain and treatment, the essence of his personality still rang true.*

*Jeff is a great human being, and he will be missed. I so admire your strength (Wonder Woman) every day of his life you were together. It was always so evident the love you had was everything to him.*

*Much love to you....you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kim Howard*

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**Kim Howard** - May 08, 2018 at 08:53 AM

AS

“ *Our sincere condolences to Beverly and the entire Craney family.*

*Our thoughts*

*and prayers are with you all. We remember Jeff from his time at the Owens Corning*

*Newark, Ohio plant, He always demonstrated excellent leadership and earned the respect of all the employees. He will be remembered as a great man.*

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**Alice & Gary Swailes** - May 07, 2018 at 06:41 PM

ML

“ *Bev, I am so sorry. My heart goes out to you. What a wonderful couple with so much love. I can remember when I worked at OC what a nice person that Jeff was, and he always had a smile. May God give you peace and comfort. Prayers for you and the family.*



*Marsha Long*

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**Marsha Long** - May 07, 2018 at 04:46 PM

JB

“ *James Blaszczyk lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Jeff" Craney*



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**James Blaszczyk** - May 07, 2018 at 11:50 AM

BS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Bev and the entire family. Jeff was a wonderful, inspirational man, who was an outstanding leader at OC, impacting each of us with his passion and commitment to hard work and success as a team. He will be missed.*

*God bless you.  
Bobbi Sanders*

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**Bobbi Sanders** - May 07, 2018 at 11:50 AM

CH

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of Jeff's family!  
Chuck & Jane Oberfield  
Pinellas Park Fl. & Newark Oh.

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**ChuckOberfield** - May 06, 2018 at 02:52 PM

BR

“ We have lost a great man in our family. Everyone loved him and everyone he met he spread his love to. Bev, you gave him the best care he could have and love. In the days ahead we pray God gives you strength to continue his love for others.  
God is holding him now and giving him his Heaven wings. We are sure he has Angels surrounding him.  
We will continue our prayers for you as you go through this deeply sad time. We will never forget him.  
If you ever need anything at all..just ask please.  
We love you. Sympathies to the family.  
Bobbie Roe & Larry Miracle  
Newark, Ohio

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**Bobbie Roe** - May 06, 2018 at 01:25 PM

BW

A great giving and thoughtful brother-in-law gone too soon. Great memories of times spent will always be with me. My heart aches for my sister who was the love of his life and vice versa. May the good Lord continue to give Bev the strength as she continues her journey on earth without him till they meet again for eternity 💔  
Billie

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**Billie Wince** - May 07, 2018 at 01:37 PM

BD

“ Our world has lost a wonderful human being. Thank you, Bev and family for taking such good care of our friend Jeff during his most recent time here on earth.  
*Bob Doyle and family*

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**Bob Doyle** - May 06, 2018 at 11:43 AM

BK

“ Jeff inspired me to be better, to try to roll with the punches, to say yes more..to love people for who they were. He was always willing to help, to play, to teach. My heart is broken, for he was taken way too soon. He deserved more time, thos world needed more people like him. We love you Jeff..and will miss you even more.



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**Bridgette Keefe** - May 06, 2018 at 07:54 AM

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“ Cindy And Greg Ressler lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Jeff" Craney



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**Cindy and Greg Ressler** - May 06, 2018 at 07:51 AM