



Craig A. Lane

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Craig Arthur Lane was a loyal friend and loving family man. In the wake of his passing, he is being celebrated a fundamentally decent and kind man not only by his wide and far-flung network of family and friends, but those who knew him less well, from neighbors to his children's friends. Like Craig, those words are not showy, but speak to the fundamental and quiet goodness that touched so many around him.

Craig's incredible work ethic meant he always strived for excellence at whatever he took on, whether at work at Waupaca Foundry, rounding out a foursome in golf outings (where he was always first pick), or having the best holiday light display in the neighborhood—at least until that incident with a ladder and giant spruce tree.

That incredible work ethic and deep streak of Iowan practicality was paired with a softer side that might come as a surprise to those who did not know him well.

When snow came, he was out before dawn with his snowblower. This was both to make sure that there were no rogue tire tracks in the driveway, but also to create a complex maze of paths so the small family dog could still explore the yard.

He spent each spring seeding the lawn and prepping the garden, while also setting up feeders and fountains while eagerly awaiting the first appearance of his favorite songbirds, especially the indigo bunting and scarlet tanager. He made doubly sure those feeders and fountains were filled ahead of inclement weather.

He loved watching old Westerns, cheering on (and sometimes yelling at) the Green Bay Packers, and though he was a loyal fan of both the Badgers and the Hawkeyes, when they played each other, it was the Hawkeyes all the way. He was also the biggest supporter and cheerleader of his family, clocking thousands of miles driving to his son's swim meets, spending hours weeding his wife's garden, and many acts of love and support too numerous to count.



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Craig Arthur Lane was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, on January 30, 1961. He grew up in Livermore, Iowa, where he learned about the value of hard work helping out on his relatives' farm. He was a varsity athlete in track and basketball, before pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting at Buena Vista University in Iowa. Work eventually brought him to Waupaca, where he met his wife, Barbara, and they built a life together.

Craig will be missed and mourned by a widespread network of friends and family, people he quietly and effectively loved and supported with acts of kindness and service large and small.

Craig fought a hard and long battle before succumbing to liver failure on November 14, 2022. His family was there to say good-bye. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, children Kelly (Landis) and Seth, brother Jeff, mother-in-law, Jane, as well as cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn, father, Sonny (Harold), and brother, Jerry.

A.J. Holly & Sons is assisting the family with arrangements. The family also wishes to thank his caregivers at Bethany Home of Waupaca. A memorial and celebration of life is planned for a future date.



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Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Lane family.



November 19 at 7:55 PM



Phil Monson posted:

I'm am deeply saddened by Craig's passing. We grew up together in Livermore. I have a lot of great memories from those days. My deepest sympathy to his family. Phil Monson.

November 19 at 6:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Lane family.



November 17 at 11:26 AM



Jeff Walters posted:

It is difficult for me to express the sorrow at the loss of such a "Wonderful Friend". Craig and I spent many a day together working as partners at Waupaca Foundry and outside of work as well. I got to witness the Love and Devotion he had for his Family, the commitment to his craft and the compassion he had for anyone needing his help. We worked together through good times and bad. I could always depend on him to give me sound advice whether it was in a time of crisis at the plant or trying to once again teach me how to putt on the golf course. The people who got a chance to know him were better for it. Our hearts go out to you Barb and the Lane Family Jeff and Lois Walters

November 17 at 7:02 AM



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BT

Bruce Tesch posted:

Barb and Family Craig was a dear friend and we spent an enormous amount of time together at 2/3 and Later on the road traveling to all WF plants as Directors. He was always there to listen to me vent and share stories about the good old days. As many of you know Craig was a HUGE Brewers fan!!! There will be a huge hole for me felt when the nightly onslaught of text messages don't come in from Craig...many unfit for public viewing when they would blow a lead late in a game. Jeffrey Jeffress caused many of these. Craig even got autographed baseballs somehow for both of us which I can only imagine was always close to going out the window or into the screen of the TV when he blew a lead based on the commentary he would text. My heart is broken we are not able to go to Spring training together in Phoenix after we both retired as we so often discussed. Rest in Peace My Friend. Bruce E Tesch Director, Melt and Manufacturing Processes Waupaca Foundry, Inc.

November 17 at 3:59 AM

SL

Seth Hollman (Green Boyz Lawncare) posted:

My condolences to the Lane family. Craig was one of my first customers. He had me fertilize his lawn for the last 20 years. He was always very supportive and we had great conversations when we would run into each other. He definitely loved his lawn and it showed. He was a true genuine person. I'm going to miss him and wish the family well.

November 16 at 8:42 PM

JL

Jeffery Lane posted:

Craig was my beloved brother. Though our lives took us miles away from each, I was blessed to know he was just a phone call or text message away. I fondly remember our years together growing up in Iowa. You will be greatly missed.

November 16 at 10:24 AM

SN

Sandy Schultz-Nielson posted:

Barb, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I remember Craig coming with you to your appointments when you were pregnant with Seth. He always was so very kind and concerned about you ❤️ Jane always spoke about him and what a caring person he was to her. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️🙏 Sandy Nielson

November 16 at 6:50 AM



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Gary And Paulette Rossman sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Lane family.



November 16 at 5:05 AM



Gary Rossman posted:

Enjoyed working with Craig over the years and spent many hours chatting with him in his office. Would talk golf and his family were main things that he would bring up during our conversations. Will miss him. From Gary Rossman

November 16 at 4:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Lane family.



November 16 at 3:48 AM



Jessica Lane Deshong posted:

My uncle was one of the nicest and sincere men I knew. I had the honor of growing my relationship with him more then ever over the last few years. I cherish the memories I have of him when we were together. One that I hold deeply to my heart is playing cornhole on his team with my dad and grandpa. Yes we brought out our competitive sides, but We laughed and giggled till the sun came down. Uncle Craig always made me feel like I mattered. He will be missed not just for his kindness but the sheer joy and laughter he brought to mine and so many other's lives. My love always-Jessica

November 15 at 6:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Craig by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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