



## Dale L. Crafton

November 29, 1962 - December 11, 2018

Dale L. Crafton,

56, of Indianapolis, passed away December 11, 2018. He was born November 29, 1962 in Franklin, Indiana to William D. and Mary C. Crafton. Dale attended Thomas Carr Howe High School and graduated from Arsenal Tech High School. He married Beth Bailey and was a maintenance technician for many years. Dale was a member of Eastgate Christian Church.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 26, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 12 noon at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Dale is survived by his wife, Beth B. Crafton; father, William D. Crafton (Lola); mother, Mary C. Chappell; daughter, Lacy Marie Crafton; son, Zachary Jean Crafton; grandson, Shane Tracy; step-children, Mark E. Reifeis and Ellen M. Randall (Nathan); step-grandchildren, Olive M. Randall and Jackson B. Reifeis; and sisters, Joni J. Semich and Tracy L. Lynch. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 26. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

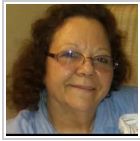
Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
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Indianapolis, IN 46229  
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## Memorial Service

DEC 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

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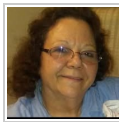


“ *Sandy Monroe lit a candle in memory of Dale L. Crafton*



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**Sandy Monroe** - December 27, 2018 at 07:54 PM



*I have great memories growing up with you and Joni. You always had a smile and were a great friend and just alot of fun to be around .Until we meet again , your friend Sandy*

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**Sandy Monroe** - December 27, 2018 at 07:57 PM

MD

“ *I knew Dale growing up living together I watched Lacy and Zack and Stephen all playing together at that time he was with Jennifer a lot of memories Continue in prayer for the family until that day we will see Dale*

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**Mike Davis** - December 26, 2018 at 09:21 AM

CR

“ I worked with Dale for several years at Arlington Terrace before I sold the property in 2016. Dale came along at a time that I very much needed a reliable, honest, and responsible maintenance supervisor. He filled that role and more. His devotion to a job well done was a key factor in the successful wrap-up of my business there.

*Dale was all that others have said here -- he was innovative, a self-starter (and finisher) and a no-nonsense kind of guy. Tough on the outside, but underneath that tough and fiercely independent exterior was a heart of gold - with a special soft spot for stray animals and the helpless elderly.*

*I will always remember Dale standing in the doorway to my office with a slight grin on his face, announcing his arrival there saying "Anita here". You see he called himself "Anita" when he came to tell me he needed to order a part or appliance because the name sounded like what he was about to say...."I need a.....". I will remember the Monday morning stories of buckets full of morels gathered during a trip to his dad's farm, or about the peacefulness of the woods even though there was no deer bagged for the time spent there. Then there were the times during our years together when our close proximity at work meant we were bound to share events that were sometimes painful and emotional -- a sick pet that would eventually have to be put down, the passing of a close friend or family member, a tragic discovery in the creek behind the house, or a struggle with any of life's dark eruptions that would cause one of us to notice something was "off" that day. It was during those times that you could see Dale's true character come through. And it was golden.*

*Dale was a good man. Sadly missed, but fondly remembered.*

*Connie Rubek  
with condolences also from my entire family - Sam, Vladi, Phil, and Emma*

**Connie Rubek** - December 24, 2018 at 10:45 AM

HM

“ I worked with Dale at Somerset Lakes apts. about yrs. 2000/2001. What a fine person he was. Good-bye for now, your "han-yak" buddy.  
Henry Medjesky

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**Henry Medjesky** - December 23, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JR

“ I was able to work with Dale for a number of years at Paragus Management Company when he was the lead maintenance supervisor for Stonybrook Apartments. He was always innovating in solving problems as well as being someone you could depend on. He was a self starter and could repair anything without direction or outside help. I could count on his help when we worked on several rental properties I had, even when he had a full time job. His family was blessed to have his presence. I shall miss him.

Jim Ross

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**Jim Ross** - December 23, 2018 at 05:57 AM

AS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dale at Arlington Terrace. He was a great man and great employee. His love for animals is amazing. He will be greatly missed.

Arlington Terrace Management

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**Ashley** - December 20, 2018 at 02:44 PM

MM

“ We live across the street from Dale and Beth. We are so sorry to learn of Dale's passing. We knew him because when we moved in, a few short years ago, he was one of only two of our neighbors to stop by and introduce himself and welcome us to the neighborhood. We will miss seeing him, never passing by without a smile and a wave. Great neighbor. Great guy. Take Care,

Your neighbors,

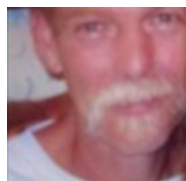
Melissa and Dale

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Melissa M. - December 19, 2018 at 07:52 PM

Mary Chappell

“ 1 file added to the album Dale



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Mary Chappell - December 16, 2018 at 11:22 AM

Mary Chappell

"In memory of my son, Dale Lee Crafton - "My son may not fit on my lap forever, but he will always be in my heart, in my prayers, and on my mind as I love him with all that is within in me." Tho' you are gone you will always be with me. Love you Mom Mountain  
Wisdom@facebook.com

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Mary Chappell - December 16, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *I'm going to miss you so much big brother. I know you are in heaven with Grandpa and Grandma, Daddy and everyone else. Love you always Tracy*



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**Tracy Lynch** - December 14, 2018 at 04:25 PM