



Dr. Craig S. Nelson

August 23, 1953 - July 5, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our loved one Craig S. Nelson. Craig was born on August 23rd 1953 in Iowa to parents Frank and Helen Nelson. Craig was a resident of San Luis Obispo County for the past forty plus years. This county is where he made a name for himself as a doctor of psychology, then clinical administrator, and lastly an executive director all at Atascadero State Hospital. He was an active member of the Los Osos Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo. He is preceded in death by his loving parents Frank Nelson and Helen (Wise) Nelson, His Older Sister Julie, and Nephew Douglas all of Iowa. He is survived by his sister Jody Hingtgen (Gregory), Brother In Law LeRoy Timmerman, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by seven special, dear, close friends who kept him on the straight and narrow and who loved him and will miss him dearly. He will be greatly missed by his dear friends Ann Bergstresser, Heather Powers, Audrey Copenhagen, Lori Stephens, Laney Stephens, Sandy Friedlander, and Diane Imrum. He is to be interred with his parents in Iowa at the families request.

Tribute Wall

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“ so special in my life, was Craig. I met him at KSU when we were both in the psych program and shared an apartment with another student. We remained friends over the years, visits in Tallahassee, Moro Bay and San Louis Obispo and last spoke in January 2023 when I sent a "care package" of rain gear (among other things) that he used, of course, to smoke. We always shared a wry sense of humour and, I think, a comfortable close bond.

Damn, this is a tough way to find out (was looking for our annual hours long phone call). But, he is and always will be a deep and important part of my life. All the best to family and friends, Diane (Semone) Victor

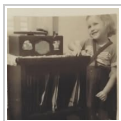
Diane Victor - January 30, 2024 at 06:32 PM

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“ I still remember the new baby gift Craig gave me when my daughter was born - a wonderful baby swing. She loved the swing (so did I; it helped her fall asleep). Thank you Craig for being a great part of our lives. You will be missed dearly. Lori.



Lori Stephens - July 11, 2023 at 11:02 PM



When I met Craig (close to 50 years ago) through my sister, Heather, I expressed to her that I hoped he was in her life a long time....and he was. Craig was a brilliant, kind & love-able man. Craig was the one who named my beloved boxer dog, Humphrey, who is over 15 years old now. We have many, many memorable memories with Craig, including celebrating the turn of the century in Washington D.C. at my home there. I felt he was like family among our family. He will always be in our fond memories. Love you Craig, Audrey

Audrey Rachel - July 11, 2023 at 11:15 PM